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Locksmith taxed by arrest

OFFICERS of the National Police have detained a 22-year-old man at Almeria port, using a European arrest warrant.

The Moroccan man is a professional locksmith and repair man, but has been charged with fraud and forgery in Austria after issuing false pay receipts to the country's Treasury.

At the time of the arrest the man was travelling from Spain to Nador (Morocco) with his 17-year-old sister.

According to the Prosecutor's Office of Korneuburg, Austria, the suspect defrauded the amount of €6,389 between December 2017 and June 2018, and is liable to be sentenced to three years in prison for the offence.

The detainee carried out locksmith services and repairs in Korneuburg, but when he referred his self-employed accounts to the Treasury, he made no allowances for the country's tax system.

He has been placed before the court of Almeria for trial.



POT PLANTS: The Guardia Civil inspects a seized marihuana plantation.

Credit: Guardia Civil

Weeded out

by Tom Woods

THE Guardia Civil has dismantled two indoor greenhouses in Vicar that were cultivating 1,054 marihuana plants, arresting four people in the process.

In the first of two raids, officers initially noticed a van with a French licence plate outside a house, with the keys in the ignition and signs of having been broken into, but with no one inside.

As they were making inquiries into the ownership of

the van, four people came out of the house but on seeing the policemen looked startled, and turned to go back inside.

Observing their reaction, the officers followed them and arriving on the patio they detected a strong smell of marihuana.

When the four men were questioned about this, they replied that they did not own the plants, they only looked after them.

A total of 794 plants were seized from the house, along with air conditioning ma-

chines, filters, lights, and an illegal electricity network.

The detainees are aged 36, 41, 36 and 22, and are all residents of Vicar.

In a separate incident, the Guardia Civil noticed a man jumping over a wall into a street in Vicar, but when he noticed the officers he ran away.

As he fled, he jumped over a metal fence into a farm and managed to escape from the police.

However, they inspected the house from which the man

had exited, and discovered 260 marihuana plants, as well as a range of electrical equipment used to grow them.

There was also a pitbull running loose in the backyard, which was handed over to a local animal charity.

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Pilots strike

MORE than 14,000 passengers on Spanish flights were affected by Ryanair's biggest strike to date. Four hundred flights were cancelled last Friday, including 78 to and from across Spain after industrial action by pilots.

Syria aid

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND kilos of clothing and food has left Elche, Alicante, bound for Syria. The aid, donated by businesses, schools and individuals, will be distributed to areas hit the hardest by war in the Middle East.

Parents' tribute

By Matt Ford

THE parents of an Irish girl who drowned in a Costa del Sol swimming pool have paid tribute to their 'tiny Wonder Woman.'

It comes after four-year-old Georgia Anne Callan drowned at a rented villa on Calle San Joaquin, just off Marbella's Golden Mile.

The youngster from Ardclough, Co Kildare, is believed to have climbed out of a paddling pool before falling into the adult pool.

One of the victim's parents was with her at the time and well-placed sources said she was briefly distracted while talking with other adults who are believed to be friends.

They are understood to have been coming to the end of a month-long family holiday when the tragedy struck.

The alarm was raised at 10.30 in the morning on Saturday July 28, but medics were unable to resuscitate her.

'Devastated by her loss'

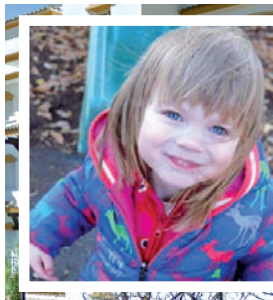


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TRAGEDY: Georgia Anne Callan died after falling into a swimming pool.

Mums Emeline Callan and Jacqueline Russell said in a statement they are "devastated by her loss."

They added: "Georgia was our own tiny Wonder Woman."

"A happy, playful, brave, gentle and funny girl, she loved nothing more than making new friends and wearing princess dresses everywhere."

"Georgia loved everyone,

and her pets were amongst her dearest friends.

"She sought beauty, goodness and fun wherever she was. She brought immense joy to our lives and to the lives of everyone who knew her.

"We love her deeply. We will miss her more than we can say. We are devastated by her loss.

"We ask that you respect our privacy, and the privacy of our family and friends at this incredibly difficult and sad time."

The family thanked the police, medics, and Irish Embassy staff for 'their professionalism, support and care.'

Georgia's funeral took place last Friday and mourners were asked to 'dress cheerfully' in a bid to ensure her 'bright, sparkling personality lives on.'

Spanish police have confirmed they are treating the death as accidental.

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Bloated beach

THE JUNTA de Andalucía has warned Níjar Council that the public parking area it has allocated for the playa de Rodalquilar, in the natural park of Cabo de Gata, 'far exceeds' the appropriate boundary. In light of overcrowding concerns, the Junta believes that space for 400 passengers is suitable, not the current 570.

Drunk driver

THE Local Police of Níjar have arrested a 60-year-old man who travelled 30 kilometres in the opposite direction on the A-7 motorway. The driver was allegedly inebriated and caused 'panic and chaos' on the road, with the police's emergency switchboard apparently collapsing under the weight of local calls.

School's in

ALMERIA Council has allocated €770,000 to improve the air conditioning and energy efficiency of 11 of its schools. The move follows a €130,000 expenditure on toilets and sanitation facilities, which is part of a broader policy to provide quality education which is inclusive and promotes equal opportunities.

Film funds

THE Junta de Andalucía is issuing a feasibility study for the creation of a new cinema in Almería which will become a focal point for the area's cultural development. The study has a budget of €60,000 and reflects the Junta's wish to boost the performing arts while generating employment.

Fire erupts

A WAREHOUSE which was storing fireworks exploded twice on the same night, totally destroying the premises and leaving two people injured. The accident occurred in the Ejido La Blanca, and while the blaze was contained by firefighters, the cause is unknown, but an investigation is underway.

Debt relief

EL EJIDO Council has managed to cut its debt by more than €80 million since 2011, a reduction of 30 per cent. After introducing a system of strict budgetary discipline, it even expects to be able to save €12 million more by the end of the year.



PARTY TIME: The Fiesta Mayor de Gracia began in the 1800's.

Streets in colour

THIS is Barcelona, but not as you know it.

Iakov Filimonov's picture shows one of the city's streets decked out in glorious colour bunting for its annual Fiesta Mayor de Gracia in 2015. This year's edition kicked off yesterday (Wednesday).

The festival, which includes concerts, dances and model displays, pays homage to the Catalan capital's Gracia district.

The area was once a town until Barcelona incorporated it in 1897. The fiesta has been used to assert the district's identity since the early 19th century.

Local monks chose to throw a festival on August 15, the day of the assumption of the Virgin Mary, after a

convent was demolished in 1812.

When Gracia briefly became an independent entity with its own town hall in 1850 it adopted the celebration as an annual event. The decking of streets in a variety of multicoloured styles also began around this time.

The festival took on a rebellious nature during the dictatorship of Francisco Franco who attempted to repress Catalan culture. Fiesta goers used it as a means to demonstrate against his regime.

It began to fall out of fashion in the 1970's until Cataluña's regional government declared it a festival of national interest in 1997.

Virgin territory

ALMERIA City truly comes alive in August, when festivities kick off to commemorate the Virgen del Mar.

The whole area revels in a party atmosphere from tomorrow (Friday) until August 25, and visitors are invited to immerse themselves in local cuisine.

It is a city that is known for its exquisite tapas and beautiful beaches.

There will also be a folklore festival celebrating local traditions, and a flamenco festival which will be equally popular.

The coast will be the epicentre of revelry through the night, with a variety of concerts and live artistic street performances.

In addition, there will be a variety of dances, competitions, activities with horses, a pottery fair and a full array of games for children to enjoy.

Sports activities are not forgotten either, with more than 20 different tournaments taking place, including football, paddle, tennis, basketball, fishing and tennis.

€5 million budget boost

MINISTER for Tourism and Sports, Francisco Javier Fernandez, has announced that Almería will be the second city, after Huelva, to have a Large Cities Plan.

Mr Fernandez also confirmed Almería City's administrative planning for the proposal is complete.

Almería Council has a budget of €5 million for numerous initiatives as part of the project, including converting the central market into a gastronomic centre, or turning San Telmo Lighthouse into a museum.

Mayor Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco also explained that five of the initiatives would be aimed at improving infrastructure, while nine would improve the tourism service of the city.

The Large Cities Plan for Almería had input from hotel experts, public organisations, tourism companies, as well as all the political parties.

Areas earmarked to benefit from the funding include El Toyo, the promenade, and the Cabo de Gata.

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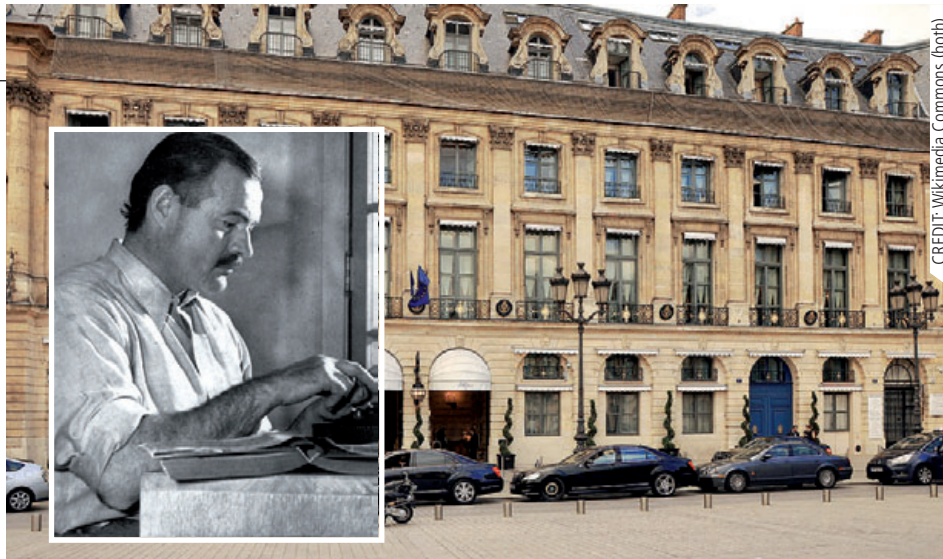
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UNPUBLISHED: Hemingway's (inset) book is set in the Paris Ritz hotel.

Story surfaces

AN unpublished short story from American author Ernest Hemingway about life in Paris after the Second World War is set to be released for the first time.

A Room on the Garden Side was written in 1956. The author, who spent much of his life in Spain as well as France, talks about his affection for both countries through the story's narrator and main character, Robert.

"I loved France and Spain next to my own country. I loved other countries too but the debt was paid and I thought that the account was closed, not knowing the accounts are never closed," Robert says.

The story has until now only been seen by a handful of scholars and academics. It sees characters debating 'the dirty trade of war' in one of Hemingway's favourite haunts, the Paris Ritz hotel.

Andrew F Gulli, an editor at Strand which is publishing the short story, said in a note introducing the work that Hemingway was paying homage to Paris in it.

"Hemingway's deep love for his favourite city as it just emerging from Nazi occupation is

on full display, as are the hallmarks of his prose," Strand said.

The author sent the story along with several others to his publisher Charles Scribner Jr and told him they were 'a little shocking' due to their themes of war.

'Anyway, you can always publish them after I'm dead,' he said in a note to Scribner.

War and travel were prominent themes in many of Hemingway's books. The Sun Also Rises, one of his first successes, centres on the protagonist Jake Barnes and his friends who journey to Pamplona to witness the Running of the Bulls.

Hemingway lived in various places across Spain in the 1930's. He travelled to Madrid in 1937 following the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War the previous year to make The Spanish Earth, a documentary about the Republican war effort.

The experience went on to inspire Hemingway's novel For Whom The Bell Tolls. The story follows an American volunteer named Robert Jordan who is sent behind fascist lines near Segovia to fight with Republican guerrillas.

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OUR VIEW

Well done councils

ALTHOUGH Spanish councils can have something of a tendency to be bureaucratic they are often very different from UK councils in the way in which they look after residents.

The concept in the UK of having an overseas resident's councillor or department (except perhaps in areas where there is large scale immigration from Africa or the sub-continent) would be quite unusual and on the face of things, there are now far more coalition councils in Spain which means that they are in many faces more balanced.

Rubbish collection for purposes of hygiene and the heat is generally daily and in many towns, particularly those near to the coast, there is a daily watering of the streets and cleaning of the beaches.

Apart from the regular fairs and fiestas, councils go out of their way to provide entertainment with many towns now offering weekly or one off music events and they don't just bring in local amateur groups, but often pay quite high amounts for some well-known Spanish bands.

In some ways, there is almost too much entertainment and it can be quite irritating to neighbours who are disturbed by the noise of the music and the coming and going of the crowds.

All in all however, we have to admire the way in which so many councils endeavour to look after their residents and hopefully the days of corrupt local politicians are in the past so the money collected through tax will be used on the people rather than disappearing into a small number of pockets.

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ALONG with the rest of the Torrevieja U3A sections, June saw the last outing of the Torrevieja U3A Walking Group, although the team leaders themselves along with a few other hardy members, have been embarking on several expeditions during the oppressive July sunshine to check out new walks for the members to enjoy during the new season.

The Group's walks give its members a unique opportunity to see and appreciate the Costa Blanca at its best and to gain a different perspective of the region, its countryside, wildlife and coast.

Following a successful season of walks, the group coordinators are now putting together a schedule of monthly walks which will start in September and carry on until May.

The current coordinating team of Paul Farrow and Bob Morris has been increased with the welcome addition of John Summers to ensure continuity of coordination and that a full schedule of new walks is in place for the new season

U3A Walkers



WALKING GROUP: See and appreciate Costa Blanca at its best.

The Torrevieja U3A 24 at 10.30am, at the CMO Groups Fair which will be held on Monday September 24 at 10.30am, at the CMO building (Central Municipal de Ocio behind Carrefour)

allows for the showcasing of many of its group activities. The Walking Group will be doing just that, inviting current and new members of the U3A to join the group.

So, if you enjoy the countryside and would like to see more of it with a group of like-minded and friendly people come long to the U3A Groups Fair and see what the group has to offer you.

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Monica Cruz turns heads on beach

MONICA CRUZ, younger sister of Hollywood star Penelope, turned heads in a bright yellow swimsuit when she soaked up the rays in Zahara De Los Atunes, Spain, last weekend.

The actress, 41, guaranteed that all eyes were on her in the eye-catching one-piece, which complemented her bronzed complexion perfectly.

Monica looked stunning in the simple yet stylish swimwear as she reclined on the sand to top up her tan.

The beautiful star's figure-hugging swimsuit showed off her hourglass physique and cleavage thanks to its low-cut neckline.

The Spanish siren went make-up free for her beach outing, and her natural beauty was there for all to see.

Monica made the decision to have a child alone in 2013, using an anonymous sperm donor, saying:

"It was not a decision I took on a whim, it was five years in the making."



Credit: Splashnews

| BEACH BABE: Monica Cruz.

Mel makes waves

MELANIE SYKES has been sharing endless sizzling bikini snaps for her fans, as she celebrates her 48th birthday in the Mallorca sunshine.

The TV presenter was the picture of confidence as she beamed for the camera from the water, clad in her pretty floral swimwear.

Fitness fanatic Mel is known for her impressive figure, which she often displays on Instagram.



| WATER BEAUTY: Melanie Sykes.

Boris bathes

BORIS BECKER was loving the sun and sea as he enjoyed a yacht ride in Formentera, Spain.

The former tennis player, 50, was joined by a number of beautiful female friends as he leapt into the water from the Francesco Petrarca, a private luxury vessel.

Mallett in wheel trouble

SOCIAL media users are rallying round TV personality Timmy Mallett to help find his stolen bike.

The star recently celebrated completing a 2,500-mile charity ride across Europe in memory of his late brother Martin.

Mallett, 62, was drinking with friends on Friday when the bike was apparently taken from a pub in Cookham, Berkshire.

He said: "The irony is so

awful. You can take it all over the world, and yet at home it was not safe at the local village pub.

"I'm heartbroken," he continued. "I was on my own across Europe and my bike was my best pal along the way, the only thing I could absolutely rely on."

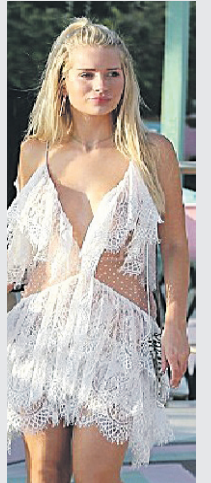
Mallett had just finished the Camino de Santiago trip in memory of his brother, who had Down's Syndrome.

Moss loss

L O T T I E MOSS jetted into Ibiza where she spent the first night partying with the sons of Gary Linekar and Piers Morgan.

The 20-year-old model, who is the half-sister of fashion icon Kate Moss, continued the festivities the next day as she stepped out in a daring plunging lace dress.

The blonde beauty had certainly got over leaving her Gucci sunglasses on the plane.



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Plane tragedy

A TRANSAVIA plane made an emergency landing at Almeria airport in order for an elderly passenger in a critical condition to receive medical treatment, but it was not possible to save him.

Body found

THE Guardia Civil in Almeria is investigating the death of a 64-year-old man whose body was found in a ditch in Alcolea around the back of a church, by his brother, who alerted the police.

Heavy metal

THE A-92 was temporarily closed over a stretch of five kilometres after a lorry overturned in Chirivel which was carrying 15,000 kilograms of scrap metal, but there were no injuries.

Sanchez Merkel meeting

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Prime Minister and the German Chancellor have said they have found 'European solutions' to migrant arrivals on Spain's and the continent's southern frontiers following a meeting last Saturday.

Pedro Sanchez and Angela Merkel held a joint press conference following talks at Sanlucar de Barrameda in Cadiz Province. Merkel was staying at the Prime Minister's summer residence in the Doñana National Park in Huelva Province.

Sanchez said the two had agreed to push for more dialogue and co-operation with countries such as Morocco which many migrants travel through in order to reach Spain.

He added he and the German Chancellor had agreed to begin talks with the European Union (EU) with a view to making more aid available for



PRESS CONFERENCE: Sanchez and Merkel met last weekend.

border security in Morocco. The Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla share a land border with the North African country.

Merkel said the EU's existing Dublin system, which states that each member state is required to process asylum requests for those arriving on its soil, was not working.

She added her and Sanchez had spoken about trying to find a system that would fairly distribute arrivals across the bloc's member states.

"Germany and Spain are counting on European solutions," Merkel said.

The German Chancellor added she was now seeking to strike a similar deal with

Greece, another leading destination point for migrants travelling to Europe.

The meeting comes as an agreement between Germany and Spain on migrant transfers came into force yesterday.

The deal means migrants arriving in Germany but who are already registered in Spain will be returned within 48 hours.

There have been no cases since mid-June where the arrangement would apply, according to German media reports.

EU leaders are now set to meet in Salzburg in Austria for a summit on migration in September. Sanchez and Merkel are expected to take their proposals from last weekend's meeting to the talks. They are expected to be backed by the leaders of France and Portugal but they could face opposition from countries such as Italy, Austria and Hungary. Anti-immigration feelings hold sway among senior officials in the latter states.

At least around 23,500 migrants arrived in Spain since the start of this year, more than arrived in 2017 and a larger amount than Italy and Greece have taken in.

Many of the migrants coming to Europe are refugees fleeing war and conflict in sub-Saharan Africa, according to United Nations officials.

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Barcelona attacks - one year on

Spain remains on high alert as authorities claim several plots foiled

by Joe Gerrard

AUTHORITIES in Spain remain concerned about possible terrorist attacks in the country as Cataluña approaches the one-year anniversary of strikes there today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday).

Senior police officials said they had foiled around a dozen plots over the past four years which included gun raids and a plan to poison water supplies in major cities.

The plotters were linked in most cases to the Islamic State and other fundamentalist terror organisations, they added.

The attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils and explosions in Alcanar on August 16 and 17 in 2017 claimed the lives of 24 people including eight attackers. More than 152 people were injured.

Spain's Interior Ministry has kept the country's terror threat level at four out of five since last year, meaning the risk of an attack is high.

Francisco Jose Vazquez, a senior Guardia Civil officer, said the threat level was justified given the amount of plots uncovered.

"We can assure the public that jihadist activity is cur-



rently latent in Spain. Recently we have investigated and raided cells that were plotting attacks similar to the ones seen in Berlin in 2016 and on Westminster Bridge in London in 2017," Vazquez said.

The Berlin attack saw several people run over by a truck at a Christmas market in the city. Khalid Masood ran over pedestrians on Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer as he attempted to get onto the Houses of Parliament estate in March last year.

The Cataluña incidents saw one house explode on August 16. The cause is believed to have been a stockpile of explosives accidentally going off and a second blast occurred during evacuation

ANNIVERSARY: A total of 15 civilians were killed in the Barcelona attack.



OUTCRY: Protestors took to La Rambla the day after the attack.

efforts.

Younes Abouyaaqoub drove a Fiat Talento van down the pavement of Barcelona's La Rambla the following day at high speed before fleeing on foot.

He hijacked a car in the city's university quarter, stabbed the driver to death and fled before being killed in a shootout with police in Subirats on August 21.

Houssaine Abouyaaqoub, Omar Hichamy, Mohamed Hichamy, Moussa Oukabir and Said Aalla bought four knives and an axe and donned fake bomb vests be-

fore ramming pedestrians in Cambrils on August 18.

Four of the attackers were shot and killed on site and a fifth died in hospital. A 63-year-old Spanish woman was stabbed to death in the strike and six other people were injured.

Police later said the five were linked to the attacker in Barcelona. The motives in all cases were said to be support for the Islamic State and other terror groups.

Others cited Western intervention in countries such as Syria and Iraq which Spain has played a minor role in.

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ALMERIA port was the second largest exporter in Spain in the first half of 2018, behind only Bilbao, having shipped 1.3 million tons of goods which is an increase of 34 per cent on 2017.

Going green

A TOTAL of 29,515 pupils from 106 schools in Almería have participated in the Aldea educational programme that aims to promote initiatives around the conservation of natural resources and sustainable development.

Helping hand

TWENTY people from Almería Province, most in social housing who suffer from disability or a disease, will benefit from a €23,700 grant organised by the charity Noesso, as part of a drive to improve social inclusion.

Saudi arms sales

by Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S arms industry sold more than €361 million in armaments last year to states that are part of a coalition led by Saudi Arabia currently fighting in Yemen's civil war.

The sales figures, from an annual Spanish government report sent to the country's Parliament, show the Saudis were the leaders in the exports.

About €270.2 million in arms was sold to the Saudi state including a transport plane, drones, mortar shells, artillery, ammunition and other equipment.

The figures come as Spain saw a record year last year in terms of arms sales. Around €4.4 billion in weapons was bought from the country, an increase of 7.3 per cent on 2016 levels.

They also come as two

political parties in Granada called on public prosecutors to investigate the alleged illegal shipment of arms from the port of Motril.

The parties claimed the shipping of weapons from the civilian port broke a number of Spanish and European Union (EU) regulations.

NGOs including Oxfam and Amnesty International called on Spain to halt weapons shipments to the Saudis earlier this year.

They claimed the weapons were being used in strikes that cause civilian deaths in Yemen, which has been gripped by civil war since 2015.

The war has seen the involvement of Saudi Arabia, as well as the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Morocco and Sudan, on the side of the Hadi government.

They have been fighting



ARMS SALES: Saudi Arabia's air force has conducted airstrikes in Yemen.

against Houthi rebels by Iran and the Lebanese Shi'a organisation Hezbollah which are allegedly backed

lah.

There have been around 17,062 civilians killed and injured in Yemen from March 2015 to last August 10, according to estimates from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. A total of 6,592 of those lay dead and 10,470 have been wounded.

The High Commission estimates that the majority of casualties, about 10,471, were as a result of Saudi-led coalition airstrikes.

Riot squad chief held

LOCAL POLICE in Benidorm have arrested a senior National Police officer in connection with an alleged scuffle with a taxi driver in the city's 'guiri zone' on Friday.

Two Local Police officers were left with slight injuries as a result of the arrest. The incident took place on Calle Ibiza at

around 11pm and went on until the early hours of Saturday morning, according to police sources.

The arrested officer is the chief of the Valencia region's riot police.

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Exchange of information – what changes in September?

Last September, tax authorities across the world, including Spain and the UK, began sharing and receiving new information on their taxpayers' offshore assets and income.

This is carried out under the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) for automatic exchange of financial account information. More than 100 countries have so far committed to obtain information from their financial institutions and pass it on to the clients' country of residence. Over 45 more countries are in the pipeline.

Forty-nine jurisdictions began collecting data from 2016, making the first exchange in September 2017. Another 53, including Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Canada, Panama and many Caribbean jurisdictions, began collecting data last year, ready to share it by the end of this September.

This automatic information exchange will be repeated every year



By Gerald Turner,
Partner,
Blevins Franks

going forward.

The information being shared about the financial assets you own outside your country of residence includes your name and address, country of tax residence, tax identification number, investment income you earned over the year (interest, dividends, income from certain insurance contracts, annuities, etc), account balances and gross proceeds from the sale of financial assets.

When local tax offices receive this information, they can verify whether

the taxpayer has accurately reported their worldwide income and assets on their tax returns. In Spain, the authorities can also compare data with Modelo 720 declarations.

The UK's Requirement to Correct (RTC) - higher penalties from October .

Last year HM Revenue & Customs introduced a statutory requirement requiring UK taxpayers to disclose any undeclared offshore tax liabilities. Under the 'Requirement to Correct' (RTC), the deadline for those affected to get their affairs in order is September 30, 2018. From October 1, the penalties for undeclared offshore income and gains will shoot up to 200 per cent under a much tougher new regime.

This will coincide with the time HMRC will receive its next wave of information from abroad. Once the deadline has passed, tax investigators will use the information received to find those who still have undeclared offshore income.

The RTC affects people with outstanding UK tax liabilities on their offshore interests, whether bank accounts, investments, property, etc. It relates to income tax, capital gains tax and inheritance tax, covering non-compliance committed before April 6, 2017.

Note that paying tax in the country where the income is generated (for example, if you paid local tax on rental income from an overseas property) does not automatically excuse you from paying tax in Britain if you are a UK tax resident. You have to follow the double-tax treaty correctly.

HMRC has reportedly sent warning letters to taxpayers it believes have not correctly declared offshore income. The letters remind the recipients of the new penalties and suggest they carry out a 'tax health check.'

Anyone who lives in one country and has assets or earns income in another needs to take care with their tax planning and ensure they are declaring income as required by

both country's laws and paying tax correctly. This can vary from country to country, depending on the particular double tax treaty.

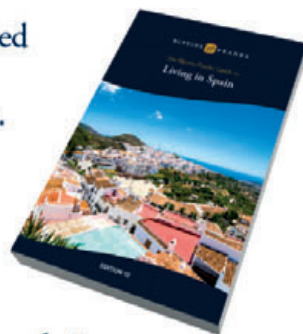
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BLAZE put out before it reached Gandia.

Valencia wild fire extinguished

A FIRE that burned 3,270 hectares of land, destroyed or damaged 40 homes and forced the evacuation of 2,620 people was finally put out a week after it started.

At its height the blaze which was started by a lightning strike in the Llutxent area of Valencia threatened the seaside resort town of Gandia.

More than 700 ground-based personnel and 31 helicopters and planes were drafted in from Valencia, Castellon and Alicante, as well as from the forestry service and military units to contain the fire

which had been whipped up by strong gusts of winds.

By Friday the blaze, which had started in the early hours of Monday morning, was declared 'stabilised' and it was finally extinguished by 8pm on Sunday.

The municipal districts of Gandia, Llutxent, Pinet, Ador, Barx and Quatretonda were affected, with 120 people from Pinet joining 2,500 evacuees from La Drova and the Montesol and Montepino urbanisations.

Those people evacuated have been allowed back to their homes to assess any

damage, with the national government pledging to support those affected with grants to repair damage.

Local authorities may also be helped with cash to reforest affected areas. So far this summer, fire has destroyed a total of 11,722.90 hectares in Spain, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, but these figures do not include the latest blazes in Nerva, Moguer, Almonaster Huelva, or Llutxent.

It is still 84.63 per cent less than in the same period of the previous year (76,625 hectares).

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NEWS EXTRA**Fair play**

THE National Police in Almeria and the Federation of Gypsies have put aside their differences to play a game of football against each other in the Constantino Cortes Fortes sports complex.

Party Park

THE Almeria Fair will have a new official parking site to cater for the mass of visitors who descend on the city, and it will be located on Calle Mezquita in front of the McDonald's.

Power down

THE breakdown of a high-voltage power line left the energy supply of the tourist area of Agua-marga, in the Cabo de Gata-Nijar, down for nine hours, affecting around 750 customers.

Hundreds injured in stage collapse at Vigo



CONCERT CHAOS: Victims of the accident are treated in a makeshift tent.

A SECTION of wooden jetty collapsed at a sports and music festival in Spain, injuring more than 330 people, five seriously.

The stage was right on the seafront of the north-west city of Vigo, Galicia, and was crowded with people watching a rap artist at the O Marisquiño event.

Police stated that there were no known fatalities, but witnesses described chaotic scenes as people - many of them teenagers - tried to claw themselves to safety.

Some fell into the sea and people's belongings eg mobile phones and handbags were left strewn on the ground.

Emergency services attended to the injured, and divers were deployed to the sea to check for people, as the wooden boards had cracked along a central section.

Reports suggest that the incident happened shortly before midnight on Sunday during the performance of Mallorcan rapper Rels B.

In a tweet Rels B wished 'strength' to the injured and

told concerned relatives or friends to contact the emergency help desk set up by festival organisers.

It is not clear why the platform collapsed, and Vigo's mayor Abel Caballero has confirmed an investigation is underway.

A week earlier Elena Muñoz Fonteriz, President of the Vigo Popular Party, had warned on social media that the jetty was unsound and that officials should examine it before the concert went ahead.



NEW WEBSITE: Will be launched next year.

Ticketmaster shuts down SeatWave

TICKETMASTER, the American ticket sales and distribution company, has decided to close down their SeatWave programme due to user complaints.

A statement released by the company said: 'We've listened to your comments and we hear you: secondary sites aren't working any more and you're sick of seeing others grab tickets just to resell at a profit.'

As an alternative to the programme, the company is launching a new website with

the exchange service included.

The ticket giant said their new website will launch across Europe early next year. They added they won't publish any new events on SeatWave, although what's been posted until now will still be in effect.

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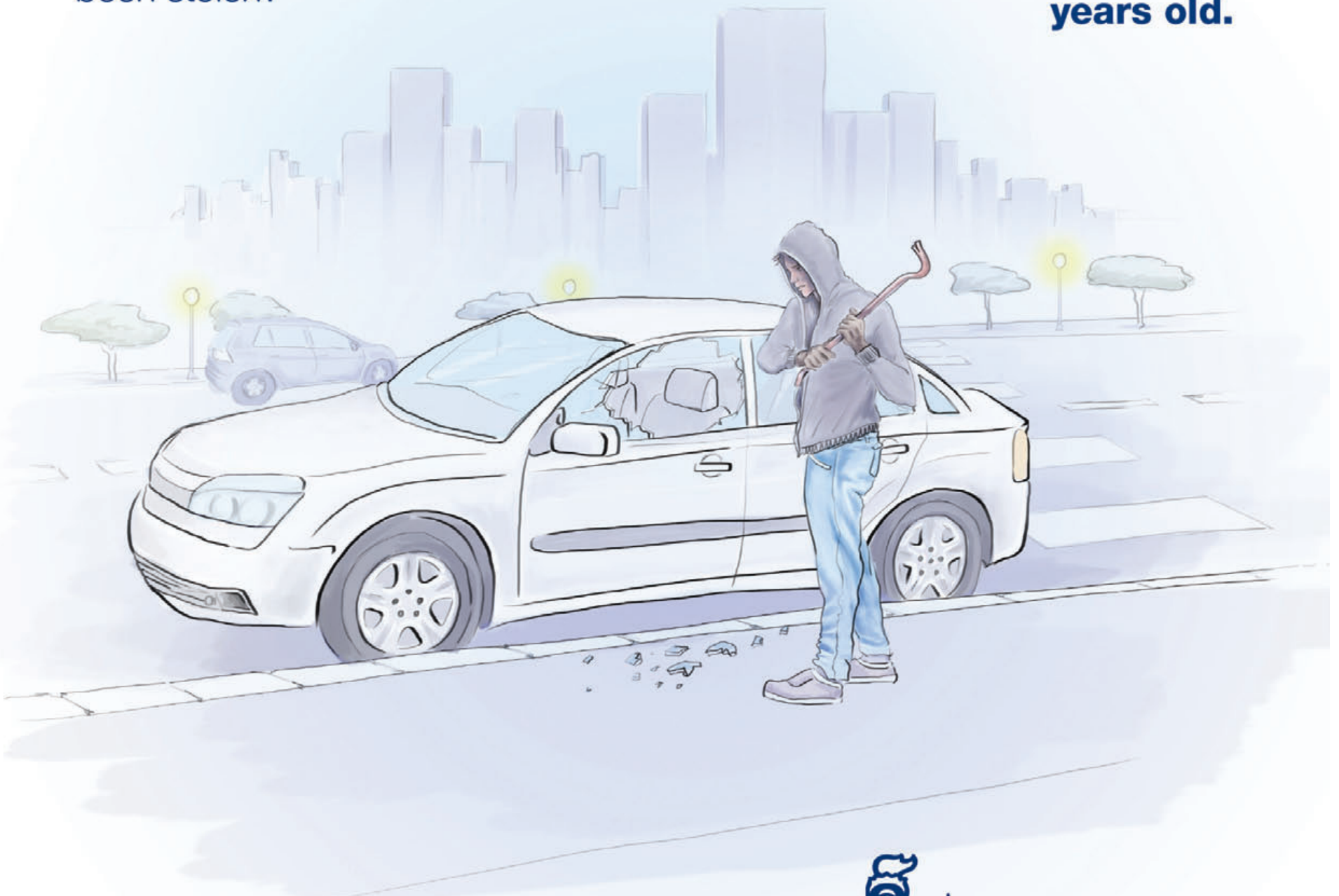
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STREET TALK

Should pet owners be legally required to neuter their animals in Spain, given the scale of abandonment in the country?

Name: Phyllis and Dave

On holiday: Yes

Where from: Basildon

YES! We have a lovely dog, a Schnauzer called Max, and he was neutered after six months. You have to do right by them and it's the best thing.

We've never seen strays in Fuengirola though and we come every year. The Spanish seem to love their animals and treat them very well.

Pets shouldn't spend too long in the sun, and they need plenty of food and

water, and treats!

Name: Chris and Alison

Age: 58 and 57

On holiday: Yes

Where from: England

Chris: I don't like dogs or cats! But neutering should not be legally forced. The strays should be collected and neutered, then maybe given to pet charities.

Alison: We haven't seen any abandoned pets in Fuengirola. A friend in Torreblanca saw a stray attacking a bird in his garden, and that's not nice!

course not! No surgery, no. I have a dog, a female, they behave better. She is in heat at the moment though!

I don't think abandoned pets are a problem here, but it is a cruel thing to do and not fair on animals.

Pet owners would not like to be abandoned themselves, would they?

Name: Anonymous

Age: X

On holiday: Yes

Where from: Ireland

Yes, pets should be neutered. Otherwise there is a risk that they will breed and breed.

In Greece there are also public animal centres, where you can feed and water your pets, maybe there should be more of those here.

Name: Muriel

Age: 49

On holiday: Live here

Where from: Belgium

The key thing to remember is that it's a big responsibility to keep a pet for life. It doesn't matter if it is neutered or not.

When you take on a pet it's like having a child! It's life changing. Neutering is a choice, it shouldn't be law. Breeding is a choice too.

I used to have a dog, a Bichon Frise called Ella, she was wonderful. I had her spayed, and maybe had to manage her diet more after that.

Name: Ladonna Murray

Age: 55+

On holiday: Yes

Where from: County Antrim/NI

Yes it's a good idea. I have been coming here for years but haven't seen many abandoned animals though.

My cat has been neutered but he's fine. If you haven't much money (eg you're on benefits) the vets will do it for you for free.

My cat hasn't explored as much after the operation, he's happier to stay in the house a bit more, but I don't think he's affected too much.



Phyllis and Dave.



Muriel.



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15 arrested in 9,000kg hash bust

THE Guardia Civil in Almeria has arrested 15 people who are charged with belonging to a criminal organisation that was trying to traffick 9,000 kg of hashish into mainland Spain.

Officers acted after gathering evidence as part of 'Operation Knight' which was developed in the provinces of Almeria and Cadiz.

The 15 arrested individuals comprised 11 Spaniards, three Moroccans and one Romanian, and the hashish they were trying to smuggle was hidden

in secret underwater compartments on boats.

A total of 24 police raids have been carried out across the towns of Adra, Balanegra, and El Ejido, as well as one in Algeciras in Cadiz.

In addition to the hashish, a wide range of material and equipment has been seized, including vehicles and boats used by the criminal group.

The organisation was hierarchical, with four of its leaders reportedly based in Almeria, and they all had specific

roles to play within the group.

Once the boats had anchored, the packages of narcotics would allegedly be hidden on the shore with GPS coordinates.

When the coast was literally clear, expert divers would then withdraw the packages and attach them to a recreational boat or even a fishing boat.

A total of €39,640 in cash was also seized, along with numerous mobile phones, GPS equipment and diving gear.

Heist murder rap



CONVICTED: Gonzalo Andreas Gomez-Remolina has been on trial at the Old Bailey.

By Rhys Adam

AN international jewel thief has been convicted of murdering a 28-year-old Spanish man and his friend.

Colombian-born Gonzalo Andreas Gomez-Remolina, aged 36, and his brother Christian - who killed himself in prison before his own murder trial - stabbed Ruben Fuente and Carlos Ayala in Clapham, south London, in 2007.

Mr Ayala had helped the defendant in at least one burglary and named his killer with his dying breath, the Old Bailey

heard.

Spaniard Mr Fuente was in the 'wrong place at the wrong time' and stabbed eight times as he tried to escape, the jury were told.

Prosecutor Brian O'Neill QC said Mr Ayala and the Gomez-Remolinas brothers had 'fallen out... over dividing the spoils.'

It escalated when Mr Ayala got some friends to break into the brothers' flat and the Colombians were beaten, their girlfriends tied up and watches and cash stolen.

The Gomez-Remolinas retal-

iated by attempting to run over Mr Ayala and Mr Fuente in a car park.

During his trial, the defendant denied being involved in the killings, saying he had bolted when Mr Ayala produced a knife and that his brother had confessed to the killings whilst the brothers fled on a Eurostar service to Paris.

However, the jury did not believe him and convicted him of both murders.

After the trial, Mr Fuente's family said they had 'endured the greatest heartache.'

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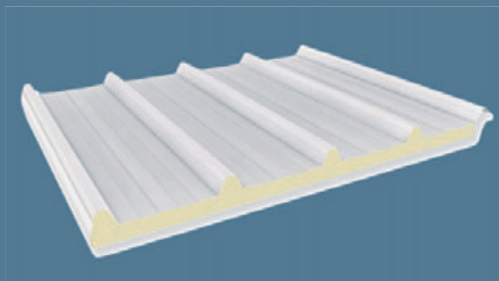
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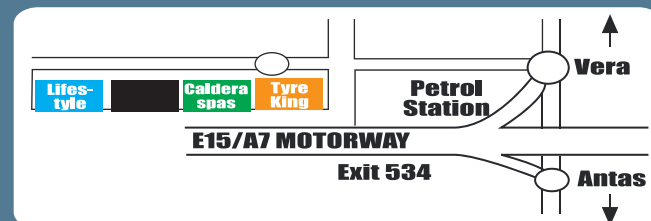
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Probe grounds fighters

by Joe Gerrard

SPANISH fighter jets stationed in Estonia have had their flights suspended after Spain's Ministry of Defence and NATO opened probes into the misfiring of a missile.

Juri Luik, Estonia's Defence Minister, said the launch of the air-to-air missile from a Spanish Eurofighter was "extremely rare" and "regrettable."

Luik added the Estonian government's priority was to guarantee security and continue to work in co-operation with NATO allies.

Estonia's Prime Minister Juri Ratas spoke with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg about the incident which took place on



GROUNDING: A Spanish Eurofighter accidentally launched the projectile.

Tuesday August 7. He has asked the head of the alliance for an explanation.

Ratas said no one was injured and added he had asked NATO to clarify how the projectile was fired in Estonian airspace 'without delay.'

"I told Jens Stoltenberg that it was a serious incident and that we are understandably worried," Ratas said in a statement.

Spain's Ministry of Defence said the incident took place when two Spanish Eu-

rofighters were taking part in an exercise with two French Mirage 2000 warplanes.

One of the Spanish planes fired an air-to-air missile during the manoeuvres. All the planes later returned to the Siauliai air base in Lithuania without incident.

The cause remains unknown but it is suspected to have been accidental, according to Spain's Ministry of Defence.

Estonian media has speculated as to the location of the missile, with almost 60 people alerting authorities to possible sites.

It is believed to have exploded in mid air over Jogvera County in central Estonia, according to the country's air force commander Riivo Valge.

Valge said his team were almost certain the missile was destroyed but they would be 'cautious' while they confirmed this.

Estonia's Prime Minister said the missile caused no damage and repeated his country's commitment to NATO.

"The NATO mission makes an important contribution to the security of Estonia and the entire alliance," Ratas said.

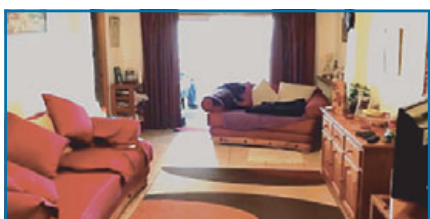
The Eurofighter, from the Vilkas Bap-47 squadron, was taking part in NATO's wider operations in the Baltic.

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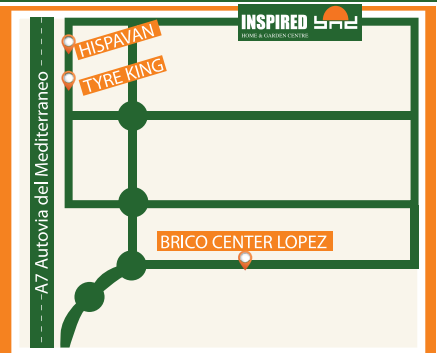
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Cultural tourism rises

THE number of tourists paying a visit to Spain's cultural sites and attractions has risen by 23 per cent this summer compared to last year, according to a study.

The total number of holiday-makers who arrived in Spain was about 8.5 million during June, according to the latest statistics from tourism officials.

Data showed that those holidaying in Spain still tended to opt for beach holidays in areas such as the Costa del Sol and Costa Blanca.

The figures also showed the share of tourists taking in the country's culture offering was rising as a share of the total, according to the Weekenddesk website's study.

The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao in the Basque County was one of the most popular. The gallery displays modern and contemporary art and is also famous for its avant-garde architecture.

Visits to aquariums, zoos and areas such as national parks have risen by 20 per cent so far this summer in comparison to



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GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM: One of the most popular attractions in Bilbao.

the same time last year. The Cabarceno Nature Park in Cantabria was the most popular of its type of attraction.

Data analysts said statistics from Cantabria and elsewhere in the north of Spain showed growth in off-beach holidays in those areas.

Figures also showed beach tourism continued to grow during June in comparison to last year. The number of travellers expected to travel to the Costa del Sol between June and September numbers more than seven million, a 1.5 per cent increase on summer 2017.

Elias Bendodo, the head of the Costa del Sol tourist board, said the authority estimated tourists would bring an extra €7.4 billion to the region's economy. The southern destination is currently the most popular with tourists out of those in Spain.

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TRAGEDY: Grandad forgot he had the baby in the back of his car.

Baby left in car dies

A **BABY** girl has died after being left in a scorching car for eight hours in 30C heat in Mallorca.

The 10-month-old's grandfather told police he forgot she was in the back of his car when he went for a coffee at 7am.

He only discovered his mistake when he returned to his vehicle at 3pm.

Police questioned the 56-year-old on suspicion of manslaughter, but released him without charges pending an ongoing investigation.

A passing doctor is said to have tried to revive the child but as in the case of paramedics who attended, could not save the youngster's life.

The first officers called to the tragic scene are believed to have broken down in tears

after it was confirmed she was dead.

Police confirmed today an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the baby girl's death was underway and a local judge would now have to decide whether to press charges.

The child is understood to have been asleep when her grandfather left her in the back of a Renault Megane Scenic in s'Hort des Cabre Street in the Mallorcan town of Manacor.

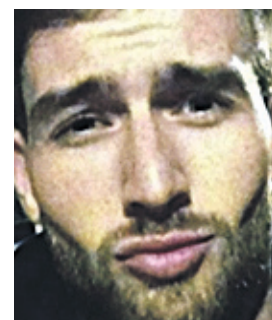
He suffered an anxiety attack after realising what he had done and had to be treated at Manacor Hospital before being questioned by police.

It's not yet been revealed where he had gone after having a coffee.

An autopsy is due to take place.



CUSTODY: The Brit allegedly beat and raped his victim in her home.



HEAD BOWED: Suspected rapist Dylan Rogers is led into court.

Brit held for rape

A **BRITISH** man has been arrested after allegedly 'tying up, raping and beating' a woman in her flat in Mallorca.

Dylan Rogers, 26, who apparently lives and works in the resort of Magaluf, is alleged to have attacked the 22-year-old victim at an apartment in s'Arenal, near the island's airport.

She was taken to hospital after her ordeal with bruising to her arms, legs and face.

Police sources confirmed the victim appeared to have been physically assaulted as well as sexually attacked.

Officers were called to the crime scene around 4.30pm last Wednesday and made the arrest in the early hours of the following morning.

A source said: "She was bound with insulating tape and had bruises on her legs, arms and face.

"The suspect was located in a neighbouring flat and arrested several hours later after officers obtained a key and a warrant to access the property."

The victim, believed to be 'foreign' is said to have alerted police after freeing herself from her binds.

Rogers has not been charged with a crime yet, as is normal in Spain where charges are only laid shortly before trial.

Led into the courts in shorts and t-shirt on Friday, he was questioned by a judge as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. It's reported that he was remanded in custody.

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THE new Editor of the EWN Media Group has the savvy nous and sheer common sense, hard won through careers in media and public relations, as well as many years as a hard-bitten policeman.

Such a wide-ranging wealth of experience should serve Dean Harrison (just call him Harrison) well in his new role as hands-on editor of the six editions of the *Euro Weekly News (EWN)*, as well as his position overseeing the three-strong *RTN* family of papers and the *Sol Times* in Almeria.

Harrison, who has previously worked for the *EWN* as head of its digital media team, has been in Spain for five years now and says he plans to approach the job with diligence, openness and with a team mindset.

"I want to ensure we deliver the best results for all our editions and ultimately for our readers and clients," he said.

He added that he will work hard to build on the success of the company following its winning of the Spanish Press Association's Professional Trajectory Award this year and the Best Free Publication award in 2017.

"I'm conscious that the *EWN* has achieved great things recently and I can't wait to take it to greater heights," he said.

"The group has gone from strength to

strength under my predecessors and under the guidance of owners and publishers Steven and Michel Euesden. Let's see how far we can take it going forward," he said.

Harrison's background in the police gives him an attention to detail and a hunger for facts that serves him well in sniffing out the news, plus the organisational skills to put his ideas into practice.

He is committed to delivering the quality combination of hard-hitting news and community and human interest stories that readers have come to associate with the *EWN*.

"I've been back here for a short time to prep for my new role and I've already seen a wide array of well researched local stories. Our excellent team of young reporters have been interviewing residents and holidaymakers, as well as covering national news, which our loyal readers come back to us for time and again.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to ask all readers of the *EWN* to keep getting in touch with us and letting us know about the issues that are affecting them in their local areas," he said.

Harrison has until recently spent much of his time on the Costa del Sol. Now he is looking forward to getting to know other areas popular with expatriates

“ I want to ensure we deliver the best results for all our editions and ultimately for our readers and clients. ”

through his work at the *EWN*.

"I've spent time in our other areas but not as much as I would like. I feel our readers want to have the opportunity to learn about what's going on where their fellow expats are based.

"Now I have the opportunity to join our readers on that and to learn more about places which I've not had the chance to see," he said.

Harrison believes that in today's testing times for both Spain and the world the *EWN* can continue to be an informative, interesting and entertaining read for anyone interested in news and current affairs.

"I would like to thank everyone in the office for welcoming me on board and having the chance to give the best to our readers. I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's feedback on how my tenure as editor goes," he said.

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BARRED: Pussy Riot's Maria Alyokhina (left) is a prominent Russian activist.

Activist banned from travelling

■ A MEMBER of the Pussy Riot rock band has been barred from leaving Russia over allegations of dodging community service handed down for protests. Maria 'Masha' Alyokhina tweeted airport security had stopped her from flying to London for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where she was scheduled to perform last week. The ban could reportedly last up to six months.

Prisoner 'barely alive'

■ A JAILED Ukrainian filmmaker who went on hunger strike more than 90 days ago in protest against alleged political detentions claimed he was 'barely' alive in a letter. Oleg Sentsov, from Crimea, is in a prison north of the Arctic Circle serving a 20-year sentence on terror convictions.

Petition gets backing

■ ELECTION authorities in Russia have approved a petition for a referendum on whether to raise the country's retirement age. The Central Election Commission (CEC) gave the go ahead to petitions which called for a poll on plans to raise

retirement ages to 65 for men and 63 for women.

Policy support slump

■ A TOTAL of 16 per cent of Russians back President Vladimir Putin's foreign policy amidst domestic initiatives such as plans to raise the retirement age, according to a survey. Denis Volkov, of the Centre, said many Russians wanted politicians to put their country first instead of intervening abroad. Support stood at 22 per cent two years ago.

Sanctions slammed

■ DIPLOMATS at Russia's Washington DC embassy have claimed new United States sanctions targeting their country in the wake of the alleged poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal are 'draconian.' The penalties, the news of which caused Russian stock and currency prices to tumble last week, follow claims that Russia targeted the Skripals. The embassy branded the accusations 'far-fetched.'

Off the rails

■ A LONDON-BASED media company has produced a guide to Moscow's metro network in an effort to give visitors all the information needed to track down its architectural gems. The Moscow Metro Architecture and Design Map comes in a yellow on red Soviet style booklet reminiscent of the era that spawned the 'People's Palaces,' or stations, of the 1930's. It highlights 43 out of 214 stops.



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€2.8bn state aid plunge revealed

SPAIN has placed third bottom in a European Union-wide ranking of financial support offered to companies.

A new report by the National Commission of Markets and Competition has revealed how state aid to firms based in the country has been slashed by €2.8 billion - almost half - since 2009.

This represents just 0.26 per cent of gross domestic product with only Italy (0.22 per cent) and Ireland (0.2) contributing less.

And the UK (0.36) also fares badly, falling below the EU average 0.7 per cent.

Mango losses reduced

by John Smith

ALTHOUGH at one time the Mango fashion chain was pushing Inditex (owner of Zara and other high street names) for financial dominance, recently it has been in the doldrums.

Founded in Barcelona by brothers Isak and Nahman Andic it became one of the biggest fashion firms in the world, but having moved into negative profit for a number of years, it is beginning to see a reduction in losses.

At one time, employing 9,000 staff and with a turnover of more

than €2 billion which produced significant profits, its 2017 report shows that it has reduced losses by 45 per cent to €33 million, although sales have dropped €2.194 billion.

At least its gross operating profit has increased by some €115 million which is 50 per cent up on 2016, but this would have been much higher had it not been for a very hot second half of the year in its main markets which saw overall

sales depressed.

Indeed according to the company, had the results of the first half of the year carried through to the second half, then it would have seen a return to profit.

Interim figures for 2018 are encouraging and if they continue to follow the trend of the first six months then final results should be encouraging, especially as the company has reduced its debt €617 million to €415 million.

Mango now has 2,190 stores in 110 countries.

National bank's crypto scheme

SPAIN'S central bank has claimed that cryptocurrency and blockchain technology could help the country's economy.

It comes after the Banco de España (BDE) released a report probing the pros and cons of introducing a virtual version of the state currency.

And according to industry boffins, digital coins and ledgers would particularly benefit monetary policy and financial infrastructure.

BDE senior economist Galo Nuño was the man behind the study, and he argues that blockchain technology could help track the nation's money supply.



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Most Spaniards live at home until nearly 30



HAPPY FACES: But still having to stay at home.

SPANIARDS tend to remain at home until the age of 29 according to a new report from the European Eurostat barometer.

This is one of the older ends of the age scale when compared to other youth in the eurozone and can be ascribed to a combination of youth unemployment, the number of short term work contracts and the lack of affordable property to rent or purchase.

Those who leave home earliest

are the Swedes with an average age of just 21, whilst in Malta the average age is as high as 32.2 years.

The figures for Spain which were provided by the Emancipation Observatory of the Council of Youth of Spain is accurate to the end of the first half of 2017 and it is noted that only approximately 20 per cent of those under 29 are able to afford to leave home.

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Grove concern

BLACK olive producers are set to launch an official appeal against trade tariffs imposed by the United States saw their profit margins plummet, according to the president of a national exporters and producers association.

Beer we go

SPANIARDS spend 10 per cent of their wages on beer, with almost 36 billion litres consumed across the country last year and an average citizen spending more than €1,000 per month, according to new Brewers of Spain figures.

Tax back

FORMER Real Madrid star Ronaldo has received a €2 million refund from the Spanish Tax Authority as he paid IVA (VAT) on the financial settlement agreed in order to keep him out of jail for tax irregularities.

Sex toy sales buzzing

SPAIN'S hotspots for female sex toys have been revealed, and Madrid is the saucy capital of the country. And the most popular racy device is the humble vibrator, which comes top of the ranking in seven autonomous communities, according to a new survey by price comparison website *idealo.es*.

Madrid accounts for almost 30 per cent of sex toy sales, with the Valencian Community the second-

most profitable region with 20 per cent and Cataluña third with 17.7 per cent.

Andalucía trails in fourth with 16.6 per cent and the Basque Country completes the top five with just 3.4 per cent.

Ownership was lowest in Navarra with just 0.4 per cent of the market. The survey was commissioned to mark international female orgasm day.



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Anglo American	1,706.50	38.90	2.33	24,055.95
Associated British Foods	2,440.50	35.50	1.48	19,498.94
Admiral Group	2,003.50	16.50	0.83	5,749.07
Ashtead Group	2,410.00	17.00	0.71	11,727.94
Antofagasta	984.50	23.30	2.42	9,651.54
Aviva	499.00	1.20	0.24	19,806.30
AstraZeneca	6,070.00	-37.00	-0.61	76,969.33
BAE Systems	627.00	1.40	0.22	19,922.18
Barclays	188.75	1.11	0.59	32,768.82
British American Tobacco	4,185.00	30.50	0.73	96,199.21
Barratt Developments	542.00	0.80	0.15	5,504.55
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,692.50	-7.50	-0.20	4,919.89
British Land Co	647.50	4.30	0.67	6,317.69
BHP Billiton	1,708.00	12.00	0.71	36,326.36
Bunzl	2,312.50	-8.50	-0.37	7,869.70
BP	564.50	8.50	1.53	112,800.95
Burberry Group	2,150.00	-69.00	-3.11	9,227.22
BT Group	229.00	4.05	1.80	22,721.16
Coca-Cola HBC	2,455.00	-189.00	-7.15	10,155.32
Carnival	4,785.00	162.00	3.50	9,128.96
Centrica	150.00	1.70	1.15	8,463.61
Compass Group	1,672.00	5.00	0.30	26,591.49
Croda International	4,775.00	-427.00	-8.21	6,937.59
CRH	2,550.00	30.00	1.19	21,128.20
DCC	7,010.00	0.00	0.00	6,307.10
Diageo	2,799.50	3.00	0.11	68,857.61
Direct Line Insurance Group	341.25	18.75	5.81	4,477.00
Evrax	535.00	25.00	4.90	8,025.23
Experian	1,754.00	-147.00	-7.73	17,391.90
easyJet	1,566.00	15.50	1.00	6,234.18
Ferguson	6,175.00	20.00	0.32	14,359.23
Fresnillo	825.50	-163.70	-16.55	7,531.05
Glencore	326.35	5.20	1.62	47,256.12
GlaxoSmithKline	1,579.50	15.10	0.97	78,834.29
GVC Holdings	1,147.50	22.50	2.00	6,569.94
Hargreaves Lansdown	2,091.00	12.00	0.57	10,065.04
Halma	1,392.00	-16.00	-1.14	5,349.20
HSBC Holdings	723.10	1.80	0.25	144,594.85
International Consoltd Airs Grp	683.00	4.00	0.59	13,804.99
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,705.00	-36.00	-0.76	9,026.32
3i Group	961.00	14.60	1.54	9,254.59
Imperial Brands	2,957.50	12.50	0.42	28,368.91
Informa	789.10	-8.90	-1.12	10,000.29
Intertek Group	5,334.00	8.00	0.15	8,715.23
ITV	169.25	0.40	0.24	6,847.22
Just Eat	820.10	21.10	2.64	5,483.82
Johnson Matthey	3,696.00	13.00	0.35	7,261.37
Kingfisher	301.50	7.40	2.52	6,346.97
Land Securities Group	930.50	-4.50	-0.48	6,954.89
Legal & General Group	262.50	-2.10	-0.79	15,764.14

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.20	0.34	0.55	44,404.79
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,505.00	24.00	0.54	15,666.36
Micro Focus International	1,222.50	-21.50	-1.73	5,442.87
Marks & Spencer Group	288.50	-14.10	-4.66	4,970.26
Mondi	2,205.00	33.00	1.52	8,171.11
Melrose	220.25	3.45	1.59	10,629.86
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	260.75	-3.55	-1.34	6,268.07
National Grid	813.50	-5.20	-0.64	27,229.85
NMC Health	4,012.00	0.00	0.00	8,432.53
Next	5,710.00	42.00	0.74	8,023.53
Ocado Group	1,060.00	15.00	1.44	7,378.27
Paddy Power Betfair	6,940.00	-315.00	-4.34	6,247.94
Prudential	1,797.50	1.98	0.11	47,275.94
Persimmon	2,470.00	-4.00	-0.16	7,758.26
Pearson	914.00	-6.00	-0.65	7,162.29
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,840.00	21.00	0.31	48,606.21
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	245.00	-2.90	-1.17	30,372.65
Royal Dutch Shell	2,581.00	50.00	1.98	117,627.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,625.00	54.50	2.12	97,532.47
RELX	1,714.50	24.00	1.42	17,820.07
Rio Tinto	3,845.00	42.00	1.10	51,166.79
Royal Mail	458.75	-6.95	-1.49	4,595.00
Rightmove	4,897.00	6.00	0.12	4,467.58
Rolls-Royce Group	1,047.50	3.50	0.34	20,266.37
Randgold Resources	5,425.00	21.00	0.39	5,282.80
RSA Insurance Group	634.00	6.00	0.96	6,550.97
Rentokil Initial	309.20	-24.10	-7.23	6,169.64
Sainsbury (J)	302.50	-31.30	-9.38	7,437.53
Schroders	3,195.00	95.00	3.06	7,119.71
Sage Group (The)	646.00	-26.00	-3.87	7,295.30
Segro	644.60	-29.40	-4.36	6,792.24
Shire	4,150.50	-300.00	-6.74	41,134.25
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,253.00	-5.00	-0.15	7,799.52
Sky	1,537.75	7.25	0.47	26,266.58
Standard Life Aberdeen	327.50	0.60	0.18	9,856.38
Smith (DS)	496.90	-14.90	-2.91	7,021.53
Smiths Group	1,632.50	7.00	0.43	6,526.10
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	577.00	20.00	3.59	8,048.24
Smith & Nephew	1,362.50	6.00	0.44	11,956.74
SSE	1,272.50	2.00	0.16	12,994.62
Standard Chartered	685.50	5.60	0.82	22,905.28
St James's Place	1,156.00	6.05	0.52	6,198.26
Severn Trent	1,927.75	-47.75	-2.42	4,693.82
Tesco	262.50	-3.70	-1.39	25,943.91
TUI AG	1,565.50	0.00	0.00	9,060.44
Taylor Wimpey	189.75	17.40	10.10	5,681.75
Unilever	4,410.00	36.50	0.83	53,007.68
United Utilities Group	722.50	-15.70	-2.13	5,077.34
Vodafone Group	185.00	2.48	1.36	49,519.04
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,5800	-1.37%	-1,4100	87,474,50
APPLE	207,530	-0.65%	-1,350	1,002,354,54
BOEING CO	339,410	-1.25%	-4,310	194,993,87
CATERPILLAR	135,920	-1.88%	-2,600	80,780,71
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,780	+0.00%	0,000	205,892,17
COCA-COLA	46,08	-0.58%	-0,27	195,974,67
DOWDUPONT	67,74	-1.85%	-1,28	156,301,71
EXXON MOBIL	79,42	-1.12%	-0,90	336,249,22
GOLDMAN SACHS	229,61	-1.78%	-4,17	86,702,01
HOME DEPOT	196,3000	-0.90%	-1,7800	226,440,61
IBM	144,48	-0.20%	-0,29	131,876,75
INTEL CORP	48,8500	-2.57%	-1,2900	227,641,00
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	115,7300	-0.98%	-1,1500	388,955,12
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,7500	-0.34%	-0,4500	350,770,35
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,6800	-0.39%	-0,6200	123,104,01
MERCK AND CO. NEW	66,07	+0.11%	0,07	175,661,65
MICROSOFT	109,000	-0.61%	-0,670	837,468,58
NIKE	80,73	-0.65%	-0,53	103,386,66
PFIZER	40,9300	-0.17%	-0,0700	239,422,94
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	81,430	+0.04%	0,030	202,573,89
VERIZON COMMS	52,47	-1.02%	-0,54	216,802,66
VISA	139,73	-0.20%	-0,28	248,163,64
WAL-MART STORES	90,1800	+1.31%	1,1700	266,136,66
WALGREENS BOOTS	66,49	+0.48%	0,32	65,985,46
WALT DISNEY CO	112,6800	-1.30%	-1,4800	167,597,37

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The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 127.93	34.64 ▲ 37.13%
Celgene Corporation	\$ 2.45	0.48 ▲ 24.37%
Corium International, Inc.	\$ 8.65	1.44 ▲ 19.97%
Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.	\$ 33.15	4.35 ▲ 15.10%
Ingles Markets, Incorporated	\$ 34.35	4.40 ▲ 14.69%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.76	0.34 ▲ 14.05%
Universal Display Corporation	\$ 114.85	13.70 ▲ 13.54%
CareDx, Inc.	\$ 16.99	2.02 ▲ 13.49%
WAVE Life Sciences Ltd.	\$ 44	5 ▲ 12.82%
TrueCar, Inc.	\$ 12.79	1.41 ▲ 12.39%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 13.65	1.36 ▲ 11.07%
Most Declined		
Endologix, Inc.	\$ 2.99	1.75 ▼ 36.92%
Redfin Corporation	\$ 17.96	5.18 ▼ 22.39%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 17.73	3.97 ▼ 18.29%
ViaSat, Inc.	\$ 59.52	12.25 ▼ 17.07%
The ExOne Company	\$ 6.72	1.29 ▼ 16.10%
Chuy's Holdings, Inc.	\$ 26.15	4.80 ▼ 15.51%
iShares MSCI Turkey ETF	\$ 21.42	3.64 ▼ 14.53%
Rimini Street, Inc.	\$ 7.19	1.18 ▼ 14.10%
News Corporation	\$ 13.20	2.06 ▼ 13.50%
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It's still cheaper to live in Spain

Good news for expats

A RECENT report suggests that although prices have increased, it is still much cheaper to live in Spain than in the United Kingdom.

Naturally there are regional differences in both countries and there may be a negative affect for new arrivals following Brexit but overall, there are some significant savings to be made for any Brits who want to emigrate to the Iberian Peninsula.

The company thinkSpain highlights the main savings that can be made, with the most striking being in the cost of property with average prices per square metre as much as five times cheaper in Spain with certain costs such as heating also significantly lower.

Public transport is cheaper as well and there are special discounts which can be obtained for pensioners who are looking to travel relatively long journeys by train.

Petrol is still cheaper although by only a few per cent, but if you are lucky enough to live near to Gibraltar, you can pop in there and fill up saving up to a stunning



Credit: Brian Snelson flickr

SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS: Enjoy cheaper food and drink in Spain.

20 per cent on Spanish prices.

Eating out is generally much cheaper with a choice of set menus at prices that may astound the tourist used to London prices and although the Spanish have increased the margins on wines and

spirits sold in restaurants and bars, it is still possible to buy a decent bottle of wine in a store for around €3 and something drinkable can be as cheap as €1.50.

Whilst looking at 'vices,' beer, spirits and cigarettes are generally

cheaper than the UK and apart from Gibraltar, there are also bargains to be had in both Andorra and the Canary Islands.

There are some negatives, especially with regards to inheritance tax for foreigners and the fact that a spouse may not be able to be left the family property if there are children or other family members in the country, but a good lawyer will be able to advise on the best form of Will and which country it should be prepared in.

If you decide to take up work and are registered with Spanish Social Security then you and your family will be able to take advantage of the health care system and for expatriate pensioners, the UK will currently advise the Spanish health service of your eligibility to be included.

So life (including most 'council taxes') is cheaper, but there is also the added bonus of the warm weather which suits many, although it would be a good idea to check average temperatures across the year as some areas can see exceptional heat in the summer months.

Mercadona phases out plastic bags

AFTER introducing a trial in 66 of its supermarkets throughout Spain, the Mercadona group has announced that with effect from 2019 it will cease to supply new plastic bags to customers.

The company declared that it supported a sustainable policy as early as 2011 and for the future it will be offering consumers the opportunity to purchase recycled plastic, paper or at a slightly higher cost a raffia basket.

The basket in particular has been quite popular with shoppers and has seen an overall reduction in consumption of other types of bags.

Another part of its strategy will be to phase in new household goods such as buckets and brooms also made from recycled plastic.



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“DADDY,” says the little boy, looking enquiringly up at his Father. “Why do we wear these long white robes?”

“Well my son,” replies his Dad. “That’s to keep the flies away and the mosquitoes from biting our arms and legs.” “Oh I see,” says the boy. “And Dad, why do we wear these wide sandals?” “To stop us from sinking into the sand,” explains his Father. “Also,” he adds, “this cloth over our head is to protect us from the sun and the dust of the desert.” The boy appears somewhat puzzled. “Dad” he says; “why are we dressed like this in the middle of Luton!?”

This oldie but goodie, just about sums up the burka controversy that has been wasting so much of our precious time over the last couple of weeks. Basically it demonstrates that there is simply no valid reason whatsoever for any woman to walk around in this garment of utterly depressing Draconian diversity.

Not only is it an affront to European society, it is yet another weapon in the cultural war that is being waged against us by people who have no interest in any integration or acceptance of Western values at all. This foreboding garment is con-



ERODING: Debate over the burka has being sparked following Boris Johnson’s (inset) remarks.

frontational, intimidating and, as there is no mention of it in any ‘holy book,’ bears no religious significance whatsoever.

For the women who dress in this manner to consider themselves ‘upset’ or ‘offended’ by Boris referring to them as resembling ‘letterboxes’ and ‘bank robbers’ is pretty rich, when many

of them have been utterly scathing and downright insulting with their public accusations of ‘sluts’ and ‘whores’ toward any Western women who deems to wear clothing that may reveal some part of their anatomy slightly above the knee or elbow.

Most of these women wear this shapeless attire at the behest of their men, who are so insecure in

their relationships, and so jealous and distrustful of their peers, they simply can’t risk any randy rival taking a shine and delivering the ultimate insult by possibly running off with their missus. To my way of thinking, as long as it doesn’t incite rioting or undue hardship, we should be allowed to voice any opinions we desire.

Our Western values are slowly but surely being eroded and gagged by this ridiculous political correctness, which to me increasingly appears to be totally one sided and biased against our Western communities.

This is how we are all being thanked for extending the hand of friendship and welcome to the diversity and cultures of distant lands. Well I’ve got another phobia which is moving nearer to my heart by the day. It’s called Westernphobia. And I for one am utterly sick and tired of it.

The sooner those, who think they can change our society and proud historical heritage by running slip shod over all we hold near and dear, begin to realise we will never succumb to their endeavours, the better it will be for all concerned.

Many happy returns to my wonderful twins David and Rebecca who reached the ripe old age of 18 this week. Where did it all go I ask myself? Have a great day. Love ya both to bits.

Keep the faith.

Love Leapy

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SO, the dragons are back. No breathing fire please, remember we are under a Wild Fire Order, but they burst back onto our screens on Sunday evening, BBC2. I'm not sure where said Dragons got their studio from. I think they pinched from Channel 4's Four Rooms - you know, the show where you turn up with bit of old tat and the rich people in the rooms tell you it's lovely, but just not for them.

Back to the Dragons. Just how tall is Peter Jones and does he live in Sloane Square? I don't know, but it must deflate your ego something terrible when Peter tells you 'I just don't like you' as he did on Sunday. I really liked the new model tuk-tuk and even though the Dragons were concerned that the entire project was doomed (which it was, Dad's Army style doomed) I might have risked a Euro or two just to see where the idea might have gotten to. *The Dragons* continue to deflate bubbly entrepreneurs on BBC2, Sunday evenings.

Fans of BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing*, please place your feet firmly on the floor, return your tray table to the upright position and brace yourselves. Auntie has started to

Bring on the Dragons



THE DRAGONS: Strictly not necessary.

release the names of the celebrities who will appear on this year's show. I really don't like the trickle approach to telling us who will be waltzing across our screens in a few weeks' time. Just tell us. We can stand it and we won't inflate our life vests until we are clear of the aircraft, promise Auntie. It will be difficult for hard core *Strictly* fans across the Costas not to wish the summer heat away

and chair dance to the theme tune, but be careful what you wish for guys, remember last winter?

How are you getting on with BBC1's *Age Before Beauty* on Tuesday nights? I know there are a lot of Robson Green fans out there, but we haven't yet spotted any river monsters or even a suggestion of a rowing boat, never mind deep sea fishing.

I think the first few episodes have done far too much scene setting and haven't netted me yet. To be honest I'm just not sure that Teddy (Robson) would want to break up Wesley and Bel (James Murray and Polly Walker) and this could be the lobster pot in the plot, why is Teddy going to all that trouble when he could be out catching monster fish?

The cast is solid enough though and I won't give up on this one just yet.

BBC1 is currently dishing up another helping of *The Real Marigold Hotel* on Wednesday nights. The celebrities are, in theory, experiencing life in India with a view to possibly retiring there. I smell a rat. I don't know how many celebs have visited nice places in the name of possibly retiring there, only to go home and think it over in the final episode and actually never think about it ever again - like those folk on *A Place in the Sun* who you know just aren't going to buy the villa on the coast although it is perfect for them. It is worth dipping in via BBC iPlayer, just for Selina Scott and Stanley Johnson.

Celebrity Big Brother launches today (Thursday) on Channel 5. You just know I can't wait for next week's column.

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into the recently fitted kitchen which also leads back out to the conservatory.

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The separate apartment is approximately seven metres away from the main house and looks over the garden and pool. This is fantastic for guests and cleverly designed with a liv-

ing room / dining room with fitted kitchen area, double bedroom and separate shower room. In between the villa and apartment is the second Florida style enclosure (6.35m x 4.8m) again looking over the pool.

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Move over Mrs May - amid Tory turmoil and a possible 'no-deal Brexit'!

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

IT'S really hard to understand why Theresa May's leadership hasn't been challenged. If the milk's gone off, don't you throw it out of the fridge? The idea that some miraculous Brexit white-rabbit deal will be pulled out of the hat at the last minute is sheer wishful thinking. Even the infamous Chequers deal's been rejected by Brussels.

Theresa May's been given plenty of time to show leadership skills. She excels in hand-wringing, feet-dragging and kow-towing to the EU. But her heart isn't in Brexit.



And her poor negotiating skills seem to be a deliberate act. She sidles into negotiations with an apologetic expression on her face like some bit-part actor in a gloomy pantomime as though all's lost - maybe geared towards boring everyone into submission?

But this isn't a play or a game. This is about the future of the UK. This accidental PM has nothing to offer, no vision for the future and is totally frozen in power due to the warring Tory tribes and the nightmare proposition of a Marxist Labour opposition.

As divisions within the

Tory Party deepen, the prospect of a leadership challenge increases. As Enoch Powell put it: 'all political life ends in failure,' but the problem is that ***** leading politicians never know when the party's over and it's time to leave the stage.

The one thing Brexit negotiations have demonstrated is we simply don't have the calibre of politician who can deal efficiently with this vital, complex task. They cope with insignificant matters, but when it comes to the 'biggies,' they're out of their depth.

None of them have any conviction. They just say what they think people want to hear in the hope of winning and then proceed to do what their donors tell them. Like ferrets in a sack. The country deserves better.

Nora Johnson's crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Woods,' 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) from Amazon. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

'BIT-PART ACTOR': Theresa May has come under fire for her role in Brexit negotiations.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Can he sue the mechanic?

Q. My neighbour, a mechanic, offered to repair my car for an hourly rate. He stripped down the piece involved and I bought the necessary parts. He spent seven hours working on it, for which I paid him.

He then decided he didn't want to work on it any more because he is too busy with other jobs. I said that I could wait until he had time, but he said I should find somebody else. Do we have a verbal contract? Can I seriously threaten to denounce him if he doesn't complete the job?

W C (Costa del Sol)

A. Yes, you have a verbal contract, and, yes, you can bring a case against your mechanic,

but your prospects are not good. First, what does your contract actually say? Did your mechanic promise to finish the job, or only to work on it? Do you have a witness? You cannot 'denounce' him because he has not committed any crime. You would have to sue him for your financial loss. Your legal expenses would surely come to more than you can reasonably claim from him, and your chances of winning are small.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



Sillier than a chocolate teapot

To err is human, but computers do it better, says Terence Kennedy

THE astonishing thing about last month's headlines is not that Spain's new submarines initially couldn't float, nor that they won't fit in their dock.

It's that the darn things work at all, given the squintillions of technical calculations which go into designing them, and the tendency of Murphy's Law to work overtime in our utterly techno-dependent world.

Spain's minor maritime mishap almost pales into insignificance compared to just how badly NASA screwed up and lost their \$125 million Mars orbiter spacecraft in 1999 - because contractor Lockheed Martin was using imperial measurements while NASA was on metric. Ooops.

How about the Italian ocean liner which couldn't get out of the shipyard a while back because someone forgot a bridge was in the way?

There was Microsoft's catastrophic Windows ME, consistently voted one of the worst tech products of all time (and let's not



NOPHONE: World's most pointless tech product?

mention Windows Vista).

Or the utterly ill-conceived Amstrad E-mailer in 2000, apparently so bad that rather than wait to hear Alan Sugar's famous words, 'You're fired!', Amstrad CEO Bob Watkins actually fired himself.

More recently we've had the €400 Juicero which flopped so unsurprisingly when users found they could squeeze the juice better themselves by hand. Or the electronic spaghetti fork which disap-

peared from sale last year just before I could add it to my Christmas list.

Take the appalling Magellan GPS (please!) that I bought at a bargain price in London's Tottenham Court Road back at the turn of the century.

Never mind something fishy about the price; I should have smelled a whole aquarium. I can still hardly believe that a major manufacturer would put a product

on the market which did not, and could not, actually work - as a browbeaten technician finally admitted to me after weeks of badgering their Customer (Dis)Service department.

But the all-time useless-tech product simply has to be the NoPhone Zero. It's not a phone. It just resembles a phone. It's a rectangular block of plastic that does absolutely sod-all.

Apparently it's a comfort blanket for phone addicts, who feel that familiar weight in their pocket, but aren't tempted to pick it up and play with it because they'd get bored pretty quickly.

There's also a NoPhone Selfie which has a mirror strapped to the front, and the very latest just off the production line: the NoPhone Air which is literally just an empty bag of packaging.

If you're among the 15,000 people so far who have shelled out around €15 for one of these revolutionary non-gadgets, well, let me talk to you about that bridge I'm still trying to sell.

The \$25m laptop

LITTLE did the American civil servant realise when his work laptop was burgled from his home in 2006, that it would cost his government over \$25 million.

The laptop held all the details of 17.5 million veterans. In a desperate scramble to contain the data breach the authorities set up call-centres, mailed millions of notifications, engaged credit-monitoring services for those affected, and paid \$20 million to the victims.

By contrast, the bill for ensuring that Hawaii never again suffers the mass panic induced by last January's incoming-missile false alarm, came to just over \$200.

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Amazing help when needed from Benalmadena hospital

TWO weeks ago I collapsed in Arroyo and the receptionist in the pensioners building of Mosquito Plaza phoned for a doctor and ambulance.

I gave my HIC card and passport to them and 10 minutes later I was in the Benalmadena hospital being attended by doctors. They said it was very serious and we were sent by ambulance to Virgin de la Victoria hospital Malaga.

In great pain I told the doctors and surgeon I had a pacemaker and was refused an operation in the UK, long before it become an emergency. They laughed, saying "no problem we do these ops every day," they spoke English as do many nurses.

It was a successful operation, by an amazing team of doctors and as it was 4am my wife was offered a bed to sleep and given updates on me.

I enjoyed eight days of high standard care with voluntary translators if needed and I thank everyone for their kindness to us both.

I then spent eight days in the Torrequebrada clinic again with voluntary translators on hand if needed.

Money grabbing reds are taking fans to cleaners

THIS season, it will cost a supporter a staggering £110 (€123) to buy a replica Manchester United shirt... utterly outrageous!

The weekly salary of the Cambodian textile workers who make the shirts is just £31-a-week (€34.70).

The money-grabbing Premiership club - the most hated football club in the world by the way - already has £3.6 billion (€4.1bn) in the bank from its American owners, the Glazers, plus an annual income of £70m (€78.5m) from Adidas.

There's also a £429m (€481m) seven-year shirt sponsorship with Chevrolet, £285m (€32m) per annum comes in from various commercial deals and almost £200m (€224m) from broadcasting rights.

The club pays out around £275m (€308m) in annual wages (including salaries of £23m (€25.8m) to



Credit: ManUtd Twitter/Tony Matthews, Almeria

WELL PAID: Jose Mourinho using fans' money.

Alexis Sanchez and £15m (€16.8m) to manager Jose Mourinho and to add insult to injury, an adult season ticket at Old Trafford for this current campaign is £532 (almost €600).

Tony Matthews, Almeria

What a tremendous job that everyone did and I am so grateful to all.

John Killick, Benalmadena

Tale of two cities

AS far back as 2003, a UN Sponsored Conference affirmed the importance of citizens having ready access to the 'information society.'

Recently, a number of EU countries, including Spain have gone further and declared internet access to be a basic right of citizens.

Unfortunately, in the year 2018, access to 'reliable' internet services in Spain seems to be a postcode lottery. For example, if you are a Movistar customer in the village of Orxeta, in the hills just above Villajoyosa, you can expect 4G wireless internet at download speeds in excess of 20 mbps. If you live just over the hill, as I do, in the village of Relleu you have to make do with a grossly over-subscribed 3G service, very often returning speeds less than 1 mbps.

That just can't be right. Yes we have access to the internet, but often we can't use it! It's 2018 Movistar, get your act together and give all your customers the level of service they were promised and are paying for!

A MacDonald Thompson, Relleu

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Plane from Malaga makes emergency landing at Sevilla

Probably a Ryanair pilot who thought he made a mistake! Should have been on strike.

Tomas Kirken

Brit wakes up in Mallorca after night out in Wales

Rubbish.

Marlene Boxall

BREAKING: Wildfire reported on Costa del Sol

Someone on another site was just saying she's seen three drivers throwing cigarettes out their window.

Jeni Potter

FUEL TAX: Spanish government proposal to increase diesel price by estimated 28.6 per cent

Gutted, should have bought a petrol car!

Katie Dakin

Just fill up in Gibraltar.

Luke Dixon

Comments from EWN online

Anti-corruption boss on trial for extortion

Nothing surprises me any more.

Jeni Potter

WATCH: 'Cowards' kick, hit and throw broken glasses at injured bull

Why are these heinous events still allowed. What sort of tradition is this. To cause pain and suffering to a living being? People who support these events, or even worse, torture an animal at them, are not fit to be in human society! Next kicks for them to be from torturing a child in the street then, maybe????

Sandra n' Neil

This is an absolute disgrace. It's time this outrageous behaviour is stopped.

Sandra Lyons

WATCH: Brave firefighters save life of unconscious dog in fire

It's nice to see good people and happy endings. Well done to the firefighters that saved this little doggy.

Zara Maria

SELFIE SHOCK: Youth electrocuted as he snaps trains and head touches live wires.

Was it worth it and more to the point... did he get the photo?

Jane Wilson

Spanish fighter jet accidentally fires air-to-air missile in Estonia training exercise.

So that's what that button does!

Bob Saunders

Thanks Dr Jones

I WOULD like to give thanks and praise to Dr Jones and his staff at Clinica Dental in Alfaz del Pi. I had cause to have some unusual and quite difficult dental surgery recently and this was carried out very professionally with the minimum of discomfort. If you are not yet fluent in Spanish, you need not worry as they speak perfect English. I recommend them to you.

Peter, Alfaz

Sharia law

I ALWAYS read your paper with great appreciation, but Leapy says it all for me this week when quoting what our High Court have decided in relation to accepting Sharia Law.

I worked in the Courts for many years, and that is the worst decision in my lifetime. It opens up a can of worms and where will it end?

I conclude by congratulating you on a most interesting and informative newspaper. Carry on the good work.

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	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	5:15pm	Oceans: Atlantic Ocean	6:00pm	The Chase	6:30pm	The Simpsons	6:30pm	Neighbours	1:00pm	Sky Sports News
	5:15pm	Flog It!	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm	ITV News London	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Home and Away	2:00pm	Sky Sports News
	6:15pm	Impossible	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	3:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	6:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	7:30pm	BBC London News	8:30pm	Great British Menu	8:30pm	Eat, Shop, Save	9:00pm	Trains From Hell	9:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	7:00pm	Live T20 Blast
	8:00pm	The One Show	9:00pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	9:30pm	Birds of a Feather	10:00pm	Meet the Drug Lords: Inside the Real Narcos	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	8:30pm	Football
	8:30pm	EastEnders	10:00pm	Searching for Mum: Sri Lanka	10:00pm	The Detectives	11:00pm	Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back	12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side	11:00pm	The Debate - Live
	9:00pm	DIY SOS the Big Build	11:00pm	Quacks	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:00am	Who is America?	1:00am	Super Casino	12:00am	Live ATP 1000: Cincinnati
	10:00pm	Keeping Faith										
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten										
FRIDAY 17 AUGUST	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	3:20pm	Meet the Monkeys	6:00pm	The Chase	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	4:15pm	Asteroid: Final Impact	1:00pm	Football Centre
	5:15pm	Flog It!	4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events	7:00pm	ITV News London	5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	6:00pm	5 News at 5	2:00pm	Football Centre
	6:15pm	Impossible	5:15pm	Oceans	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	Emmerdale	6:30pm	Neighbours	3:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	Home and Away	6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
	7:30pm	BBC London News	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:30pm	James Martin's American Adventure	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
	8:00pm	The One Show	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	9:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure	9:00pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	Penguins of Cape Town	8:00pm	Football
	8:30pm	A Question of Sport	8:30pm	Great British Menu	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:30pm	Channel 4 News	9:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	8:00pm	Info not available
	9:00pm	EastEnders	9:00pm	Gardeners' World	10:00pm	Doc Martin	10:00pm	The Crystal Maze	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	11:15pm	Info not available
	9:30pm	Still Open All Hours	10:00pm	Extraordinary Rituals	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	11:00pm	Funnist Celeb Reality TV Ever	12:15am	Info not available
	10:00pm	Death in Paradise	11:00pm	The Big Asian Stand-Up	11:30pm	Newsnight					12:30am	Barclays Premier League Preview
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten										
SATURDAY 18 AUGUST	6:15pm	Wedding Day Winners	4:15pm	Escape to the Country	4:00pm	Tipping Point	4:30pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	1:30pm	Football
	7:15pm	Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out	5:00pm	Flog It!	5:00pm	The Chase	5:30pm	The People's Vet	7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	3:55pm	Cricket
	7:40pm	BBC News	5:50pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	6:00pm	WOS Wrestling	6:35pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	6:30pm	Football
	7:50pm	Regional News	6:50pm	Reinventing the Royals	7:00pm	ITV Evening News	7:15pm	Channel 4 News	8:55pm	5 News	9:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
	7:55pm	Weather	7:50pm	BBC Proms Extra	7:30pm	Regional News and Weather	8:00pm	A Year in the New Forest	9:00pm	Blind Date	10:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
	8:00pm	Impossible Celebrities	8:30pm	Dad's Army	8:00pm	Japandemonium	9:00pm	Fixing a Hole	10:00pm	Gino's Win Your Wish List	12:00am	Sky Sports News
	8:50pm	Pointless	9:00pm	Blitz	9:00pm	Big Star's Little Star	10:00pm	Terminator Genisys	11:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	1:00am	The Oval: 100 Not Out
	9:40pm	Casualty	10:00pm	QI XL	10:00pm	Info not available	12:25am	Sin City: A Dame to Kill For	12:05am	Best of Bad TV: Most Shocking Ever	1:15am	Best of the 2017 Blast
	10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:45pm	The Boy with the Topknot	12:20am	ITV News					1:30am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
	11:00pm	BBC News	12:15am	West is West	12:35am	Play to the Whistle						
SUNDAY 19 AUGUST	3:20pm	Fake or Fortune?	3:00pm	Sailing Motorsport	3:30pm	Paul O' Grady's Little Heroes	3:55pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	3:10pm	Police Interceptors	9:00am	Total Goals
	4:20pm	Eat Well for Less	4:00pm	Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth	4:00pm	Tenable	4:25pm	Homes by the Sea	4:10pm	Police Interceptors	10:00am	Total Goals
	5:20pm	Pointless	5:00pm	Tribes, Predators and Me	5:00pm	Tipping Point	5:30pm	The Devil Wears Prada	5:10pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	11:00am	Cricket
	6:05pm	Swallows and Amazons	6:00pm	Fighting for Fresh Air	6:00pm	The Chase	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	1:30pm	Live Renault Super Sunday
	7:35pm	BBC News	7:00pm	Inside the Factory	7:00pm	ITV Evening News	8:00pm	Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams	8:55pm	5 News	4:30pm	Live Renault Super Sunday
	7:50pm	Regional News	8:00pm	Dragons' Den	7:15pm	Regional News and Weather	9:00pm	Hidden Britain by Drone	9:00pm	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups	8:00pm	Gary Neville's Soccerbox
	7:55pm	Weather	9:00pm	Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon	7:25pm	Info not available	10:00pm	Bridge of Spies	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	8:30pm	Gary Neville's Soccerbox
	8:00pm	Countryfile	10:00pm	The Road to Saigon	10:00pm	Unforgotten	12:45am	First Dates	11:00pm	Straight Outta Compton	9:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
	9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow	11:00pm	Supercar, Superfam	11:05pm	ITV News	1:45am	Still Alice	2:00am	Super Casino	12:00am	Info not available
	10:00pm	Fake or Fortune?										
	11:00pm	BBC News										
MONDAY 20 AUGUST	6:15pm	Impossible	5:15pm	Oceans	6:00pm	The Chase	7:00pm	The Simpsons	6:00pm	5 News	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:00pm	BBC News	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm	Regional News and Weather	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	6:30pm	Neighbours	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:30pm	Regional News	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	7:00pm	Home and Away	11:00am	Cricket
	8:00pm	The One Show	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	8:00pm	Emmerdale	9:00pm	How to Get Rich Quick	7:30pm	5 News	8:00pm	Live Monday Night
	8:30pm	The Pope and I	8:30pm	Great British Menu	8:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	8:00pm	Live Monday Night
	9:00pm	EastEnders	9:00pm	Nadiya's Family Favourites	9:00pm	Give it a Year	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Big Week at the Zoo	11:00am	Cricket
	9:30pm	Legal Weapon - Panorama	9:30pm	University Challenge	9:30pm	Coronation Street	10:00pm	Lewis	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	12:00am	Sky Sports News
	10:00pm	Who Do You Think You Are?	10:00pm	Bollywood	10:00pm	The Wedding Guru	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm	Celebs on the Farm	1:00am	Sky Sports News
	11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	The Wedding Guru	11:00pm	Newsnight	11:35pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side	2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
	11:30pm	Regional News										
TUESDAY 21 AUGUST	3:30pm	Escape to the Country	4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events	6:00pm	The Chase	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	4:15pm	I Know Your Darkest Secrets	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	5:15pm	Oceans	7:00pm	Regional News and Weather	7:00pm	The Simpsons	6:00pm	5 News	11:00am	Cricket
	5:15pm	Flog It!	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	6:30pm	Neighbours	11:30am	Cricket
	6:15pm	Impossible	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	7:00pm	Home and Away	8:00pm	Football
	7:00pm	BBC News	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	8:30pm	10k Holiday Home	9:00pm	Ackley Bridge	7:30pm	5 News	11:15pm	The Debate - Live
	7:30pm	Regional News	8:30pm	Great British Menu	9:00pm	Love Your Garden	10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	12:15am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
	8:00pm	The One Show	9:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea	10:00pm	A Passage to Britain	11:00pm	Manhunting with My Mum	9:00pm	Big Week at the Zoo	3:30am	Cricket's Greatest Games
	8:30pm	EastEnders	10:00pm	Goodness Gracious Me Special	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:30pm	Regional News	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	4:00am	Sky Sports News
	9:00pm	Holby City										
	10:00pm	Age Before Beauty										
	11:00pm	BBC News										
WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	3:15pm	Collectaholics	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey	6:00am	Sky Sports News
	5:15pm	Flog It!	4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events	8:00pm	Emmerdale	6:30pm	The Simpsons	4:20pm	Forgotten Evil	7:00am	Total Goals
	6:15pm	Impossible	5:15pm	Oceans	8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	6:00pm	5 News	8:00am	Total Goals
	7:00pm	BBC News	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	9:00pm	Paul O' Grady's Little Heroes	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	6:30pm	Neighbours	9:00am	Total Goals
	7:30pm	Regional News	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Orangutan Jungle School	7:00pm	Home and Away	10:00am	Total Goals
	8:00pm	The One Show	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	10:00pm	Info Not Available	10:00pm	24 Hours in a and E	7:30pm	5 News	11:00am	Total Goals
	8:30pm	Rip Off Britain	8:30pm	Great British Menu	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm	Hang Ups	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	11:30am	Cricket
	9:00pm	The Lenny Henry Birthday Show	9:30pm	Recipes That Made Me	11:30pm	Regional News and Weather	11:30pm	How to Lose Seven Billion Pounds	9:00pm	Big Week at the Zoo	7:30pm	Cricket
	10:00pm	The Real Marigold Hotel	10:00pm	Horizon	11:45pm	Bad Move	12:35am	One Born Every Minute	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	8:00pm	Football
	11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience					11:00pm	Extraordinary People	11:15pm	The Debate - Live
									12:00am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:15am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20

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Ref: OLV0953



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Bedar NOW 295,000€

Ref: OLV1419



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NEW TO THE MARKET

This charming, traditional Andalusian farmhouse is located just 5 minutes from the town of Gador and 5 minutes to major road links with Almeria City and the airport just a 20 minute drive away. This unique property boasts 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms in the main house as well as a separate guest house with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. The properties sit on a large plot of over 45,000m2 of land.

Almeria 399,000€

Ref: OLV1428



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NEW TO THE MARKET

Located in one of the prettiest towns in Almeria, this larger than average townhouse boasts 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 sitting rooms. The property is just a minutes walk to the town square and bar/restaurants.

Lucainena de las Torres 120,000€

Ref: OLV1426



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NEW TO THE MARKET

This beautiful Cortijo is located in a wonderful setting and has been renovated to a high standard by its current owners. It boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fabulous gardens and a private swimming pool.

Sorbas 264,950€

Ref: OLV1360



Olive

GREAT BUY

This wonderful, unique property is located under 10 minutes from the popular market towns of Lubrin, Uleila del Campo and Sorbas. This lovely 3 bedroom Cortijo sits on a beautiful plot of over 30,000m2 of land.

Sorbas 120,000€

Ref: OLV1429



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NEW TO THE MARKET

This charming 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom Cortijo is located in the picturesque and historical hamlet of Serena, just a little over 5 minutes from the beautiful village of Bedar where you can find all the amenities you need for day-to-day living.

Bedar 145,000€

Ref: OLV1304



Olive

This incredibly spacious apartment is located in the main street of Antas. A fabulous location central to everything. With easy parking, 5 good-sized bedrooms and a larger than average terrace leading directly from the living room, this is a great buy.

Antas 109,950€

Ref: OLV1310



Olive

This traditional village property is located in the picturesque former mining village of Bedar. The property is walking distance to all the amenities that Bedar has to offer including some wonderful bar/restaurants.

Bedar Reduced to 49,950€

Ref: OLV1395



Olive

Located in the picturesque village of Cariatiz, this fine looking property boasts incredible potential. The main construction of this unique and spacious Cortijo have been carried out however the property requires full renovation internally, thus giving a potential buyer the opportunity to put their own stamp on it completely.

Caraitiz ONLY 90,000€

Ref: OLV1240



Olive

NEW TO THE MARKET

This charming 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom Cortijo is located in the quiet hamlet of Cariatiz, under 15 minutes from Sorbas and under 30 minutes to the coast. The property does require renovation however boasts great potential.

Cariatiz 49,950€

Ref: OLV1347



Olive

Located just minutes from the picturesque and sought after village of Bedar, this wonderful villa boasts 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and beautiful pool and garden areas as well as a sunken inner living area.

Bedar 340,000€

Ref: OLV0230



Olive

Fabulous village property in the centre of Lubrin town. This property is a renovation/reform project, with superb views over the village built as new with a roof terrace.

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REF VAL3TN11



A well-presented 3 bedroom 3 bathroom triplex on Valle Del Este with air conditioning throughout, various terraces, garden, excellent communal pool and country/golf views.

Valle Del Este

€104,950

REF PUL3C01



A bargain 3 bedroom 1 bathroom semi-detached cortijo in a rural location close to Pulpi which is in need of some internal renovation. The cortijo is sold with separate plot of urban land which is currently home to a detached garage.

Pulpi

€45,000

REF ARB3VCH12



Detached 3 bed 2 bath villa, plot of 765m², 8 x 4m pool, well-manicured gardens with mature olive trees, panoramic views, L shaped wrap around terrace and just 5-6 minutes from the village centre of Arboleas.

Arboleas

€195,000

REF HUE3CU01



Fully reformed cortijo in Urcal on plot of over 12,000m² with fly-free enclosure & above ground pool. This stunning property sits in a superb position with open country & mountain views, established mature gardens and plenty of privacy, yet just a 15 minute walk into Urcal village.

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REF PAL1A02



Fantastic 1 bedroom top floor apartment with a generous terrace overlooking the pool & communal areas, A/C throughout, spacious rooms, and can be sold as seen!

Palomares

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REF CAL3T01



Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bathroom beach home, just 60m from the sea in El Calon. Superb sea views, an excellent solarium with outdoor kitchen and BBQ area. 30m garage and zero community fees.

El Calon

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HAVE NOTS: A fraction of billionaires' wealth could end global extreme poverty.

Trivia from around the world

*** The French army is the only one in Europe that still employs carrier pigeons. The birds are stationed at Mount Valerien, near Paris, and are intended for use during major natural disasters.

*** Women from the Kayan Lahwi tribe in the Shan state of Myanmar wear a

series of neck rings to lengthen them. *** Bolivia's San Pedro prison allows inmates to live with their families, work and rent and buy their cells.

*** Eritrea has scheduled elections regularly but all have been cancelled and none have ever been held.

*** The United Arab Emirates is made

up of seven kingdoms, or Emirates, each of which is ruled by a different royal family. The Emirates decided to unite in 1971.

*** Madagascar was discovered by humans relatively recently in 500 CE. That is about 300,000 years after the appearance of Homo sapiens in Africa.

DID YOU KNOW?

Billionaires around the world made €656 billion last year, enough money on top of their existing funds to end extreme poverty across the globe seven times over, according to Oxfam. Winnie Byanyima, of the charity, said the rising number of the super rich was not a sign of a thriving economy, but a symptom of a 'failing' system. The world has at least 2,043 billionaires.

Women's wit

“If my thoughts affect my body then I should be careful about what I think. If I get angry I ask myself why and if I can find the source I can turn that negativity into something positive.”

Yoko Ono, artist



Famous quote

“If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have a paradise in a few years.”

Bertrand Russell, philosopher

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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

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

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

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

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

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

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

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

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

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

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

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

this concern to get a balanced picture.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

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

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

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

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

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

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

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

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

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

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

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

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday August 11

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BONUS BALL

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IRISH LOTTO



Saturday August 11

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BONUS BALL

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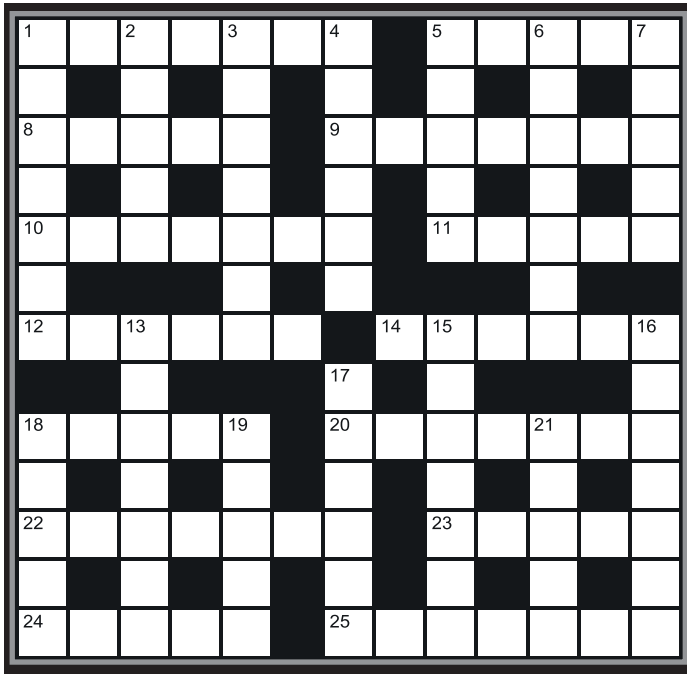


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Across

- 1 Scolds following change of rebates (7)
- 5 A representative the French had enough of (5)
- 8 Weep, our sovereign is unaffected by alcohol (5)
- 9 A doctor owes me? Very good! (7)
- 10 Peter is about to have time off (7)
- 11 Spoil a spoilt Titan (5)
- 12 He's sad, possibly, in sunglasses (6)
- 14 Secret agent gets around centre of Leeds fast (6)
- 18 Friends who end the games (5)
- 20 Best man splitting stone (7)
- 22 One lagging behind in movie advertising (7)
- 23 Words that signify nothing among sisters (5)
- 24 Lavished affection on a diminutive couple (5)
- 25 Simple type but he shows skill in bridge (7)



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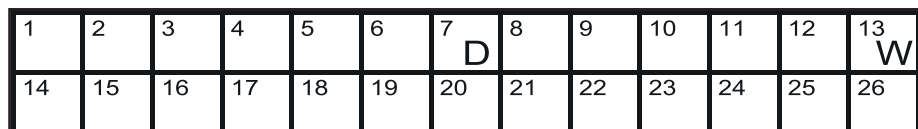
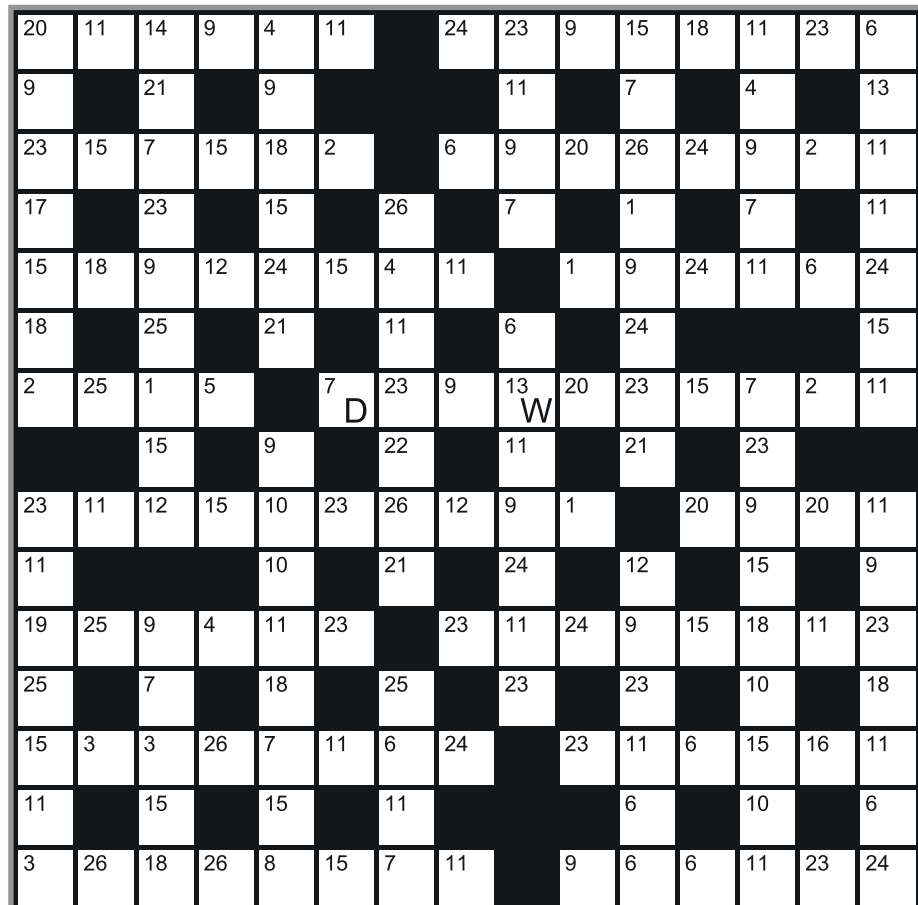
- 1 They write about street restaurants (7)
- 2 Picture puzzle about public transport (5)
- 3 Brute in a mess over rotary engine (7)
- 4 Didn't use drapes properly

- 5 Proficient in a small department (5)
- 6 Write about a side view (7)
- 7 Choose from a select few (5)
- 13 Pull a ton over large area of land (7)
- 15 Tie up an awkward flower (7)
- 16 Former Russian statesman revolting in style (7)

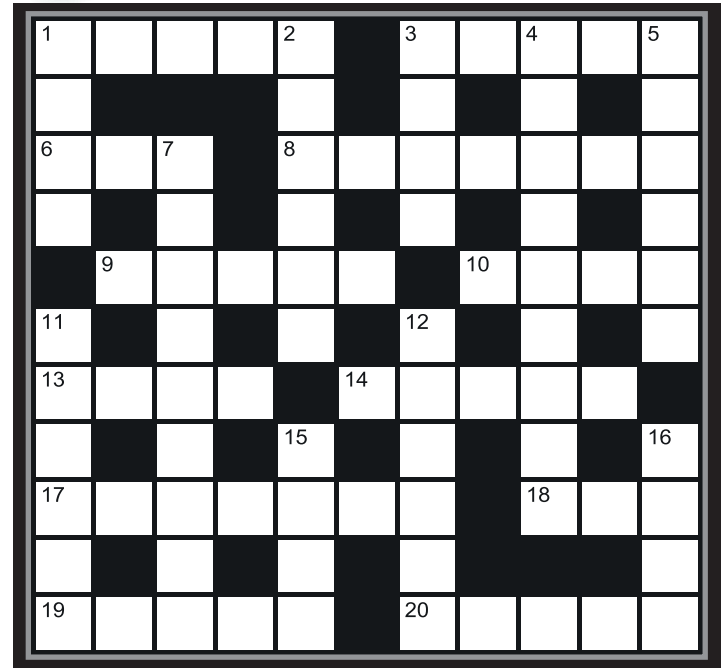
- 17 Dangerous reptiles make firm supporters (6)
- 18 Very subdued letter from Greece to Edward (5)
- 19 So the cover is firm (5)
- 21 Climb up on horse on high ground (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents D and 13 represents W, so fill in D every time the figure 7 appears and W every time the figure 13 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

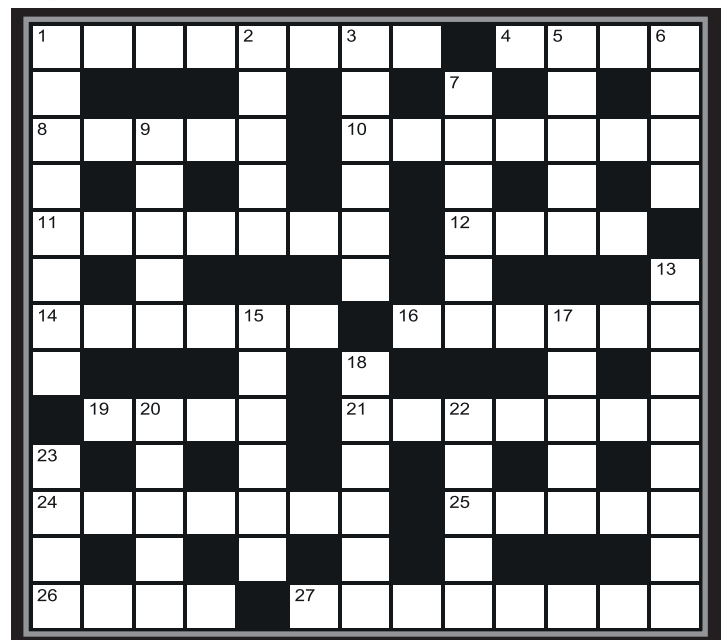
- 1 Cold dish of vegetables and or herbs (5)
- 3 Intercept and hold (5)
- 6 Polynesian garland of flowers (3)
- 8 Young tree (7)
- 9 Useful or valuable quality (5)
- 10 Feel physical pain (4)
- 13 Identical (4)
- 14 Enthusiastic (5)
- 17 Spend frivolously and unwisely (7)
- 18 Nervous or timid in the company of others (3)
- 19 Having or bringing good fortune (5)
- 20 Have in common (5)

Down

- 1 Exchange for money (4)
- 2 Drive away and scatter (6)
- 3 Soft, flat brimless hats (4)
- 4 Bird watchers (9)
- 5 Advanced in complexity or elaboration (6)
- 7 Someone who cannot sleep (9)
- 11 Convenient (6)
- 12 Large marine mammal (6)
- 15 Remain (4)
- 16 Computer memory unit (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Singer (8)
- 4 Vague (4)
- 8 Pecho (5)
- 10 Thirty (7)
- 11 To save (7)
- 12 Juguetes (4)
- 14 Oil (6)
- 16 Vallas (6)
- 19 Something (4)
- 21 Absent (person, thing) (7)
- 24 Sincero (7)
- 25 Habas (5)
- 26 Rose (4)
- 27 Espliego (8)

Down

- 1 Spoons (8)
- 2 Después de (tras un hecho concreto) (5)
- 3 Teapot (6)
- 5 Molestar (5)
- 6 To pray (say prayers) (4)
- 7 Hervidor (6)
- 9 Fugarse para casarse (5)
- 13 Lift (elevator) (8)
- 15 Trophy (6)
- 17 Ribbon (5)
- 18 Chain (6)
- 20 Enlaces (5)
- 22 Envelope (5)
- 23 To roast (4)

CROSSWORD PAGE

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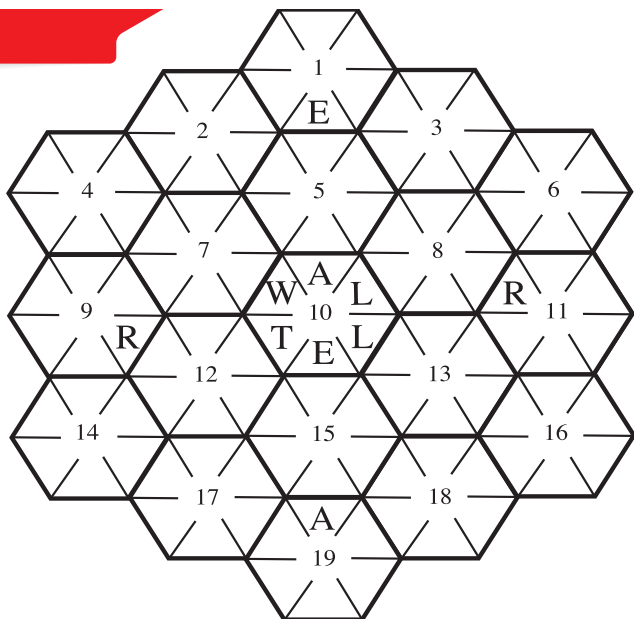
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Hexagram

- ARREAR
- BEREFT
- DENIAL
- FALLEN
- INBRED
- LAUREL
- NECTAR
- PALATE
- REGRET
- RELIEF
- RENTAL
- ROTTEN
- SODDEN
- STRAIN
- TEEING
- TELLER
- UPDATE
- WALLET (10)
- WEASEL



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

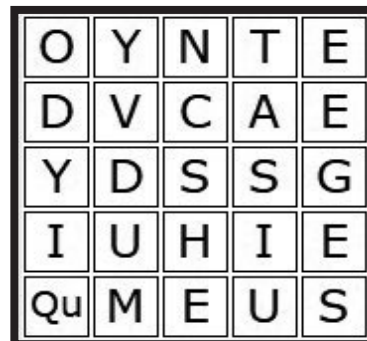
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Micron 2 Suffer 3 Hidden 4 Afford
- 5 School 6 Puffed 7 Cupful 8 Confer
- 9 Biopsy 10 Cocoon 11 Fledge
- 12 Sunder 13 Morgue 14 Pyrite
- 15 Wisdom 16 Maraud 17 Denies
- 18 Sweaty 19 Dispel.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 24
- Good: 33
- Very good: 48
- Excellent: 62

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

tags taste tastes tasty tithe tithes
ages ashes ashy gats gait gaits gases
gash gashes gets feat feats feast fest
fetish fats fast fash fashes stag stage
stages stags sage sages sagest sags
saith site sites seat eats east efts
seats seas sets safe safes safest
safety aseba bits bias biases bite bites
teat teats teas test testa theft thefts
heat heats heft hefts jest jets sync

Nonagram

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



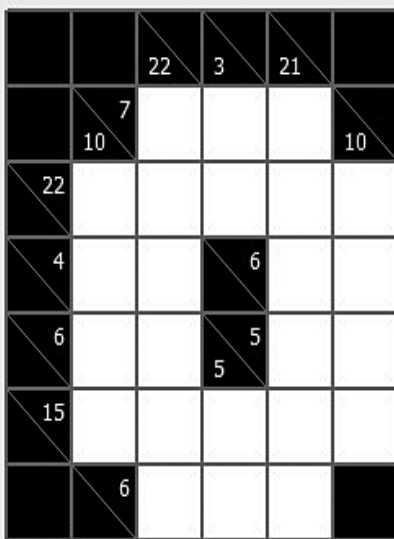
- TARGET:**
Average: 8
Good: 11
Very good: 15
Excellent: 20

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

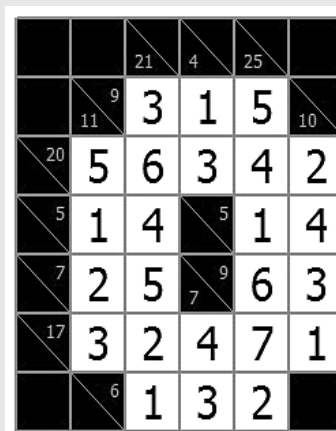
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beady blade bleed dally dealt delay delta ladle lated baldly
beadle belled belted debate elated tabled yelled belated
belayed bleated labeled elatedly BELATEDLY

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:**
1 Cafeteria, 7 Works, 8 Ruler, 9 Dim, 10 Plucky, 14 Prefer, 15 Ale, 18 Irate, 20 Unite, 21 Tasteless.
- Down:**
1 Cows, 2 Fertile, 3 Task, 4 Rarely, 5 All, 6 Strays, 11 Collide, 12 Sprint, 13 Recess, 16 Pure, 17 Bets, 19 Ant.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:**
1 Races, 4 Gristle, 8 Curtail, 9 Lacks, 10 Adoption, 11 Mine, 13 Dampen, 15 Potent, 18 Anna, 19 Liberate, 22 Ghana, 23 Edifice, 24 Electra, 25 Trees.
- Down:**
1 Richard, 2 Cargo, 3 Startled, 4 Gallop, 5 Idle, 6 Tactile, 7 Ensue, 12 Novelist, 14 Mandate, 16 Theseus, 17 Cinema, 18 Angle, 20 Abide, 21 Bait.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:**
1 Typist, 4 Bricks, 9 Colonel, 10 Yerno, 11 Etapa, 12 Justice, 13 Información, 18 Luggage, 20 Bache, 22 Abeto, 23 Tercera, 24 Scared, 25 Next to.
- Down:**
1 Ticket, 2 Pelea, 3 Sensato, 5 Reyes, 6 Carrito, 7 Storey, 8 Alojamiento, 14 Noguera, 15 Cobarde, 16 Always, 17 Verano, 19 Above, 21 Chest.

App of the week



Holedown

An app which takes users on a journey deep underground in a tense game involving dodging blocks as a little avatar crawls its way towards the cores of planets. Users can update their avatar by collecting crystals along the way. Players have to use their limited shots per round strategically in order to win the game.

QUIZ: A LITTLE BIT OF...

- All the answers feature the name of a girl (plus Lou) mentioned in Lou Bega's 1999 UK number one hit single **Mambo No 5**
- Which politician has served as Chancellor of Germany since 2005 and leader of the centre-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since 2000?
 - Which American novelist, satirist and poet is best known for her 1973 novel *Fear of Flying*, which has sold more than 20 million copies worldwide?
 - Which Sheffield-born heptathlete was the 2012 Olympic champion, a three-time world champion (2009, 2011, 2015) and the 2010 European champion?
 - What is the name of the cocktail made with vodka and spicy tomato juice?
 - Born in California in 1973, what is the name of the former White House intern who had an 'inappropriate relationship' with US President Bill Clinton?

- Who was the only female member of the cast of the BBC TV comedy programme *Not The Nine O'Clock News*?
- Which actress starred in 1960s films *A Taste of Honey* (1961), *The Leather Boys* (1964), *The Knack ...and How to Get It* (1965), *Doctor Zhivago* (1965) and *Smashing Time* (1967)?
- Which performer's *Puppet on a String* was, in 1967, the first British entry to win the Eurovision Song Contest?
- Anna Mae Bullock is the real name of which American-born Swiss singer-songwriter, dancer, actress and author?
- And finally... what is the name of the American bodybuilder and actor who is best known for his title role in the CBS television series *The Incredible Hulk*?

Not a lot of people know that... Mambo No 5 was originally recorded and composed by Cuban musician Dámaso Pérez Prado in 1949

Answers:

- ANGELA MERKEL
- ERICA JONG
- JESSICA ELLIS (DAME JESSICA ENNISH-HILL)
- BLOODY MARY
- MONICA LEWINSKY
- PAMELA STEPHENSON (Lady Connolly)
- RITA TUSHINGHAM
- SANDIE SHAW (real name SANDRA GOODRICH)
- TINA TURNER
- LOU FERRIGNO

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A rebel speaks

AUTHORITIES in the United States have just decreed that women in the country are now only allowed to speak 100 words per day.

As officials fit 'wrist counters' which send jolts of electricity through anyone who breaks the new rules, Dr Jean McClellan is struggling to come to terms with the new regime.

'Pure Women' gradually begin to lose their jobs, their reading and writing skills and soon their voice. They are expected to keep their mouths shut and stay at home.

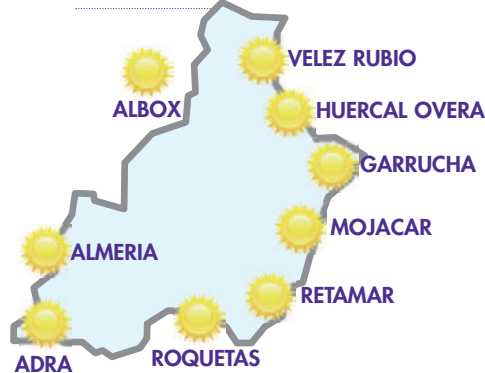
They are told they must be modest, submissive, humble and pure, that they must be honourable and obedient. Their husbands will take care of everything, after all.

Dr McClellan sees a future in which herself, her daughter and all women are subdued. She decides to reclaim her voice in Christina Dalcher's Vox.

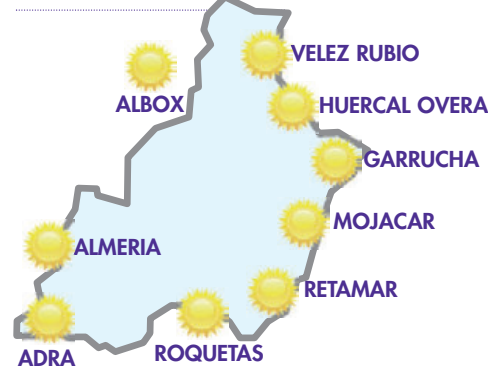
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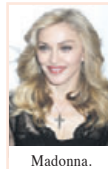
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

- **Madonna, Singer; August 16, 60**
Born Madonna Ciccone in Bay City, Michigan in the United States, the singer moved to New York City to pursue a career in dance after graduating from university. She has since sold more than 300 million albums and had hits with Like A Virgin and Papa Don't Preach.
- **Robert De Niro, Actor; August 17, 75**
The actor starred in the Martin Scorsese films Taxi Driver, Raging Bull and Cape Fear and had roles in The Godfather Part II and The Deer Hunter. Born in New York City in the US, he first acted at the age of 10 as the Cowardly Lion in a Wizard of Oz production.
- **Robert Redford, Actor; August 18, 82**
Redford starred in All The President's Men, The Sting



Madonna.

and Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid and directed Ordinary People which scored him an Oscar. He began acting in guest roles on the TV shows Perry Mason, The Untouchables and Alfred Hitchcock Presents.
- **Melissa Fumero, Actor; August 19, 36**
The actor who played Adriana Cramer in One Life to Live was born in Lyndhurst, New Jersey in the United States and studied Drama at New York University. She went on to play Amy Santiago in the TV series Brooklyn Nine-Nine and also featured in Gossip Girl.
- **Robert Plant, Singer; August 20, 70**
Plant was the front man of rock band Led Zeppelin and sung the hits Stairway to Heaven and Whole Lotta Love,

among others. Born in West Bromwich in England, he went on to be named the number one lead singer of all time in a Rolling Stone magazine ranking.
- **Bo Burnham, Comedian; August 21, 28**
Burnham became famous through comedy songs posted on YouTube including Bo-Fo' Sho and Repeat Stuff. He later released two hit albums in 2009 and 2010 and has produced the Netflix specials What and Make Happy.
- **Kristen Wiig, Actor; August 22, 45**
The actor was born in Canandaigua, New York in the United States and studied art at university before dropping out to pursue acting. She later featured in the TV series Saturday Night Live and landed her debut film role in Bridesmaids in 2011.

This week in history

- 43 BCE - Office demand**
Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus forces the Roman Senate to elect him Consul, the highest office in the then Roman Republic. Octavianus would go on to defeat rival Mark Antony and take the name Augustus when crowned Rome's first emperor.
- 963 - Ruler crowned**
Nikephoros II Phokas becomes the Emperor of the Byzantine Empire. He would go on to lead the empire into several wars and raise taxes to pay for them which resulted in riots at home.
- 1487 - Siege ended**
Castilian and Aragonese forces take the city of Malaga from the Emirate of Granada following a four-month siege. The battle saw the first use of ambulances to transport the injured.
- 1560 - Faith change**
Protestantism replaces the Catholic Church as the national religion of Scotland following the Reformation Parliament's abolishing the Pope's jurisdiction.
- 1642 - War launched**
King Charles I of England raises his standard in Nottingham, formerly beginning the English Civil War which he would go on to lose.
- 1852 - Theory debut**
Charles Darwin published his theory of evolution through natural selection for the first time in The Journal of Proceedings of the Linnean Society.
- 1944 - UN talks**
The Washington Conversations on International Peace and Security Organisations begins at Dumbarton Oaks near the United States capital. Attendees would go on to lay the foundations for the United Nations.
- 2017 - Van attack**
A van is driven into pedestrians on Barcelona's La Rambla, killing 14 people and injuring at least 100.

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.

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

MILD

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

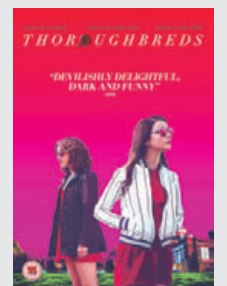
FAME

- MINE
- MIND
- MILD
- OR
- FAME
- FAKE
- MILE
- MILD
- OR
- FAME
- FANE
- MANE

Solution

DVD

View to a kill



WELL-TO-DO schoolgirl Amanda (Olivia Cooke) has just been charged with animal cruelty after euthanising her crippled horse. She feels no emotion due to mental issues.

Amanda later begins to rekindle her bond with one-time best friend Lily (Anya Taylor-Joy). But she makes a faux pas when she asks if she had ever thought about killing her heartless stepfather Mark (Paul Sparks), whom Lily hates.

The idea shocks Lily but after witnessing Mark's treatment of her mother (Francie Swift) she begins to reconsider in Thoroughbreds.

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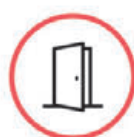
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particular its seeds.

An ideal snack, the seeds, or 'pipas,' are available all-year-round and packed with nutrients.

According to a study published in *Indian Journal of Urology*, they are commonly used to strengthen the prostate gland and promote healthy

hormone function in men. It claims they may help with benign prostatic hyperplasia, a condition that causes problems with urination due to an en-

larged prostate gland.

It's also believed that reduced sperm quality and infertility in men may be associated with low zinc levels, a mineral found in abundance in the seeds.

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ON:** There are ways to get cool enough to drop off to sleep.

Sleeping in the heat

WHEN it's hot outside and you don't have air conditioning, it can be a nightmare getting off to asleep.

But there are ways to get and stay cool for long enough to drift off.

It's advisable to do any exercise a few hours before getting into bed, and to drink plenty of water.

Body temperature is raised during strenuous activity and you retain heat. It's also a good idea to keep a glass of room temperature water by your bedside. Ice cold water slows down digestion and metabolism by constricting blood vessels, thereby decreasing the body's ability to cool off.

Eating a heavy meal or spicy food before bedtime may make you feel hotter, so eat a light dinner at least two or three hours before bed.

And contrary to popular belief, avoid a very cold shower before hitting the sack as it can have a rebound effect. Tepid shower or bath is best.

Another idea is to soak your hands and feet - the body's radiators - in tepid water to cool down.

Heat rises, so the lower to the ground or in the house you are, the more comfortable you will be.

And avoid heavy bedding, light cotton or bamboo mats are preferable. If possible, put bedding in the freezer 30 minutes before bedtime.

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Messy buns and braids as opposed to a coifed or blow dried hair are the norm during the summer, but it's important to have regular trims. Desert heat dries everything out - including the shaft of the hair, and as the hair grows, it continues to split up the shaft causing more damage.

Like any other part of the body, hair and the scalp needs protection from damaging UV rays.

Coconut oil is an antioxidant that keeps harmful rays at bay as well as being a natural SPF. It can be lathered onto damp hair as a deep conditioner, repairing and protecting your crowning glory



all day long.

Unless you are washing the coconut oil out, cleaning your hair daily is not recommended. Frequent washing increases oil production leading to a greasier scalp and brittle hair.

Instead use a dry shampoo which helps to reduce scalp oil without drying out your locks.

Or try mixing two to three tablespoons of coconut water with the juice of a lemon, massaging the mixture into your scalp for five

minutes and rinse with cold water. For best results, do this weekly.

The importance of drinking plenty of water can't be overstated. It is apparently the number one defence against lifeless locks!

Facing the sun

FACIAL skincare is an all-year-round commitment, and even more so in the height of the summer.

But despite the well-publicised dangers and negative effects of UV rays, just under half of the 1,008 women surveyed by leading market researcher Mintel use facial skincare products containing SPF.

It also found that 40 per cent of female facial skincare users find it difficult to know which level of sun protection to use.

Roshida Khanom of Mintel said that while sun exposure is considered the biggest external factor impacting the appearance of skin, usage of SPF on the face is relatively low.

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Learn the secrets of the ribbon race

JOIN in the celebrations for the patron saint of Mojacar, San Agustín which occur in the last week of August in the town from August 25 to 28.

On the opening Saturday, firecrackers will be let off in the streets to announce the start of the events and one of the high spots of the day will be the Marathon but before that, a group, Supersonicos will be performing free of charge at 4pm.

Later, after the Marathon for juniors and seniors has been completed there will be an evening of song and dance with the crowning of the Fiesta Queen followed by more music and fireworks.

One of the most interesting of the events is the ribbon race, the first of which takes place on the Sunday and according to tradition, unmarried girls in the town



THE CHILDREN: Have already collected their ribbons for their own event.

embroider ribbons which are hung overhead in the streets of Mojacar.

In the past there have been bicycle runs where riders have to grab as many (or as few if they have a particular girl in mind) and proceed to the town centre to find the lucky girl they have chosen.

This year, there is a spe-

cial open event for young men aged 17 who will ride on horses through the town.

Also on Sunday, there will be a football match and the obligatory music and dancing afterwards.

Monday is a good day for children aged between eight and 14 as they will be taking part in the annual online



THE 17-YEAR-OLDS: Will ride through the streets collecting ribbons.

games championship (but their names have to be registered in advance with the council).

In the early evening, the ladies will be dressed in their best traditional costumes and will carry water and flowers from the fountain to the statue of the saint at the Parish Church of San Agustín accompanied by the Mojacar Municipal Band.

Finally after yet more singing and dancing, fireworks will close the evening.

The last day sees more early firecrackers to get everyone ready to go to church to celebrate a special mass.

After this, the children's ribbon race will take place, followed by entertainment aimed at the children in the Plaza Nueva and a group will see the evening out at the same venue.

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**Eat Well
to Live Well**



by Andrew Harding

THIS week I will continue the discussion about B group vitamins:

Niacin (Vitamin B3). Niacin helps the body utilise the energy that is present in food and keeps the skin and nervous system in good order. Good sources are; mushrooms, cereals, eggs, meat, green vegetables, nuts and beans. Symptoms of mild niacin deficiency include fatigue, canker sores, vomiting, depression, poor circulation and indigestion.

Pantothenic Acid (Vitamin B5). Pantothenic acid, like the rest of the B complex vitamins, helps turn carbohydrates into glucose. Glucose is the only carbohydrate that the human body can use directly, starch and sucrose have to be converted to glucose. B5 is also necessary for creating red blood cells, various hormones and maintain healthy digestion. Sources include; mushrooms, legumes and lentils, avocados, milk, eggs, and cabbage. Deficiency is very rare and only found in the severely malnourished.

Pyridoxene (Vitamin B6). Vitamin B6 is important in maintaining a healthy body and developing a healthy brain, so it is essential to make sure high levels are

Eat well to live well!



**A TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN:
Chicken curry.**

maintained during pregnancy and infancy. Sources of B6 include beans, poultry, fish, fortified cereals, dark leafy greens, papayas, oranges and Cantaloupe melons. Severe deficiency is rare, but if slight can produce the following: A weak immune system, anaemia, rashes, scaly skin on the lips, cracks at the corners of the mouth and a swollen tongue.

Biotin (Vitamin B7, AKA, Vitamin H: Confused? So am I!) This split-personality vitamin is synthesised by the bacteria in the gut but is also found in organ meats (liver, kidneys), eggs, fish, meat, seeds, nuts, it helps to keep the skin, nails and hair healthy. Biotin deficiency is rare.

This week's recipe is a Caribbean Curry, Curries are normally associated with India, Pakistan, Thailand and to a lesser extent, China. I am not a great fan of adding fruit (except for the citrus varieties) to savoury dishes, but fruits like mango and pineapple can be added to this recipe five minutes before serving.

Caribbean Chicken Curry

Serves 4

1 kg chicken breast meat skinned, boned and cubed
2 tablespoons of rapeseed or sunflower seed oil

1 large onion, chopped
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 teaspoon allspice, ground
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon curry powder
2 chicken stock cubes
1 teaspoon celery salt
2 bay leaves
1 teaspoon of ground mace
2 tablespoons dried coconut
2 tablespoons mango powder
1 can of tomatoes
1 jigger dark rum
200ml orange juice
1 bunch cilantro leaf, chopped
2 teaspoons cornstarch, mixed with a little water

Fry chicken in oil until browned. Add onion and garlic and fry until both golden. Add curry powder, fry for two minutes on a very low heat. Add all the other ingredients, except for the cornstarch.

Simmer for 15 minutes or until chicken cooked. Add cornstarch/water mix slowly and constantly stirring, to thicken the sauce. Serve with steamed rice.

He bangs on stage

THE still popular Ricky Martin has given up his regular spot in Las Vegas and is now touring Spain, arriving in Almeria City next Thursday August 23 at 10.30pm.

Tickets for the concert in the Recinto de Conciertos del Ferial Almeria reflect the cost of staging this performance and are priced slightly cheaper than other concerts at €42.90 to €101.20 (including online commission charges) although if you want early access and a VIP seat then you will have to fork out €125.

Recently it has become very popular for artists to charge even more for a 'meet and greet' session which gives fans the opportunity to talk to their favourite star and have pictures taken with them, and some tickets at €296.50 may still be available for this concert.

Fans who visit the Fuen-girola concert will have the chance to see the Puerto Ri-



Credit: Eva Rinaldi flick

RICKY MARTIN: Knows how to thrill a crowd.

can singer appear with La Mari of Chambao who recorded Tu Recuerdo with him in 2007 which has become one of his classic numbers.

Even without La Mari, there is no doubt that the Almeria show will be very well worth attending as he is a master performer who can keep an audience spell bound

one minute and dancing in the aisles the next with his interpretation of his biggest hits including *She Bangs*, *Livin' the Vida Loca* and *Don't Care*.

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It took Cowell nearly two years of searching before settling on the line-up of Urs Bühler (Switzerland), Carlos Marín (Spain), David Miller (US), and Sébastien Izambard (France).

Confirming how astute he is, the group took off immediately and since 2003 have released nine top albums and have performed all over the world to an estimated two million people.

Their latest album Timeless which will form the basis of their performance sees them present a selection of great pop songs of the past decades with numbers including *Hola*, a Spanish ver-



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sion of Adele's hit song, John Legend's *All Of Me*, Robbie William's *Angels*, Natalie Cole's *Unforgettable*, Louis Armstrong's *What A Wonderful*

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NEW LOOK: Alvares de Sotomayor school is set for renovations.

Millions for local school

THE Junta de Andalucía has announced it has put contracts out to tender for more than €2,330,00 in renovation and extension works to a school in Cuevas del Almanzora.

Junta education officials said works to Alvares de Sotomayor public infant and junior school would include the demolition of one of its buildings. A new building is set to be constructed in its place, according to Junta plans.

Education officials from the Junta visited the school last week to unveil the plans. They

said the works would result in the centre having a total of 675 places once completed.

The news comes as the Jaroso secondary school in Cuevas del Almanzora is also set to be expanded under Junta plans.

Gracia Fernandez, an Almeria-based Junta official, said the renovations showed regional authorities were committed to providing quality public schools.

“The amount invested by the Junta in the school system from 2017 will stand at more than €60 million by the end of next

year,” Fernandez said.

The new building is set to include six classrooms, toilets, a communal space and adapted facilities for children with special educational needs.

There is set to be a room for the parent and teachers’ association to meet. The school is also set for a new gym with storage space.

In addition there will be extensions made to existing buildings at the site which will see the creation of another three classrooms and two toilets.

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Workers are due to overhaul the school's fire safety and electrical systems and clean and repair its fixtures and fittings.

The project has received joint grants from the Junta and from the European Union's Regional Development Fund. A total of 120 projects are currently being financed by that fund in Almeria Province with more than €30 million invested.

Archaeology call

ECOLOGISTS and local history enthusiasts in Cuevas del Almanzora have called on authorities to step up conservation efforts at the Villaricos archaeological site which they claimed had been 'abandoned.'

Locals and activists have asked the town's council and the Junta de Andalucia to act on what they said was the 'deplorable' state of the site.

The Villaricos site, home to the ruins of a Phoenician settlement, is classed as being one of Cultural Interest meaning it is protected until Junta heritage laws.

Ecologists in Action said in a statement that Cuevas del Almanzora Council and the Junta de Andalucia should work together to improve the site.

"The site is in a deplorable situation. Rubbish is often dumped there, there are no signs stating where

the site begins and there is a scarce amount of information about its historical value there," the group said.

The ecologists added authorities should clean the area and put up adequate signs to mark out the area as a minimum.

The Villaricos site covers an area of more than 301,630 square metres and it is near the mouth of the Almanzora river on its left bank.

The site is home to a series of monumental burial sites, the oldest of which date back to the 7th century BCE.

There are carvings with the tombs which are hewn into the rock face.

Villaricos was excavated by the Belgian archaeologist Luis Siret in the 19th century. Several finds from the site are housed in museums across Spain.



SITE CALL: Artefacts from the site are in museums across Spain.

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Hitting the jackpot

A SHARE of the first prize money for last week's National Lottery draw has gone to a resident of Albox as well as locals in Pulpi and Almeria City.

The winning number was 15,911 which carried a total prize of €300,000.

The winning ticket in Albox was sold in a store with office number 5,720,

according to Lottery sources.

The prize money is set to be split between the Albox, Pulpi and Almeria City winners, as well as ones in Chipiona in Cadiz Province and Bailen in Jaen Province. There was also a winner in Huelva City.

Other cities where players bought a winning ticket were those of Cancienes in Asturias, Barcelona, Medroñera in Caceres and San Vincte de la Barquera in Cantabria.

There were also winners in Santandar, Castellon de la Plana, Telde in Las Palmas, Madrid, La Aljorra in Murcia and two in Santa Cruz in Tenerife.

Three winners are set to split the Lottery's second prize of €60,000. They are in El Puerto de Santa Maria in Cadiz Province, Albacete, Elda in Alicante Province and Madrid.

The winning number was 9,991.



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STORMS STRIKE: Roads were flooded near Albox last week.

Taken by storm

HEAVY rainfall across the Almanzora Valley left Albox partially cut off from Oria after a ravine in Chirivel burst its banks for the second time in a week.

The storms, which struck the area last week, also caused damage to crops such as almond trees due to hail falling according to Spain's Met Office. Farmhouses were also damaged as a result of the weather, AEMET added.

Francisco Torrecilla, the mayor of Albox, said in a statement that water from the ravine had flooded fields across the areas surrounding Albox.


"There were storms over the fields of Oria

and many of the districts and towns on the edge of the Chirivel ravine which meets with that of Albox, with both of them flowing into the River Almanzora," Torrecilla said.

"It is good to have water in the ravines because it helps to boost supply, but damage has been caused," the mayor added.

"Roads were also damaged and thoroughfares on either side of the ravine were cut off although areas nearby to them were not entirely isolated. Machinery has been sent in to clear them," he said.

The Chirivel ravine begins in the town of the same name.



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Almond yields down

A FARMING association in Almeria has said their forecasts showed the almond crop in Albox and across Almansora is set to be lower than usual this year due to weather.

The ASAJA said almond trees in Albox, Olula and Seron had seen 'significant' falls in crop yields due to frosts earlier in the year. Long term droughts in the region have also had an impact, the association added.

Adoracion Blaque, the general secretary of the ASAJA's Almeria branch, said rainfall was crucial to the amount of almonds produced by the trees.

"We have to take into account that the vast majority of our almonds have not seen enough rainfall. There has not been enough rainfall or snowfall to make a significant contribution to the growth of trees this season and yields are therefore still scarce," Blaque said.

The general secretary added the lack of frosts in the spring in areas such as Fiñana and Abruena meant farmers there were likely to have a good harvest.

Albox is known for its almond industry. Provincial authorities regularly organise walking tours through the area's almond orchards in the spring when trees blossom due to its distinctive colour.

Almeria typically produces around 30 per cent of the almond output in Andalucia. Low yields in recent years have caused that figure to fall to about 13 per cent, in large part due to droughts according to the ASAJA.



LOW CROP: Almond trees are producing less crops.

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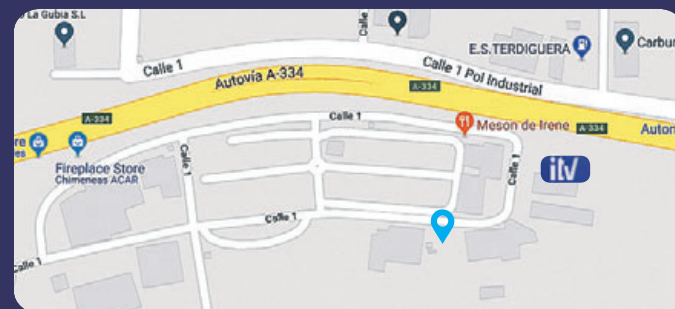
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Benefits of reducing watering in the garden

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ONCE summer is here the effects of the heat on the garden becomes apparent. It is usually too late to save poorly designed gardens without the need to apply a lot of water.

Sometimes it is better to just let the garden survive the best it can and learn from the experience. What has enabled plants to survive the summer is what can be replicated to have a more successful garden the next year.

One of the biggest problems is the incompatibility of the plants we like with the ability of the garden environment to grow the plants we want. The best solution is to learn to like the plants that grow naturally in the Mediterranean climate. They are many and varied.

If you do some research to find the Mediterranean plants that suit your garden environment and the effect you want from your garden then you have the easiest of work to make a garden. If you have natural soil in your garden and the plants are native, preparation and maintenance of a garden is minimal. The need to water the garden will be greatly reduced.

In a truly native garden the watering would principally be to establish new plants that have been introduced to the garden and assist some plants during extended dry and hot periods. Water use in the garden is minimal.



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CONTROLLING WATER: Is important for the benefit of everyone.

Normally we garden though to enjoy caring for plants and benefiting from the flowers, fruits and other produce which are not native to the region. We also like to attract and support wildlife in our garden environment. This increases the need to have more water available in the garden.

To minimise this need, soil improvement is

the most important issue to retain moisture in the soil. Soil protection is also very helpful so a good mulch and appropriate shading of zones to reduce direct sun exposure of the soil and plants will also make a big difference to water retention.

Application of water is also very important to regulate the amount of water needed to keep the

root zone of plants moist. Well designed drip irrigation is the most effective way to apply water just where it is needed with minimal time and effort.

There is always a place for a hose to water just what you want and to ensure plants get what they need. The best times to apply water in summer is in the early morning and late evening to reduce evaporation.

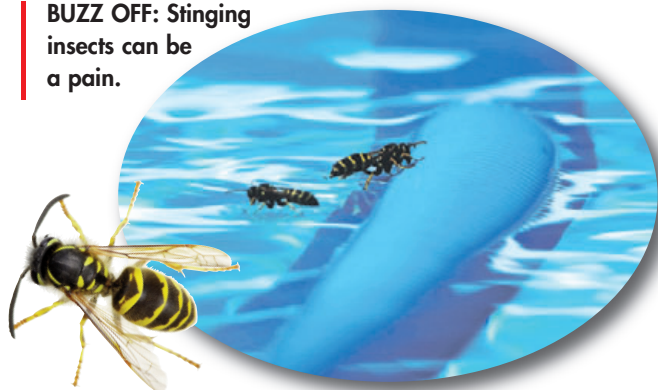
Capturing water for the garden can also make a big difference to supply and availability. If you can channel water into storage containers for the garden it will reduce the need for water from other sources. A large container can be enough to supply water for birds for weeks.

Even hilling up ridges around the garden plants and trees can allow the capture of summer storm rain water so it does not just run off into drainage systems. In winter the ridges can be raked out if they are not necessary.

The value of water as a resource needs to be measured against the value of the garden to provide the environmental benefits and produce to support our quality of lifestyle. Gardens are a haven for wildlife so providing water and moisture in a garden can make it an oasis for many birds and beneficial insects.

Reducing the need for water however allows the benefits of water to be shared more widely. Responsible conservation of water allows us to have gardens for the benefit of everyone.

BUZZ OFF: Stinging insects can be a pain.



Watch out, wasps about

AS temperatures continue to soar, a dip in the pool has never been more appealing.

But one thing sure to ruin those long summer afternoons is a sharp sting from a wasp or bee that happens to

have the same idea.

While it's tempting to kill them, they are good for the environment, and there are other ways to rid your sanctuary of the little invaders.

Wasps love raw meat! So

hanging a small piece of leftover cheap steak or beef in an area away from your pool can help entice them away.

Relatively cheap fake wasp nests are available and can be hung around the pool

area. Be sure to place them early in the season before they start building their own nests.

But if a large group of the insects have moved in, call in a removal pro.

Bees are a bit easier to remove without having to destroy them.

They are basically looking for a drink, so set up an alternative water source. Keep it going all summer and put a small stone inside in case a bee falls in.

It's important to set it up before you open your pool for the season so they already have an established water source.

While tumble dryer sheets smell nice to us, bees hate them.

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No 'get you home tyre'

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Views of a Grumpy Old Man



LOOKED at my tyre and it was flat. No big deal - I can phone the grua or change it myself. So I opened the boot of the car to see what's what and, to my surprise, there was nothing there. No jack, no spare wheel, not even the 'get you home tyre.'

There was a bottle of some kind of gooey stuff and a contraption that you plug into the ciggy lighter and then fix to the tyre and blow it up which is useless if the tyre has got a gaping hole in. I didn't even bother to try and read what you do with the gooey stuff. So why have they stopped putting spares into cars?

To make them lighter, which in turn saves fuel apparently, and a few other BS reasons. I was happy with the skinny 'get you home chap' that you used to get but to be stranded with nothing is a bit dumb if you ask me. I liked having that option. Why does everyone know better than the consumer? Because no one I've asked thinks it's a good idea. If you do, please let me know why.

Although I have a house phone, I use my mobile for nearly all my calls. When I got my bill this month I had a few Spanish calls that I

had to pay for which is unusual because I have a contract that includes all Spanish land lines for free. But of course, that doesn't include 901 or 902 numbers, which is a nuisance because my car insurance company and many other services I use have those numbers.

My tip is to go online and find the alternative number, which they all have, that you can then use your mobile to call them. Why don't companies just change to a 'normal' number which would seem logical? However, phone companies offer incentives in order to avoid this happening. In this way the phone company can offer their flat rate tariffs to the public, but know that the majority of people will need to call a 901 or 902 number from time to time. Conned again!

Here is another thing to watch out for that happened to me. I got a call from an 8xx number. It rang a couple of times then stopped. Now as I've been round the block a few times I didn't do what a lot of people would do and ring it back because, somewhere in the back of my mind, I remembered reading about a scam where this happens and you call it back and get put on hold after being told some cock and bull story and finish getting charged €3-400 for calling this premium number. As Shaw Taylor would say on Police 5 'keep 'em peeled' and if you remember that, well done.

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A RARE 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO is expected to sell for between €38 and €50 million in the RM Sotheby's Monterey sale on August 25, making it the most valuable car ever offered at auction.

Between 1962 and 1964, just 36 models of this ultimate racing Ferrari were built, and astonishingly, every single one of

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The GTO was the final evolution of Ferrari's 250 series, which began in 1953 and ended when the final GTO was built in 1964.

The current record price for a car bought in a public sale is €33 million, for another

Ferrari 250 GTO (naturally), paid at auction in 2014.

This Monterey sale takes place during the week of the annual Pebble

Beach Concours d'Elegance, widely considered the most prestigious concours event in the world.

The car up for sale boasts an impressive racing history, including winning

the 1962 Italian National GT Championship and class victories in the 1963 and 1964 Targa Florio.

It retains its original engine, gearbox, and rear axle, as well as its factory Series II body.

"We are thrilled at the rare opportunity to offer a legendary Ferrari 250 GTO at auction," says

Shelby Myers, car specialist at RM Sotheby's.

"Due to the evolution of technology and safety regulations that followed, the GTO was essentially the final true

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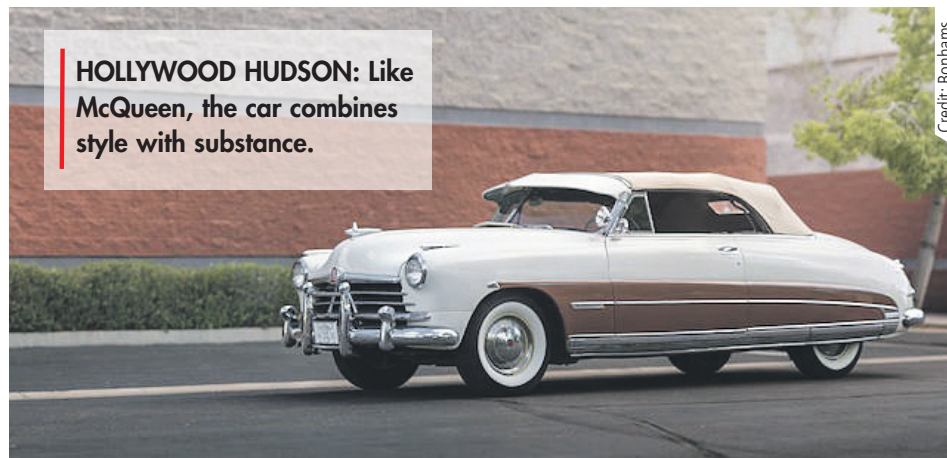
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One of the most famous car collectors of all time, the Great Escape star had a soft spot for Hudsons and actually owned four of them.

This model is thought to have been his favourite, and was his daily runabout ride.

After the King of Cool's death in November 1980, the Hudson was sold to one of McQueen's friends, before it fell into the hands of the current owner in 2015.

It has barely been driven in the last few years, spending a significant amount of time in storage.

The open topped coupe has a white and brown Americana-style body with chrome trim and a beige folding roof.

The interior has been perfectly kept and maintained, including plum-coloured seats and a vintage chrome stereo.

Under the bonnet, the motor boasts a six-cylinder 170 bhp engine, which was upgraded during McQueen's ownership.

The classic motor is now set to go under the hammer with Bonhams Auctions in California on August 24.

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Speaking the Berlingo

FRENCH manufacturers have a strong record in producing no-nonsense vehicles, but the new Citroen Berlingo promises to be a cut above.

Like its predecessor, it's based on Peugeot-Citroen's successful Berlingo/Partner small commercial vehicle, in this case the third generation.

It is essentially a van with the side panels cut out to create rear windows and the side-hinged back doors replaced by car-like tailgate, but it's also much more than that.

Inside there is plenty of practical storage space, including a classy overhead unit running the full length of the cabin, and under-floor cubbies in front of the rear seats.

A copious glass area and a full length sunroof provides a light, airy feel, and while the stacked dashboard looks a bit basic,

those who aren't keen on a sea of buttons will be satisfied.

As with the rest of the vehicle, the Berlingo has everything you need and nothing you don't.

The three rear seats fold individually, and are accessed by sliding doors on both sides, which are a real bonus in tight car parks.

At the back, the huge tailgate opens horizontally to reveal 775 litres of luggage space with the rear seats in place.

With them folded, there is a remarkable 4,000 litres of space and the dual-height parcel shelf is set high enough to accommodate a bicycle without having to remove or twist any parts.

Overall, those looking for a no-frills, fit-for-purpose and excellent value family vehicle should look no further.

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ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

THE Nissan Leaf is the world's top-selling electric vehicle and in Europe alone one is sold every 10 minutes, underlining the distinct shift towards zero-emission cars.

The latest version of the Leaf is more powerful, loaded with more technology and has a much greater range - up to 378 kilometres (235 miles) on a single charge.

Power comes from a 148 hp electric motor mated to an automatic gearbox and performance is comparable to most 'conventional' cars - 0-100 kph in 8.5 seconds, top speed 161 kph (100 mph).

However the big difference is zero emissions and no petrol or diesel costs.

The stated 378 kilometres on a single charge is in ideal conditions - more typically 240 kilometres (150 miles) is likely in real-world driving.

Quick recharging to 80 per cent power can take just

40 minutes, though full charging is several hours.

New Leaf has more eye-catching styling, much more standard technology, especially connectivity, which includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

You also get other kit including alloy wheels, front and rear reversing sensors, and auto lights and wipers on most versions. There are several trim levels

and in Spain prices start at €32,800. (In the UK, from £25,190 including government grant).

Technology is at the heart of the Leaf, which has ProPILOT advanced

driver assistance using the steering, braking and acceleration to assist the driver within

single lane, low speed traffic and highway cruising scenarios. In slow moving traffic it en-

All this means is that drivers will take a little time to familiarise themselves with the driving modes, but once mastered, you start to think all cars should be like this!

Driving a Nissan Leaf is a pleasant experience. You just press a start button, select D for drive and off you go.

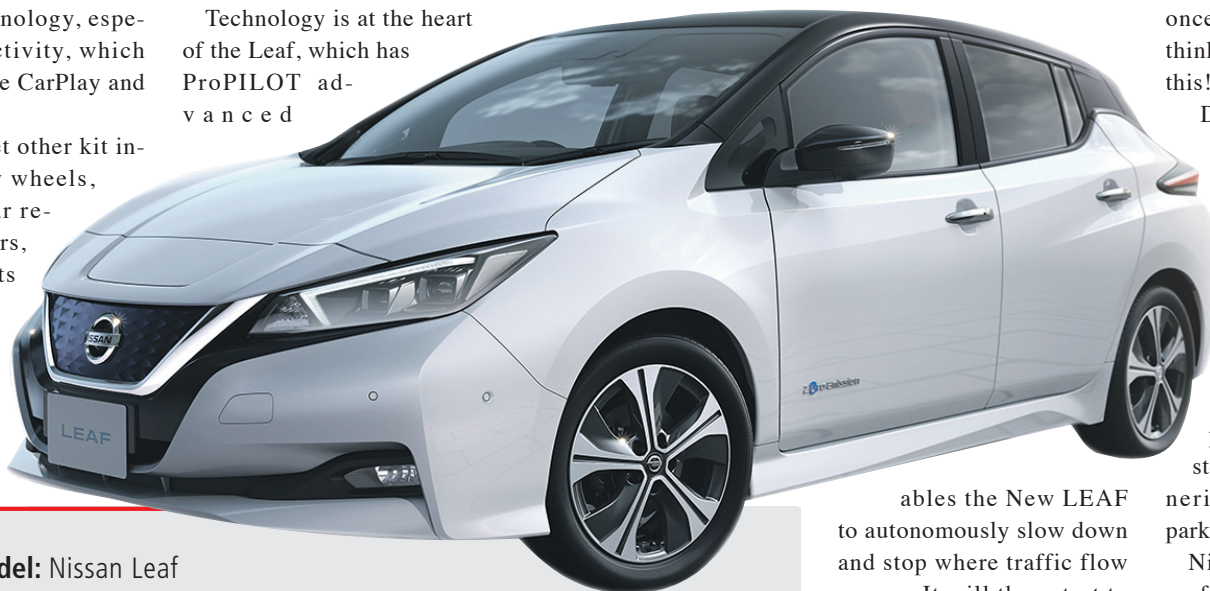
The first thing you notice is the near-silence!

It is very comfortable with supple suspension, light-touch steering, and assured cornering. It is also agile to park.

Nissan says the new Leaf - a five-seat hatchback with a large 435-litre boot - should no longer be viewed as just a local runabout because its improved range means it can be used for longer journeys.

Soaring sales indicate this message is certainly getting across.

Nissan Leaf

**STATS PANEL**

- **Model:** Nissan Leaf
- **Engine:** Electric motor
- **Transmission:** Automatic
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 8.5 seconds, top speed 161 kph (100 mph)
- **Economy:** range up to 378 kilometres (235 miles)
- **Emissions:** zero-emissions

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

ables the New LEAF to autonomously slow down and stop where traffic flow ceases. It will then start to follow the car in front when the flow resumes.

It is also equipped with e-Pedal, which allows drivers to start, accelerate, decelerate and stop - simply by increasing or decreasing the pressure applied to the pedal.

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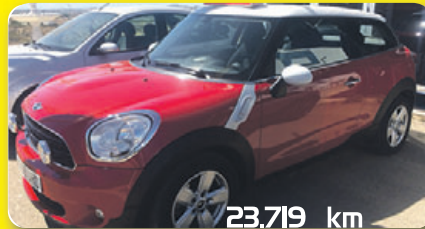
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IN the small town of Villar Perosa with a population of 4,000 people, 5,000 Juventus fans packed out the stadium to watch Cristiano Ronaldo score the only goal in a friendly against the club's B team.

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Premier League Preview

Liverpool off to a flyer

JURGEN KLOPP described Liverpool's emphatic 4-0 victory over West Ham as "better than I could have expected," as Mohamed Salah's goal set Liverpool on their way to their biggest opening home league win since 1932.

The Reds' superiority was clear from the start and they doubled their advantage when Sadio Mane turned in James Milner's cut-back from six yards.

The Senegalese forward added his second early in the second half when he latched onto Roberto Firmino's clever through pass and guided the ball into the bottom corner.

In a game which saw Naby Keita impress in midfield for Liverpool, substitute Daniel Sturridge



Credit: @LFC/Twitter

MANE EVENT: Sadio Mane celebrates his second goal in Liverpool's win.

rounded off the scoring from a corner with his first touch, seconds after coming on.

Liverpool will travel to Crystal Palace on Monday, while West Ham host Bournemouth on Saturday.

Arsenal were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Manchester City in the Gunners' first competitive

game without Arsene Wenger in charge since 1996.

Raheem Sterling put City ahead in the 14th minute when he rifled home from the edge of the area, and Arsenal rarely threatened afterwards.

City appeared to be able to shift gears at will, and killed off the game when Benjamin Mendy,

who assisted both goals, pulled the ball back for Bernardo Silva to blast in a second.

Arsenal have another tough game at Chelsea on Saturday, while City will entertain Huddersfield on Sunday.

For their part Chelsea enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Huddersfield, despite leaving World Cup heroes Eden Hazard and Olivier Giroud on the bench.

A volley from N'Golo Kante, a penalty from debutant Jorginho and a late third from Pedro gave new manager Maurizio Sarri an ideal start to the campaign.

Manchester United praised 'monster' Paul Pogba after he scored the opening goal and controlled the game in the 2-1 win over Leicester City.

Left back Luke Shaw then scored the first senior goal of his career after converting Juan Mata's aerial pass to double their lead.

Substitute Jamie Vardy headed a late consolation for the Foxes, after Ricardo Pereira's cross had hit a post.

United will head to Brighton on Sunday, with Leicester hosting Wolves on Saturday.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Fulham head to Tottenham on Saturday, Everton host Southampton, and West Ham entertain Bournemouth.

La Liga Preview

Barca still team to beat

BARCELONA will look to extend their spell of domestic dominance in La Liga, but the likes of Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid will be keen to put a stop to it.

The Catalan club cruised to the title last season, scoring 99 goals and losing just once, while Real Madrid claimed the Champions League crown for the third year in a row.

Barca kick off their title defence at home against Alaves, and they are firm favourites to continue where they left off in April.

Diego Simeone's Atletico side will be hoping to make their mark in the



Credit: FCBarcelona/Twitter

MINI MAESTRO: Lionel Messi will once again be key to Barcelona's success.

league, and they are the only other side outside Barca and Real to have won it in the last 14 years.

But of all the title contenders, it is Atletico who have the trickiest start, taking on Valencia who have big expectations of their own.

There may be a period of adjustment at the start of the season for Real, who lost both Cristiano Ronal-

do and manager Zinedine Zidane in the summer.

However, Los Blancos will not accept a whole season of transition and Welsh forward Gareth Bale will be expected to fill Ronaldo's sizeable scoring shoes.

They kick off their domestic campaign at home against Getafe, a game which should cause them few problems.



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RELENTLESS RAFA: Nadal celebrates yet another tournament victory in Toronto.

Nadal aces Rogers Cup

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal beat unseeded Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the Rogers Cup in Toronto, bringing the Greek's stunning run to an end.

Tsitsipas, who turned 20 on Sunday, beat Dominic Thiem, Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev en route to the final but lost 6-2 7-6 (7-4) against the Spanish great.

Tsitsipas, who was the first unseeded finalist in Canada since Germany's Nicolas Kiefer in 2008, has won new fans with some brilliant shot making and an extrovert personality.

But Nadal, 32, was in no mood to pander to the crowd, who were firmly behind the birthday boy appearing in his first Masters Series final.

The French Open champion raced through the first set, but was broken for the first time when serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set.

That handed the momentum to Tsitsipas, who then had a set point at 6-5 only for Nadal to benefit from a net-cord volley.

Nadal regrouped in the tie-break to win his 80th ATP Tour title, sinking to his knees and roaring to the skies.

Earlier, Romania's Simona Halep beat American Sloane Stephens in three sets to win the women's event in Montreal.

In a rerun of the French Open final in June, Halep eventually came out on top 7-6 (8-6) 3-6 6-2.

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