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# Ruling outcry

By Joe Gerrard

AN Asperger's syndrome group has accused judges of "social ignorance" as they cut jail time for a man found guilty of sexually assaulting a woman with the condition.

The Asperger's Almeria body said it was concerned and uneasy about the appeal ruling from Andalucia's Superior Court of Justice.

The court, sitting in Granada, found the defendant did not know of the 21-year-old's condition. Judges overturned a previous ruling from Almeria's Provincial Court which found the man took advantage of her mental state.

Amparo Garcia Escarabajal, the head of the group, said the judges should have taken into account the symptoms of Asperger's. He also called for awareness training for justices.

"People with Asperger's do not perceive bad intentions and they struggle to intuit danger from others," Escarabajal said.

The group's head said the body respected the court's professionalism but added the ruling contributed to the stigma faced by those with Asperger's.

"Asperger people are seen as intellectually deficient and as having delays in thought or



**RULING CLAIMS:** The appeal was heard at Andalucia's Superior Court of Justice.

being sick people.

"None of these concepts fit those used by doctors to classify people with the condition," he said.

The Almeria court heard the defendant met the woman in a Garrucha gym in 2016 when she was 21.

Prosecutors said they were alone in the spinning room when the man grabbed her and touched her buttocks and crotch before she told him to stop.

The Andalucia court ruled it was impossible to determine if the man knew the woman

was mentally disabled.

Judges cut the defendant's jail term to seven years but

upheld a €15,000 compensation payout and a restraining order.

FIVE people including a 14-year-old were taken to hospital with injuries after two vehicles crashed into each other near El Ejido.

The 112 Emergency Services line said they were alerted to the accident shortly after it is believed to have taken place at around 1.20am on Monday. Several witnesses told them about the crash, personnel added.

## Five hurt

The incidence took place at kilometre 407 of the A-7 motorway. The two vehicles were travelling in the direction of Almeria at the time.

One woman aged 21 and two aged 30, as well as a 54-year-old man and the 14-

year-old, were taken to Poniente Hospital by paramedics after personnel arrived at the scene. Guardia Civil traffic officers and highway maintenance workers were also despatched, with the cause of the crash unknown.

The severity of the five people's injuries was not specified by emergency services.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Heatwave warning**

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

**Young guns**

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

**Big stink**

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

# Sex abuse probe

## 'Most wanted' Brit fugitive held

By Matt Ford

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

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

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

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



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Investigators followed a trail of addresses - including B & Bs and hostels - used in adverts he posted on Spanish family websites.

He was eventually tracked down and arrested in Granada, after being placed under covert surveillance for several days.

The results of a fingerprint test revealed his true identity.

Hayes vanished after flying from Liverpool to Amsterdam in May 2015, following his release on bail ahead of a trial over the alleged sex crimes.

**GOT HIM: David Daniel Hayes was arrested in Granada.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Holidaymaker forecasts

MORE than one million tourists are expected to stay in Almeria Province overnight this month according to an Andalucia statistics body's predictions. The Tourism Analysis and Statistics System (SAETA) added occupancy rates could come to at least 76 per cent in the province's hotels and could be higher in Almeria City.

## Train deals

CONTRACTS worth almost €2 billion are set to be tendered for works on the Murcia to Almeria train line making it one of the Spanish rail authority's most funded projects. Isabel Pardo, the head of Adif, said it would be "foolish" to set a start date for the works.

## Sewage claim

ENVIRONMENTAL groups have filed a complaint with prosecutors claiming that sewage is being dumped by the Avenida de Federico Garcia Lorca and the Rambla Belen. Ecologists in Action, Ecologist Mediterranean and Now Almeria said the alleged dumping was happening constantly, creating unpleasant smells and giving the city a "bad image."

## Flight data

A TOTAL of 352 flights have been scheduled to depart from Almeria Airport this month with space on board for 50,200 passengers all together, according to Spain's airport authority. AENA said 42 flights would leave Almeria's Airport today (Thursday) with space for 6,476 passengers and that 26 flew out last Friday.

## Bin blast

FIREFIGHTERS and Local Police officers were called out in Almeria City after locals reported hearing an explosion in a public rubbish container. Emergency services personnel arrived on Calle Las Cruces at around 1.30am on Sunday to find the bin had caught fire with police treating the incident as suspected vandalism.

## Two held

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested a 19-year-old and a 27-year-old in El Ejido in connection with the sending of a sexually intimate video of people without their knowledge. Proceedings have been sent to the town's Court of Instruction and police said they had not ruled out making further arrests.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 24

Photo credit Twitter

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

# Fare game

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Migrant centre claims

HUERCAL-OVERA'S mayor has claimed the Junta de Andalucia opened a centre for migrant youths without the town council's knowledge or without consulting local authorities.

Mayor Domingo Fernandez, of the conservative Partido Popular (PP), said the centre's opening was an emergency measure.

Fernandez added he had asked the Junta to clarify whether the centre, which houses unaccompanied migrant children, meets health and safety standards.

The mayor also claimed Junta officials had refused to allow council social welfare spokesperson Manel Buitrago entry to the centre last week.

Buitrago's attempted visit followed a police inspection where officers were told no licence was needed to house the 23 children due to it being an emergency measure, the mayor claimed.

Fernandez said the local authority asked the Junta documents to prove a licence was not needed and they had not arrived as of last Monday.

## Man sentenced for raping wife

THE Provincial Court of Almeria has sentenced a man to six and a half years in prison on the charge of raping his partner while she was lying in bed with their two-year-old son.

Ignoring the woman's refusal, the suspect allegedly forced himself on her, preventing her from escaping.

The ruling prohibits the detainee from approaching the victim's home and work, and from coming within 500 metres of her

for a period of nine years.

It also includes a ban on all forms of communication, and imposes a fine of €12,000 for the rape.

A statement from the victim was deemed 'consistent and fully credible' by the court, while the defendant's explanation the act was consensual was dismissed.

The victim also provided evidence of threatening messages sent by the suspect, after she told him she wanted to leave him.

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

# Mum jailed

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

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

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

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

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

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

She defied the ruling and vanished with them for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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By Matt Ford

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

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

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

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

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

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

But Jamie, who works in Benidorm after moving

# Tattoo fury

## Expat hits out at claims



STAG PRANK OUTRAGE: The incident triggered a furious response.

from North Shields three months ago, claims he was not involved in the incident and says the victim

is not even homeless.

He told UK media: "I was not there at the time.

There was a big group of around 30 of us drinking in the bar.

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

He added the first thing he knew about it was when friends told him it had hit the news.

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

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

Karen Cowles, president of the Benidorm British Business Association, told the *Star* she knows Tomek, adding: "What they have done to this man is utterly inhuman and akin to abuse.

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

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

## 'Theft' arrest

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested a 32-year-old man from Vicar in connection with the alleged theft of a generator and trailer in Granada Province.

Police suspect the detainee of handling stolen goods. A complaint about the generator was first made to police in September last year alleging it had been taken from the town of Cijuela in Granada Province.

The 32-year-old arrested was the manager at a scrap metal merchants. Proceedings for the case have been sent to the courts.

The investigation remains open with police refusing to rule out making further arrests.

## OUR VIEW

### ID cards recommended

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# In full string

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

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

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



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

Photo credit Elizabeth Hurley/Instagram/Twitter

# Flack on the market

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

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

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



**UNLUCKY IN LOVE:** Caroline Flack.

# Bear-ly credible

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

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

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

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

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

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



**WHITE LIE:** Ellie and Stephen.

can be booked from €224.

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

# Fox in the box

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

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

by nodding a giant inflatable football into the crowd.

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



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

# By ecc!

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

The mum-of-one, 34, ap-



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

**YUMMY MUMMY:** Tamara Ecclestone with daughter Sophia.



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# Snappy put down for shark selfie seekers

BEACHGOERS who posed for selfies with a stranded shark before returning it to the sea have received a snappy put down from emergency services.

They have been told they should have left the one-metre long shark alone so professionals could have made sure it was in a healthy enough state before releasing it.

Although the shark was later found and retrieved by Equinac animal rescue charity and taken to the Aquarium of Almeria, it has since died.

People gathered round the

shark when it was found in shallow water at the Romanilla beach at Almeria's Roquetas del Mar.

Lifeguards could not stop the crowd from closing in, intent on taking selfies with the injured creature.

One man then grabbed it by the tail and pulled it out to sea.

Now Civil Protection officers have said this was almost exactly the wrong thing to do and are reminding people that there is a strict protocol to follow when animals are found stranded on the beach.

Bathers should have notified



**BAD IDEA: Call the professionals.**

112 emergencies who would have sent a team of specialists to examine the shark. Because it had cuts to the head and a fin it would have been treated be-

fore being set free.

Now Equinac have criticised the bathers who it says 'harassed and manipulated' the creature.

## Justice delivered to cocaine crook

THE Provincial Court of Almeria has sentenced a man to four-and-a-half years in prison for receiving a package from Guadalupe island which contained cocaine hidden inside two bookends.

Sources suggest that more than half a kilo of cocaine was discovered, and the defendant has been fined €90,000 for a crime against public health, as well as paying legal costs.

An investigation began in May 2016 when the customs surveillance unit of Almeria received a tip-off that a shipment of illegal narcotics from Pointe-a-Pitre had been detected by the French customs authorities.

Three bags of cocaine were found in the bookends, which were in the shape of globes, amounting to 516 grams of cocaine, with a 60 per cent purity value.

On the black market it is believed that the package would attract a price of €85,749.

As part of a police operation, a customs official pretended to be a



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**JUSTICE SERVED: The sneaky attempt to hide the drugs was rumbled.**

delivery worker at a parcel company, and made preparations to deliver the merchandise to the defendant.

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**MICHAEL, 65, on holiday from Somerset, UK**

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

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

**Hannah Jackson, 15, on holiday from Manchester, UK**

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

“Local business is important

**STREET TALK**

# Are nationwide taxi strikes justified?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NO JOY RIDE: Jani and Anja.**

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# Boxers freed

## Detectives probe sex claim

TWO British boxers held on suspicion of gang-raping a female holidaymaker in Ibiza have been provisionally freed after appearing in court on the island.

Paul Upton, 30 and his younger brother Sonny, 29, both from London and formerly trained by Ricky 'The Hitman' Hatton, were initially remanded in custody following their arrests in San Antonio.

They must now make themselves available to the judge when called upon.

A third boxer named as 21-year-old Bradley Smith from St Ives in Cambridgeshire and an unnamed fourth man had already been released investigators continue to probe the case.

The quartet is thought to have denied the accusations against them.

It comes after a 29-year-old



**PROVISIONAL RELEASE:** Paul, left, and Sonny Upton must report to the authorities when called upon.

British holidaymaker alleges she was sexually assaulted by the group after meeting them at well-known bar Lineker's and being force-fed two pills.

She claims she was then taken to the Marian apartment complex where she was held

down while the men took it in turns to have sex with her.

The woman is understood to have been drinking heavily and was unable to give detectives a clear account. She was examined by medics in the wake of the alleged assault.

THE Irish Department of Foreign Affairs has confirmed it is providing consular assistance to the family of a four-year-old girl who died after falling into a Costa del Sol swimming pool.

The incident took place on

## Irish girl dies

The alarm was raised at 10.30 in the morning, but

calle San Joaquin off Marbella's Golden Mile, where the victim is believed to have been coming to the end of a month-long holiday with her parents.

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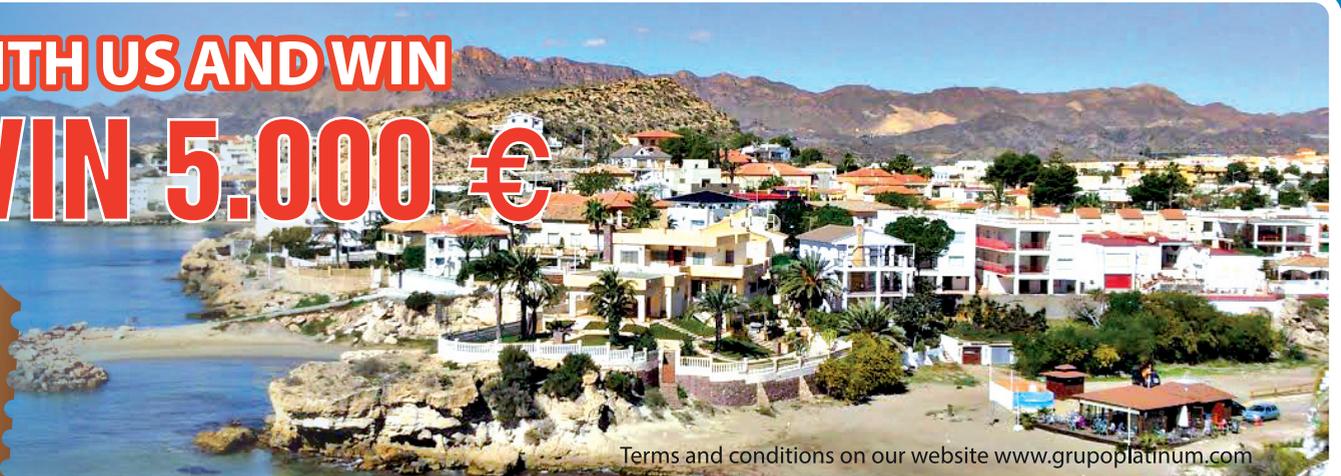
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**NEWS EXTRA****Roundabout lights up**

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**Vet cash**

ALMERIA City's council has said it will invest some €70,000 to expand a veterinary clinic by about 40 per cent of its current size and extend its opening hours to cover a round-the-clock service.

**Port figures**

THE amount of freight coming into Almeria City's harbour has increased by about 22.8 per cent and the number of passengers passing through rose by 2.9 per cent according to statistics from its authority.

# Pet warning

## Four dogs die in car boot



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

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

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

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

The two men told police they had come

from Valencia to spend the day with the four dogs before leaving them locked in the boot for between 30 to 60 minutes.

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

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

# Hot and heavy



**PLANE RIDICULOUS:** Twenty people were told to leave the aircraft.

by Karl Smallman

BRITISH AIRWAYS ejected 20 passengers off a flight to Spain's holiday island of Ibiza because the heatwave in the UK made the plane too heavy to take off.

A total of 14 flights from the London City Airport were affected last Friday by temperatures which reached a blazing 35 celsius.

The London City Airport's short runway means that planes have to take off at a steeper angle than at most other airports. And the airline explained that the high temperatures affected the air pressure meaning that aircraft could not take off unless they shed weight.

The airport said: "London City Airport was affected by the

extreme heat which meant, to operate safely, unfortunately passengers needed to be off-loaded from 14 British Airways flights.

A BA spokesperson said: "Like other airlines operating from London City Airport, British Airways flights were affected by the extreme heat.

"Because of the unique nature of the airfield, with a short runway and steep take-off, extreme temperatures affect air pressure so aircraft weight has to be reduced.

"This meant regrettably we were forced to offload 20 customers from our Ibiza service.

"We worked with them to provide hotel accommodation and rebooked them on flights the following day."

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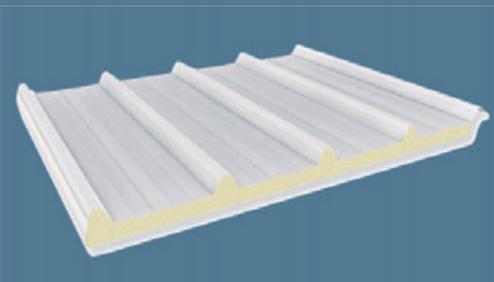
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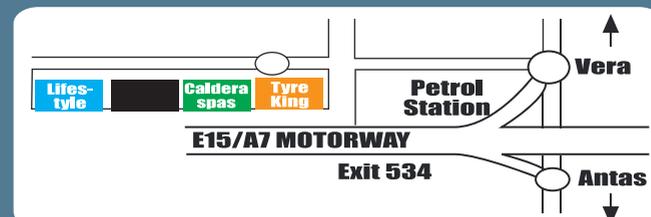


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# Migrant crisis goes on

by Matt Ford & Dilip Kuner

**Spain has recently become the preferred entry point for sub-Saharan Africans trying to reach Europe, and the latest flood of arrivals has seen resources stretched to the limit.**

## Beachgoers shocked

NUDE sunbathers were left stunned after a dinghy carrying dozens of African migrants landed on a packed Cadiz beach before sprinting across the sand into the surrounding forest.

The dramatic incident, which saw their boat hit the sand ahead of a pursuing Guardia Civil launch, took place on Del Cañuela beach near Bolonia in Tarifa.

And the migrants escaped after

racing past groups of baffled nudists in the wake of crossing the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco.

Less than 24 hours later, a second dinghy stormed Zahora beach in nearby Barbate as hundreds of confused sun-seekers looked on.

The news comes after Jose Ignacio Landaluze, mayor of nearby port city Algeciras, warned that the area is at the centre of a "new migrant crisis" after 1,000 people arrived in the last week alone.

He added the Strait is in danger of becoming "the new Lampedusa," referring to an Italian island which has seen its tourist income slashed after being swamped by migrants.

"I hope the EU is working on a global policy on this: it may be our problem initially, but tomorrow, or in a week's time, or a month's, it will be at the heart of Europe," he said. "We've never, ever, ever had 1,000 migrants arriving in Spain each weekend. And all this could just be for starters."

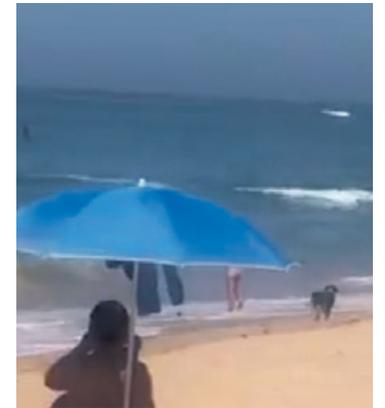
"There's a lot of the summer left and there are thousands and thousands of migrants arriving on the



coasts of North Africa and thousands and thousands more who have been waiting to cross for months or years.

"We have to talk about what we

are going to do with the people who arrive to our shores so that our area does not become the new Lampedusa of the Western Mediterranean.



**DAYLIGHT RAIDS: Dinghies with dozens of migrants aboard have landed on Spanish beaches.**

"This is not the mayor of Algeciras' or the Spanish Interior Ministry's problem, it is an EU matter."

The official explained many of the most recent arrivals have been forced to sleep on floors with no bedding on boats or in police cells because "we do not have enough money or enough beds" to cope since "everything is overcrowded."

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# Violence in Ceuta

THE Spanish government has announced the posting of 20 additional border patrol officers in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta after 700 African migrants stormed a six-metre fence.

Some reportedly attacked police officers with home-made flame-throwers, human faeces and quicklime as they scaled the barrier topped with barbed wire.

One large group reportedly used secateurs and circular saws to slice open parts of the fence before pouring through as Moroccan police and Guardia Civil officers battled to stop the onslaught for over an hour.

Ceuta Red Cross reported more than 130 injuries, including 22 policemen, with at least 11 people hospitalised after the fence almost collapsed due to the weight

of the people atop it.

Many of the immigrants who successfully crossed the border could be seen screaming with joy or kissing the floor as they roamed the streets of the North African territory.

Others headed straight to the Temporary Migrant Centre, which currently houses 600 people despite its official capacity of 520.

The overcrowding of the centre has sparked chaos in the enclave, with groups of immigrants forced to sleep in the open or makeshift tents, while 1,300 people have been rescued while trying to cross the Strait of Gibraltar since Monday.



**BLOODIED:** Some of those who made it into Spain cut themselves on the barbed wire-topped border fence.

## €30m pledge

SPAIN has revealed it is to invest €30 million on an emergency plan to deal with the flood of migrants.

But Foreign Minister Josep Borrell hit back at claims the country is being overwhelmed by mass immigration. Speaking after a meeting with his Jordanian counterpart Ayman Safadi, he said: "We're trivialising the word mass."

He added that incidents such as the storming of the Ceuta border create an incorrect public perception.

"This shocks public opinion and the disorderly nature of immigration produces fear," the official added. "Six hundred people is not massive compared to 1.3 million [Syrian refugees currently in Jordan]."

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# Sanchez-Macron talks

## Leaders address migration trade and EU in Madrid



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TALKS: Macron (left) and Sanchez (right) met at La Moncloa.

by Joe Gerrad

SPANISH Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has received France's President Emmanuel Macron for talks at his residence in Madrid in what was the leader's first visit to Spain since taking office.

The Prime Minister welcomed the French head of state outside of La Moncloa

in Madrid last Thursday.

They then held talks on issues including migration, trade and EU reform before holding a joint press conference.

The two leaders presented a united front on the current migration situation, with an eight point declaration issued calling for an approach based on solidarity and respect for human rights.

The Madrid Declaration on Migration Matters said Spain and France shared the same strategy to address the arrival of migrants and emphasised co-operation with other EU member states.

It added Spain and France supported lending more resources to tackle the rising number of arrivals in southern Europe and creating a 'predictable approach' in line with international law.

"Spain and France are willing to reinforce their support for, and co-operation with, the countries of origin, transit and destination, especially with Morocco," the Declaration stated.

Sanchez and Macron also addressed the spectre of a trade war between the United States and the European Union following the former's decision to impose tariffs on some European goods.

Sanchez said any agreement between the US and the EU must be made with the approval of the bloc's Parliament and member states.

"We do not want any trade war but the European Union has made progress that must

be preserved," Sanchez said.

Macron said work was needed to lower "useless tension" between the US and the EU and added he was sceptical that Brussels and Washington could thrash out a trade deal.

"Neither Europe nor France ever wanted any trade war. A good business dialogue can only be done under a balanced and reciprocal relationship that is not threatening under any circumstances," Macron said.

"I am not in favour of starting to negotiate a broad trade agreement now because the current situation does not allow it," he added.

The two spoke as European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker met with US President Donald Trump in Washington for talks which aimed to stop a trade war.

Both leaders addressed further reforms to the EU and in particular to the bloc's Monetary Union.

Sanchez said: "We have to strengthen the Economic and Monetary Union now and not when we are in recession."

Macron said it was "essential" that the momentum of reform was maintained.

The French President later met with King Felipe for a dinner at the Royal Palace of Madrid. Both Sanchez and Macron travelled to Portugal last Friday for a summit in Lisbon on energy connections with Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa and EC President Juncker.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Railway line works call

THE heads of an Almeria business association have called on officials to work to complete the Mediterranean Corridor high speed rail line by 2023, with Asempal members concerned about hold ups with contract tendering.

### Crop figures

THE amount paid to Almeria farmers for crops fell by 15.4 per cent to around €2.8 billion and output fell by 0.5 per cent over the past few months compared last year according to official data.

### Clinic bid

A COUNCILLOR in Vicar has presented a motion backing the opening of a pharmacy in the La Puebla area, with Antonio Jesus Rodriguez Ruiz's proposal following the current centre's closure on Monday July 23.

### Job scheme

THE mayor of Almeria City has unveiled a European Union-backed training programme focused on the hotel, farming and business sectors with 210 places available for the scheme which is due to begin on September 3.

### Park revamp

HUERCAL DE ALMERIA'S council has undertaken a cleaning operation at children's playgrounds in the town and has committed to replacing old equipment which could be dangerous to those who go there.

### Plant claims

ECOLOGISTS from the Duna group in Almeria have claimed a planned biomass power plant planned from El Ejido would be wasteful and harmful to the environment despite the project being pitched as energy efficient.

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**HOLIDAY NIGHTMARE:** The suspect was arrested in Santa Ponsa.

## Sex assault rap

by **Matt Ford**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Cuts death study storm

## 'More dead from austerity than civil war'

by **Joe Gerrard**

ACADEMICS from a Tenerife university have claimed that more people have died due to austerity policies implemented in Spain after the recession than were killed during the country's Civil War.

The University of La Laguna academics, publishing in a United States-based journal, claimed death rates spiked from 2011 to 2015 when spending cuts were first made.

The results are reportedly controversial. Another study was published in the same issue which sought to counter the claims on the grounds of statistics recording changes.

Researchers working with National Institute of Statistics (INE) data and in collaboration with Tenerife's Hospital of Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria claimed almost 505,560 deaths were connected to cuts.

Estimates of the death toll from the Spanish Civil War



**DEATH CLAIMS:** Spending cuts have previously sparked protests.

range from 200,000 up to two million at the highest depending on whether those killed outside of combat are counted.

Their findings are set to be published in the August edition of the *Journal of the American Society of Public Health*.

Academics including lead author Professor Antonio Cabrera de Leon, a public health specialist, claimed data showed a 29 per cent rise in mortality rates from 2011 compared to predictions.

Researchers compared the

findings with those from the United States and found death rates there rose by around 8 per cent during the same period.

Academics concluded the 'marked' increase in mortality between 2011 and 2015 was linked to the introduction of austerity in Spain.

The forthcoming edition of the society's journal also features an article from researchers seeking to discredit the findings. Academics from the London School of Economics, the University of Las Palmas de

Gran Canaria and the Autonomous University of Barcelona claimed data collecting changes caused the spike in deaths.

Cristina Hernandez-Quevedo, Beatriz Lopez Valcarcel and Miguel Porta added there was an uninterrupted growth in public spending in Spain with the exception of 2012. Government cuts approved in that year saw money for public health fall by 6 per cent.

The counter study claimed there could be no link between rising death rates from 2011 and those cuts as they were not implemented until the following year.

The counter study stated that austerity had had a significant impact on many Spaniards and had increased inequality.

Researchers added that despite this there was no link to be found between death rates and spending cuts. The University of La Laguna has said that it plans to review the study from its academics.

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**GUNS FOR HIRE: The Stage Door Theatre cast.**

SORRY folks, I must start with an apology. One of those rare moments that I did not get my piece proof read. I really should know better.

Sadly I got the date wrong, it should have read July 28 rather than August. However quite a few did turn up, we

had a really good first reading and can as a result cast it straight away.

However, to take the pressure off it always helps to have extra cast members so don't give up. From Saturday August 4 (yes I got it right this time!), we shall be re-

hearsing every Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm at the Evangelical Hall in Turre.

The photo shows some of our members during rehearsals for 'The Speakeasy Murder.'

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# An unsung hero

## 'every day of the year'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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**COASTAL:** The surrounding region.

## Faro and its hidden Algarve gems

THE capital of the southern Algarve region is usually used merely as a city to pass through.

But Faro, with its cobbled archways and Moorish architecture, is a distinctly Portuguese coastal city with plenty on offer.

Ideal as a stop off spot, the underrated Algarve resort is less than four and a half hours from Malaga by car and is one of the most southerly points in Portugal.

The monumental Arco da Vila archway belies the city's Moorish influences - along with the original Moorish wall, of course.

The white lighthouse, though, is probably the city's most recognisable landmark.

Other parts of the city are undoubtedly less attractive on the eye. But when you are partying with the near 10,000 strong student population on one of many lively nights out, you probably will not mind.

During the days, the historic old town is packed with outdoor cafes and well-maintained squares, while sophisticated tourists may appreciate the theatre offerings.

The Ria Formosa Natural Park is nearby, boasting lagoons and mudflats.

Attractive parks, intriguing

museums, chapels and a 13th century cathedral make for an engaging stroll, but really it is all about sand, sun and sea.

Situated on the North Atlantic coast, Faro has an impressive marina and a number of attractive beaches in touching distance.

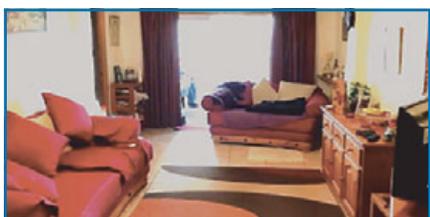
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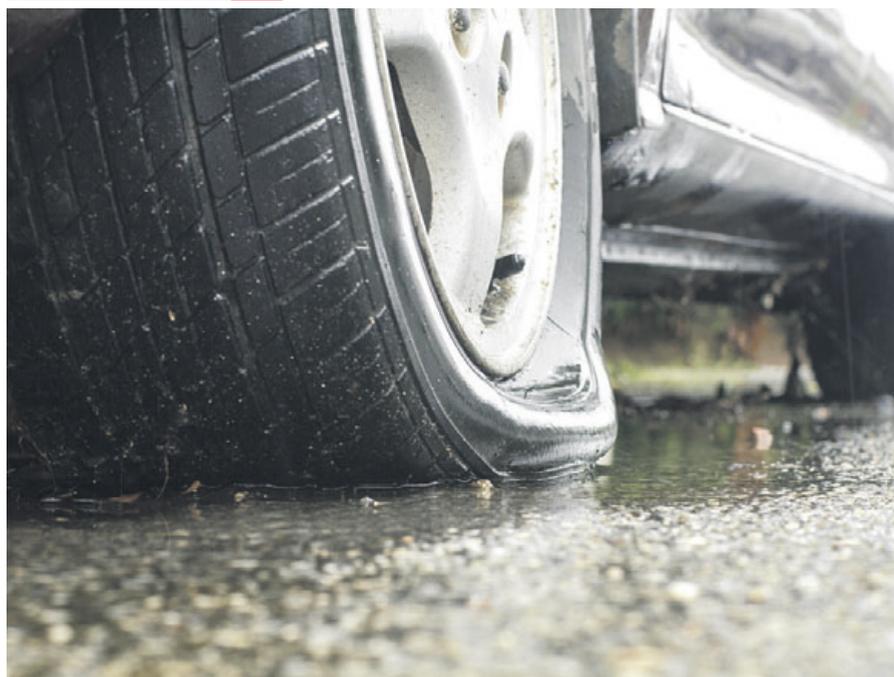
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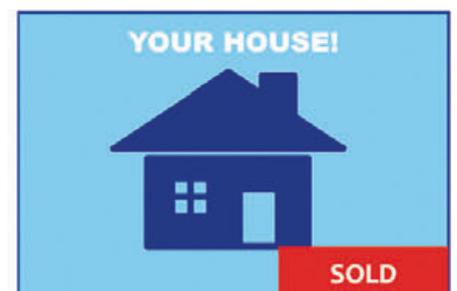


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## Back of the net for media hub

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

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

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

## Car rental price hike 'rip-off'

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

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

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

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

by *Matt Ford*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pirate mission in Brexit move

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

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

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



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## Gas guzzlers to face national park probe



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

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

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

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

national government to "immediately paralyse" the scheme.

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

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

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## No more playtime

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

## High fliers

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

## Lucky Spar

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

## Decoy olive to catch crooks

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

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

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

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

to help police trace stolen crops.

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

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



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,692.50	1.10	0.07	23,760.29
Associated British Foods	2,452.00	-22.00	-0.89	19,586.02
Admiral Group	1,914.50	17.50	0.92	5,458.45
Ashtead Group	2,368.00	-3.00	-0.13	11,558.30
Antofagasta	982.60	-0.60	-0.06	9,692.94
Aviva	496.60	7.00	1.43	19,344.81
AstraZeneca	5,750.00	16.00	0.28	72,630.50
BAE Systems	655.30	1.70	0.26	20,871.37
Barclays	193.21	2.31	1.21	32,663.08
British American Tobacco	4,130.25	15.25	0.37	94,386.55
Barratt Developments	535.20	-2.40	-0.45	5,444.40
Berkeley G Holdings (The)	3,709.50	-19.50	-0.52	4,972.03
British Land Co	647.60	-2.20	-0.34	6,371.84
BHP Billiton	1,720.60	13.60	0.80	36,051.80
Bunzl	2,270.50	-9.50	-0.42	7,667.54
BP	569.30	2.00	0.35	113,389.79
Burberry Group	2,108.50	-4.50	-0.21	8,781.59
BT Group	233.40	-2.60	-1.10	23,415.69
Coca-Cola HBC	2,713.00	-4.00	-0.15	10,002.36
Carnival	4,364.50	10.50	0.24	8,836.83
Centrica	151.10	-1.35	-0.89	8,601.63
Compass Group	1,630.25	14.25	0.88	25,592.83
Croda International	5,136.00	16.00	0.31	6,740.12
CRH	2,642.50	10.50	0.40	21,920.20
DCC	7,132.50	27.50	0.39	6,346.32
Diageo	2,811.25	-24.75	-0.87	69,798.34
Direct Line Insur Group	335.55	3.75	1.13	4,562.25
Evraz	553.00	7.80	1.43	7,807.56
Experian	1,899.75	1.25	0.07	17,418.65
easyJet	1,604.25	-11.75	-0.73	6,418.88
Ferguson	6,056.00	-18.00	-0.30	14,080.22
Fresnillo	1,001.50	-9.00	-0.89	7,446.31
Glencore	324.45	-1.55	-0.48	46,723.84
GlaxoSmithKline	1,560.10	6.70	0.43	77,046.58
GVC Holdings	1,147.50	52.50	4.79	6,330.63
Hargreaves Lansdown	2,077.00	4.00	0.19	9,832.63
Halma	1,410.50	3.50	0.25	5,341.55
HSBC Holdings	726.40	-1.40	-0.19	145,179.85
Internat Consol Airlines Group	695.50	4.30	0.62	13,945.75
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,750.50	44.50	0.95	8,972.93
3i Group	950.30	5.30	0.56	9,194.03
Imperial Brands	2,849.75	10.25	0.36	27,081.36
Informa	796.50	-3.50	-0.44	10,012.34
Intertek Group	5,963.00	-25.00	-0.42	9,664.22
ITV	165.25	-1.10	-0.66	6,696.27
Just Eat	851.60	-9.80	-1.14	5,863.55
Johnson Matthey	3,749.50	1.50	0.04	7,253.63
Kingfisher	310.10	1.60	0.52	6,581.35
Land Securities Group	921.40	-1.60	-0.17	6,843.67
Legal & General Group	263.05	0.25	0.10	15,662.55
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.49	-0.11	-0.18	44,804.65

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
London Stock Exchange G	4,445.00	-47.00	-1.05	15,631.57
Micro Focus International	1,301.50	-3.00	-0.23	5,692.18
Marks & Spencer Group	308.50	-2.00	-0.64	5,044.96
Mondi	2,087.50	7.50	0.36	7,638.61
Melrose	214.45	-0.85	-0.39	10,304.10
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	259.60	2.90	1.13	6,047.86
National Grid	806.80	-19.10	-2.31	27,723.96
NMC Health	3,810.00	-16.00	-0.42	7,966.14
Next	5,857.00	-11.00	-0.19	8,196.74
Ocado Group	1,108.50	-24.50	-2.16	7,907.50
Paddy Power Betfair	8,202.50	-52.50	-0.64	72,114.27
Prudential	1,789.75	14.75	0.83	46,005.74
Persimmon	2,463.00	0.00	0.00	7,708.15
Pearson	935.00	-22.40	-2.34	7,474.17
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,865.00	55.00	0.81	48,110.67
Royal Bank of Scot G (The)	253.65	4.05	1.62	30,071.41
Royal Dutch Shell	2,605.25	6.25	0.24	119,455.73
Royal Dutch Shell	2,661.75	0.75	0.03	99,667.40
RELX	1,673.25	-17.25	-1.02	17,686.56
Rio Tinto	4,145.50	-16.50	-0.40	54,931.68
Royal Mail	464.80	-4.20	-0.90	4,690.00
Rightmove	4,918.00	-16.00	-0.32	4,470.17
Rolls-Royce Group	988.60	-5.40	-0.54	18,583.66
Randgold Resources	5,576.00	24.00	0.43	5,239.39
RSA Insurance Group	632.10	7.50	1.20	6,413.13
Rentokil Initial	341.75	-2.25	-0.65	6,341.07
Sainsbury (J)	325.00	-1.30	-0.40	7,146.70
Schroders	3,086.00	13.00	0.42	6,945.67
Sage Group (The)	630.80	-15.20	-2.35	6,999.73
Segro	663.60	-2.20	-0.33	6,735.54
Shire	4,348.75	-7.75	-0.18	39,819.04
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,106.00	30.00	0.98	7,296.63
Sky	1,514.75	1.75	0.12	26,008.73
Standard Life Aberdeen	309.55	1.45	0.47	9,179.80
Smith (DS)	501.30	-1.50	-0.30	6,876.56
Smiths Group	1,605.50	0.00	0.00	6,353.95
Scottish Mortgage Invest Trust	546.50	-2.50	-0.46	7,879.01
Smith & Nephew	1,360.25	-16.25	-1.18	12,038.17
SSE	1,244.50	-19.00	-1.50	12,826.90
Standard Chartered	697.10	-5.60	-0.80	23,219.08
St James's Place	1,222.50	34.00	2.86	6,290.85
Severn Trent	1,897.50	-22.00	-1.15	4,546.72
Tesco	256.65	-0.95	-0.37	25,211.28
TUI AG	1,627.75	11.25	0.70	9,495.11
Taylor Wimpey	174.38	-1.52	-0.86	5,763.67
Unilever	4,342.50	28.00	0.65	51,703.49
United Utilities Group	709.80	-7.80	-1.09	4,893.23
Vodafone Group	180.32	0.32	0.18	48,086.07
WPP Group	1,177.75	-10.25	-0.86	14,989.82
Whitbread	3,931.50	6.50	0.17	7,206.78

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3M	207.42	-0.26%	-0.54	121.681,23
AMERICAN EXPRESS	103.85	1.32%	1.35	89.429,09
APPLE	190.98	-1.66%	-3.23	938.693,06
BOEING CO	360.65	0.37%	1.33	207.692,45
CATERPILLAR	142.56	-0.01%	-0.02	85.243,72
CISCO SYSTEMS	42.57	-2.21%	-0.96	200.201,69
COCA-COLA	46.21	-0.06%	-0.03	196.678,24
DOWDUPONT	68.37	0.18%	0.12	158.695,39
EXXON MOBIL	81.92	-2.75%	-2.32	346.835,72
GOLDMAN SACHS	237.64	0.22%	0.53	89.760,93
HOME DEPOT	197.14	-1.13%	-2.26	227.409,59
IBM	145.15	-1.06%	-1.56	132.521,95
INTEL CORP	47.68	-8.59%	-4.48	222.188,80
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	116.03	1.03%	1.18	389.965,23
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131.55	0.97%	1.27	352.863,65
MC DONALD'S CORP	157.48	0.86%	1.34	123.641,88
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63.49	-0.81%	-0.52	170.807,39
MICROSOFT	107.68	-1.77%	-1.94	827.326,76
NIKE	76.89	-1.61%	-1.26	98.626,31
PFIZER	38.41	0.66%	0.25	224.740,52
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	80.58	0.61%	0.49	202.626,43
VERIZON COMMS	52.01	1.62%	0.83	214.899,94
VISA	140.71	-1.26%	-1.79	251.331,11
WAL-MART STORES	88.13	-0.11%	-0.1	260.087,42
WALGREENS BOOTS	68.64	1.63%	1.1	68.119,15
WALT DISNEY CO	112.62	-0.78%	-0.89	167.452,71

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CLOSING PRICES JULY 30

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Essendant Inc.	\$ 15.53	2.36 ▲ 17.92%
resTORbio, Inc.	\$ 14.57	1.67 ▲ 12.95%
IRIDEX Corporation	\$ 7.95	0.82 ▲ 11.50%
SPS Commerce, Inc.	\$ 85.71	8.76 ▲ 11.38%
Omniceil, Inc.	\$ 59.85	5.85 ▲ 10.83%
Atlassian Corporation Plc	\$ 73.84	7.01 ▲ 10.49%
Iterum Therapeutics plc	\$ 9.21	0.86 ▲ 10.30%
Expedia Group, Inc.	\$ 137.79	11.99 ▲ 9.53%
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	\$ 23.15	2 ▲ 9.46%
Ichor Holdings	\$ 20.99	1.78 ▲ 9.27%
Avid Technology, Inc.	\$ 5.36	0.44 ▲ 8.94%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
LogMein, Inc.	\$ 77.85	26.60 ▼ 25.47%
DMC Global Inc.	\$ 39.90	10.70 ▼ 21.15%
Magellan Health, Inc.	\$ 72	19 ▼ 20.88%
Town Sports International Holdings, Inc.	\$ 10.575	2.575 ▼ 19.58%
Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 96	22.67 ▼ 19.10%
Nabriva Therapeutics plc	\$ 2.51	0.57 ▼ 18.51%
Virtu Financial, Inc.	\$ 21.40	4.25 ▼ 16.57%
Imperva, Inc.	\$ 47.85	8.85 ▼ 15.61%
AC Immune SA	\$ 9.42	1.42 ▼ 13.10%
Arsanis, Inc.	\$ 2.53	0.32 ▼ 11.23%
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# Currency outlook: Pound under pressure

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### Euro

EUR/GBP: Up from £0.87 to £0.89

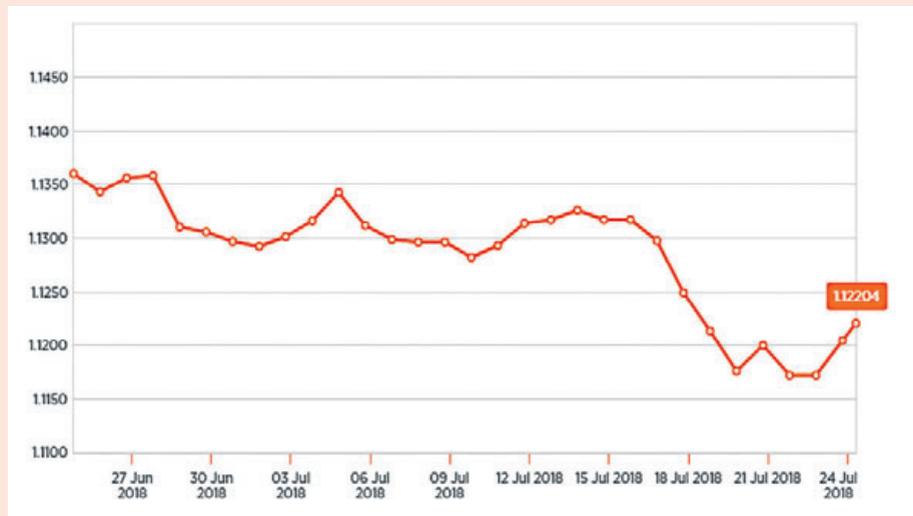
EUR/USD: Up from \$1.16 to \$1.17

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

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

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

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



### POUND: Facing considerable selling pressure.

ly dovish in the face of growing global trade tensions.

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

### Pound

GBP/EUR: Down from €1.13 to €1.12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.75 to £0.76

USD/EUR: Unmoved at €0.85

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

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

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**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

**OTHERS THINK IT**



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

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

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

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

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



**'NANNY STATE': Are young people being brainwashed?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Keep the faith.*

*Love Leapy*

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## Nostalgia? I remember that ...

Terence Kennedy wonders when he could last recall a phone number

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



build up your biceps? Gone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

phone? Come to that, remember actual phone booths?

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

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

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

**Analogging  
on**

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

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

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

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

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



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## TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

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

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

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

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

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

# Goodbye to the island and food from scraps



## ISLAND WINNERS: Danni and Jack.

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

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

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



Photo credit ITV/BBC

## MONKEYING AROUND: Animals Behaving Badly.

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

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

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

*Go team GB.  
Happy Viewing.*

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**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*



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

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

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

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

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

## Isn't an Englishman's home his castle?



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

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

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

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

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

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

*Nora Johnson's 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 in (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore.*

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

Can they get natural gas?

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

*EC (Costa del Sol)*

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

**David Searl**  
*You and the Law in Spain*



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

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

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### Advertising Feature

# Let the games begin!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 'Free health cover' costs the UK government

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

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

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

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

### Horse taxis need control in Fuengirola

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

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

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



Credit: Elliott Brown, flickr

#### TRADITIONAL: A typical Spanish horse taxi.

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

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

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

*Ann Ravn Jarlsdatter, Fuengirola*

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

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

*Julian Ward, Spain*

### Animal cruelty

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

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

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

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

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

*Peter, Calpe*

### Humans make mess

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

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

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

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

*Coleen Bryan, Animal Lover, La Mata*

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## Taxi strikes Spain: Costa cabbies join nationwide strikes

A bit of competition and these taxis complain.

*Richard Taylor*

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

*Bill Newall*

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

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

*Stuart Ridgley*

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

*Kim Johnston*

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

*Zara Mária*

### Comments from EWN online

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

*Jennifer Knowles*

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

*Maria Thompson*

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

*Pip Riley*

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

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

exchange rate, their spend must be not inconsiderable?

*John Price*

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

*Mike Giles*

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

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

*Felipe*

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

*Wyn*

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

*Belinda Shaw*

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	5:15pm	Flog It!	7:00pm	Eggheads	7:00pm	ITV News London	6:30pm	Neighbours	11:00am	Cricket
3 AUGUST	6:15pm	Impossible	7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:00pm	Home and Away	11:30am	Cricket
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	8:00pm	Nature's Miniature Miracles	8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	7:45pm	Cricket
4 AUGUST	7:30pm	BBC London News	9:00pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	9:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	8:00pm	Football
	8:00pm	The One Show	10:00pm	The Prosecutors	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords	11:00am	Cricket
5 AUGUST	8:30pm	EastEnders	11:00pm	Quacks	10:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure	10:00pm	Eamonn and Ruth: The Millionaires Rulebook	11:30am	Cricket
	9:00pm	Eat Well for Less	12:15am	Newsnight	11:00pm	Coronation Street	11:00pm	Rich Kids Go Skint	8:00pm	Football
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	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten							12:30am	Live ATP 500: Washington
FRIDAY	6:15pm	Impossible	2:45pm	Red Rock	6:00pm	The Chase	5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	3:30pm	Escape to the Country	7:00pm	ITV News London	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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8 AUGUST	8:30pm	A Question of Sport	6:15pm	European Championships 2018	8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	Football
	9:00pm	EastEnders	10:00pm	Gardeners' World	9:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Live WGC Bridgestone Invitational
9 AUGUST	9:30pm	Still Open All Hours	11:00pm	Mock the Week	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	The Crystal Maze	11:15pm	Women's British Open Highlights
	10:00pm	Would I Lie to You?	11:30pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	Doc Martin	10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	12:30am	
10 AUGUST	10:30pm	Our Friend Victoria			10:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm	The Last Leg		
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten								
11 AUGUST	11:25pm	BBC London News								
SATURDAY	2:15pm	European Championships 2018	6:50pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	2:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News	5:30pm	The People's Vet	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	5:45pm	European Championships 2018	7:50pm	Proms Extra 2018	2:30pm	ITV Racing	6:30pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY	9:30am	Super Rugby Final
1 AUGUST	7:40pm	BBC News	8:30pm	Dad's Army	5:00pm	The Chase	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	12:00pm	Cricket
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4 AUGUST					9:00pm	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug				
						ITV News				
5 AUGUST	1:15pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup Semi Final	10:00am	European Championships 2018	3:15pm	Catchphrase	4:25pm	Location, Location, Location	8:00am	Total Goals
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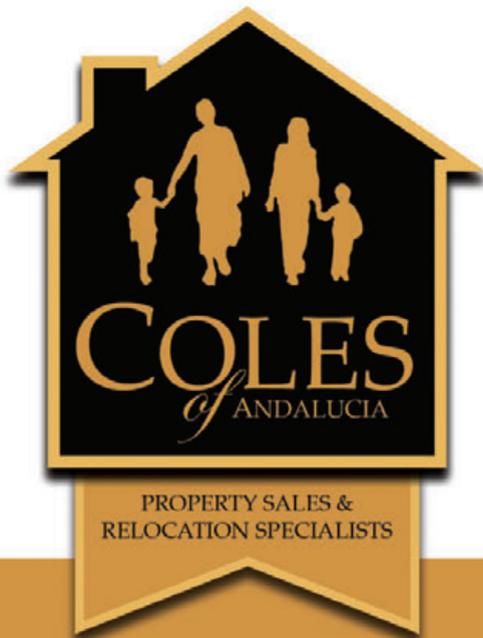


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**NO JAILBREAK:** Alcatraz had room for 300 inmates and closed in 1963.

## Trivia from around the world

\*\*\* The Lithuanian capital of Vilnius is home to an anonymous swing foundation. The group puts up swings throughout the city and often changes their locations.

\*\*\* It was once common for men in Thailand to become Buddhist monks for a short time before their 20th birthday.

\*\*\* The Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico houses the world's largest astronomical telescope. It is used to monitor asteroids in space to see if any are likely to strike Earth.

\*\*\* There are paintings in Libya's Acacus Mountains which date from between 12,000 BCE to 100 CE

depicting animals and people in their daily lives.

\*\*\* Istanbul in Turkey is the only city in the world which spans two continents. Around 97 per cent of the city is in Asia and the rest is in Europe.

\*\*\* Around 30 per cent of Iceland is covered by lava fields.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Alcatraz was the only federal prison in the United States which provided hot water showers for its inmates. Prison authorities believed if inmates took hot showers and got used to the temperature they would be unable to withstand the waters around the island should they try and escape. Alcatraz opened in 1934 and it housed some of the US's toughest criminals, including Al Capone.

### Women's wit

“Bringing good news is imparting hope to one's fellow person. The idea of redemption is always good news, even if it means sacrifice or some difficult times.”

*Patti Smith, musician*



### Famous quote

“Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word happy would lose its meaning if it were balanced by sadness. It is far better to take things as they come.” *Carl Jung, psychologist*

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## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 - February 19)

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

**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

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

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

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

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

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

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

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

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

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

**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

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

**VIRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

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

**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

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

**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 - November 22)

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

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(November 23 - December 21)

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

**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 - January 20)

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

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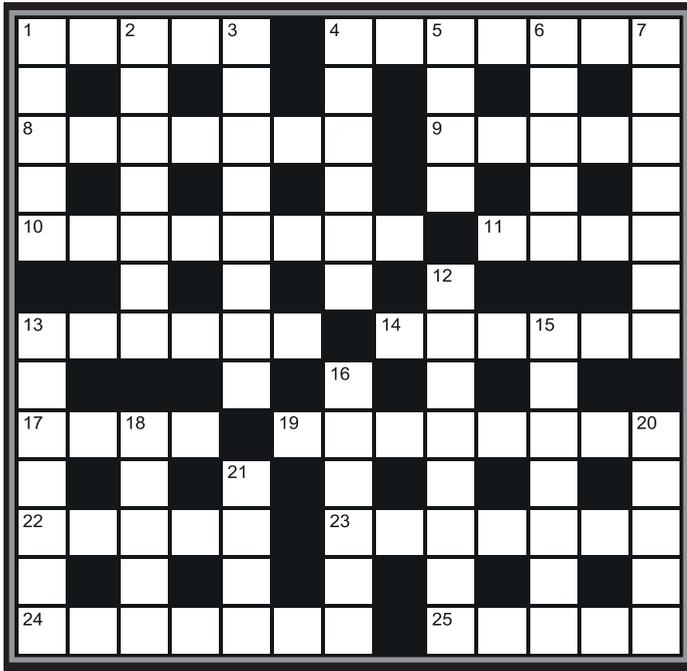


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- 10 Irregular form of PC's radio (8)
- 11 Erotica used in part about the ears (4)
- 13 Tone down safety first repeatedly (6)
- 14 Something lucky in grandma's cottage (6)
- 17 Source of danger irks badly (4)
- 19 Draughts in politician's country house reported (8)
- 22 Parts of Delaware are well informed (5)
- 23 Very serious in grammatical form (7)
- 24 Problem behind TV (7)
- 25 Cold warmth? That's a fraud (5)

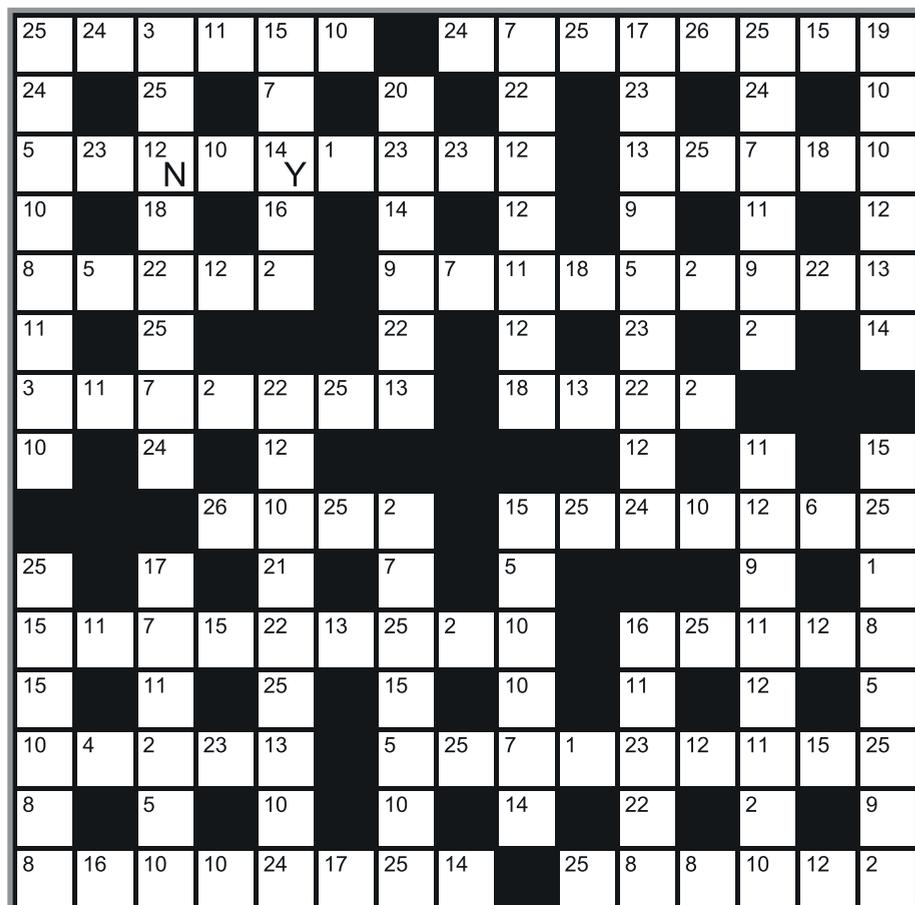


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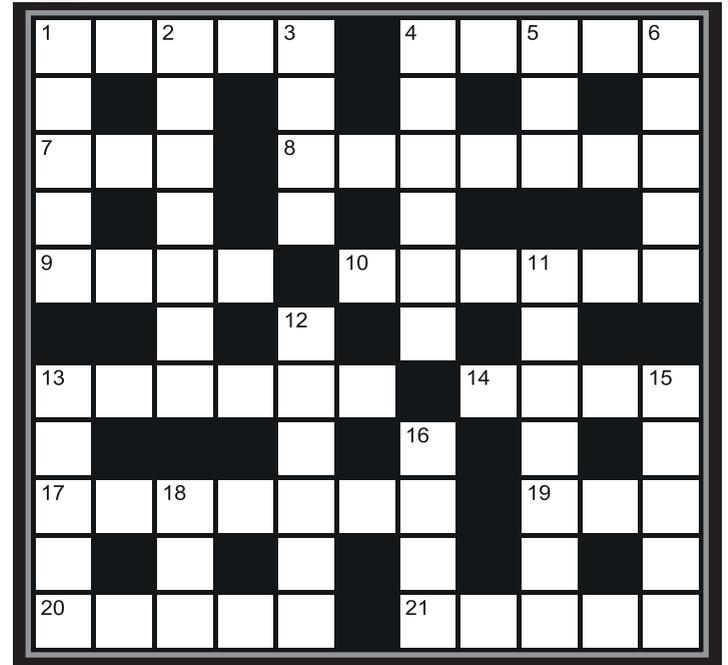
- 1 Jim Morrison's band's openings (5)
- 2 Mimic a rocket launch (4,3)
- 3 Vessel carrying right flag (8)
- 4 Referee seen in photos for a starter (6)
- 5 Eat into some wet chips (4)
- 6 Quiet at back of tunnel (5)
- 7 Seek proper treatment of colitis (7)
- 12 Drug out of place on Arctic (8)
- 13 Runs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

Code Breaker

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



Quick



Across

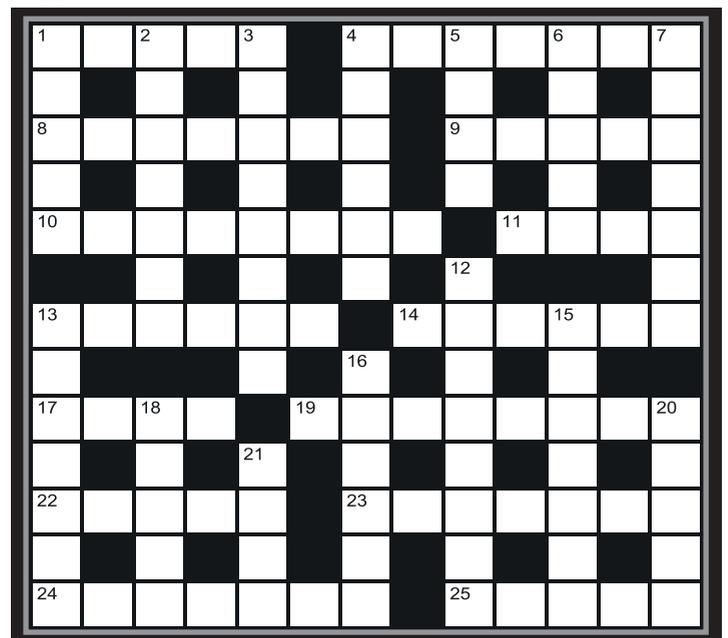
- 1 Happen again (5)
- 4 Have in common (5)
- 7 Young of fox, bear or lion (3)
- 8 Extra (7)
- 9 Very light coloured (4)
- 10 Leisurely (6)
- 13 To or in a foreign country (6)
- 14 South American Indian (4)
- 17 South American country (7)
- 19 Wager (3)
- 20 Post a message on Twitter (5)
- 21 Enthusiastic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

Down

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

English - Spanish

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



Across

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

Down

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

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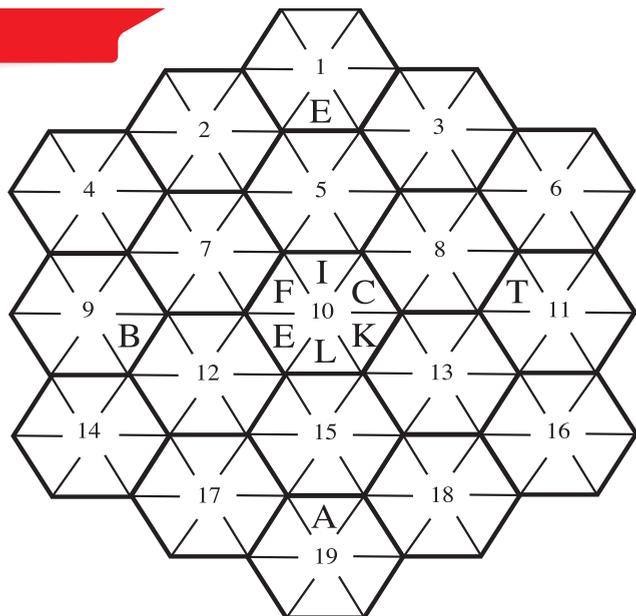
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## Hexagram

- BAUBLE
- CLUTCH
- DECREE
- DUGOUT
- EXTENT
- FEEBLE
- FICKLE (10)
- GALAXY
- GARBLE
- GLOBAL
- KINDLE
- LICHEN
- RECODE
- RESORT
- RIFFLE
- RUSTIC
- SODDEN
- TARGET
- TRIFLE



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

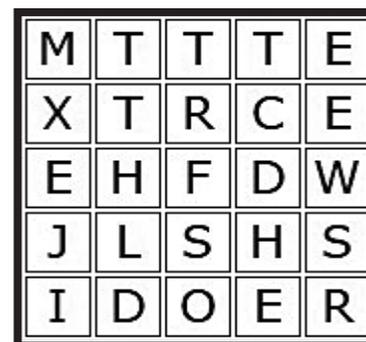
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Felloe, 2 Source, 3 Whiles, 4 United,
- 5 Floors, 6 Chased, 7 Normal, 8 Voices,
- 9 Awhile, 10 Moving, 11 Curled,
- 12 Meager, 13 Island, 14 Aflame,
- 15 Sender, 16 Baring, 17 Others, 18 Bitten,
- 19 Resort

## Boggled

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

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



### TARGET:

- Average: 19
- Good: 27
- Very good: 39
- Excellent: 50

### 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

alive, alum, evil, fail, fair, fate, fiat, film, five, foil, forum, hail, hair, halo, haul, lair, late, live, loaf, mail, maul, olive, rival, rivet, roil, tail, tailor, teal, team, valor, veal, vial, viola

## Nonagram

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



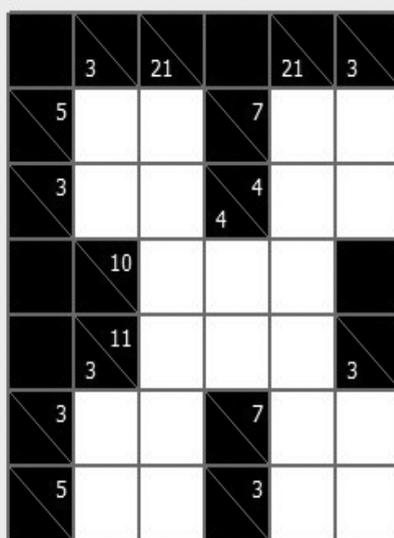
- TARGET:**
- Average: 10
  - Good: 13
  - Very good: 19
  - Excellent: 25

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

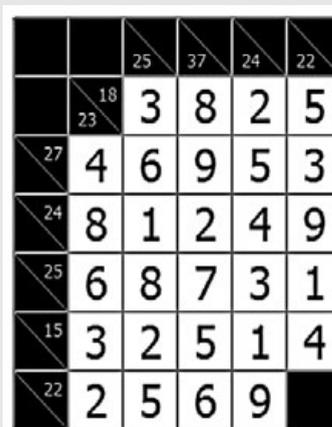
arco, cant, cart, ciao, coat, coin, coir, conn, corn, cran, icon, narc, orca, otic, taco, torc, acari, acorn, actin, actor, antic, cairn, canna, canon, canto, carat, coati, narco, tonic, action, aortic, arctan, arnica, atonic, cannot, canton, cantor, carina, carton, cation, citron, contra, crania, craton,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

## 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 Dainty, 4 Ideals, 9/25 Tip off, 10 Avocado, 11 Utensil, 12 Spare, 13 Usual, 15 Eager, 20 Award, 22 Arrives, 24 Evening, 26 Detest, 27 Weasel.
- Down:** 1 Detour, 2 Impress, 3 Traps, 5 Dead Sea, 6 Aroma, 7 Sacred, 8 Jolly, 14 Address, 16 Envious, 17 Ballad, 18 Basic, 19 Useful, 21 Alert, 23 Rogue.

### CODE BREAKER

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

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Castaway, 7 Elope, 8 Brilliant, 9 Lab, 10 Rent, 11 Chance, 13 Turner, 14 Hassle, 17 Abroad, 18 Calm, 20 Sad, 22 Seminoles, 23 Nails, 24 Brighton.
- Down:** 1/13 Caber tossing, 2 Spinner, 3 Ally, 4 Apache, 5 Noble, 6 Verbose, 7 Etonian, 12 Redress, 15 Scarlet, 16 Hammer, 17 Admit, 19 Mason, 21 Snug.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Later, 4 Taste, 7 Escarlata, 8 Huespedes, 12 Alcachofa, 14 Ovens, 15 Olive.
- Down:** 1 Lamb, 2 Tie, 3 Rucksacks, 4 Terremoto, 5 Spade, 6 Edad, 9 Uncle, 10 Mayo, 11 Knee, 13 Ahi.

## App of the week



### Space nation navigator

An app which challenges users to take their first steps into outer space in a series of minigames inspired by NASA expertise. It was developed with real astronaut trainers and features space related knowledge quizzes as well as Astro Fitness Daily, a series of exercise which can be done at home.

## QUIZ: DEM BONES, DEM BONES

All the questions relate to human bones

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

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

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

### Answers:

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

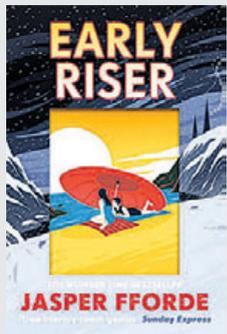
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Long dark winter

CHARLIE WORTHING has begun his first season with the Winter Consuls. This motley crew of misfits is tasked with protecting the dreams of the hibernating populace through the bracing winter months.

Worthing and the group are tasked with investigating a viral dream outbreak which they at first dismiss out of hand. That is until the dreams start to kill people.

The Winter Consuls soon find they are getting the dreams also. They also find the dreams start to come true and make their way into reality and doubts about their sanity soon follow.

Sleepy winter gives way to terror. A rampaging gang of murderers known as the villains, the bloodthirsty Nightwalkers and the Winter Volk join the dreams and turn things upside down.

Worthing and his comrades must weather the storm in Jasper Fforde's Early Riser.

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weather



Malaga	Almeria	Bilbao	Madrid
TODAY: Max 30, Min 23-S	TODAY: Max 33, Min 23-S	TODAY: Max 31, Min 21-S	TODAY: Max 39, Min 21-S
Fri - 32 24-S	Fri - 30 24-S	Fri - 35 20-S	Fri - 40 22-S
Sat - 33 25-S	Sat - 30 24-S	Sat - 35 21-S	Sat - 40 22-S
Sun - 33 25-S	Sun - 30 24-S	Sun - 33 21-S	Sun - 39 21-S
Mon - 34 24-S	Mon - 31 23-S	Mon - 30 20-C	Mon - 38 20-C
Tues - 34 23-S	Tues - 30 23-S	Tues - 28 19-C	Tues - 38 19-S
Wed - 34 23-S	Wed - 30 23-S	Wed - 27 19-Sh	Wed - 37 20-S

Alicante	Benidorm	Mallorca	Barcelona
TODAY: Max 33, Min 25-S	TODAY: Max 34, Min 24-S	TODAY: Max 34, Min 23-S	TODAY: Max 33, Min 24-S
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

• **Sam Worthington, Actor; August 2, 42**  
The Australian actor was born in Godalming in England before receiving a drama scholarship while working as a bricklayer in Queensland. He went on to land the lead role in Avatar and played Perseus in Clash of the Titans.

• **James Hetfield, Musician; August 3, 55**  
Hetfield co-founded the heavy metal band Metallica which he plays in with Robert Trujillo, Lars Ulrich and Kirk Hammett. Born in Downey in California in the United States, his Christian Scientist mother died of cancer which inspired him to write the song The God That Failed.

• **Meghan Markle, Royal; August 4, 37**  
The Duchess of Sussex was born in Los Angeles in the



Meghan Markle.

United States and married Britain's Prince Harry in May 2018. She featured in films such as Get Him to the Greek and Horrible Bosses and made her television debut in 2011 in the TV series Suits.

• **James Gunn, Director; August 5, 52**  
Gunn directed the film Guardians of the Galaxy and he also wrote the screenplay for the Scooby-Doo movie and the script for Dawn of the Dead. He made his directing debut with the film Slither and was previously educated at Louis University and Columbia University in the United States.

• **Geri Halliwell, Singer; August 6, 46**  
The singer rose to fame as Ginger Spice in the girl group

Spice Girls and was previously a model and a night club dancer. Born in Watford in England, she launched her solo career with debut album Schizophonic in 1998 which featured the songs Bag It Up and Look at Me.

• **Helen Flanagan, Actor; August 7, 28**  
Flanagan was born in Bury in England and went on to play Rosie Webster in Coronation Street at the age of 10 from 2000 to 2012. She later reprised her soap role and made her film debut in The Other Side of Love in 2013.

• **Dustin Hoffman, Actor; August 8, 81**  
Hoffman won the Oscar for Best Actor for his roles in Kramer vs Kramer and Rain Man. His first success came with starring in The Graduate and he later landed parts in All the President's Men and Death of a Salesman.

This week in history

**338 BCE - Battle victory**  
King Phillip II of Macedon defeats the combined forces of the Greek city states Athens and Thebes at the Battle of Chaeronea. The victory would pave the way for the rise of Phillip's son, Alexander the Great.

**598 - Invasion launched**  
Emperor Wendi of Sui, in modern day China, orders his youngest son Yang Liang to conquer the kingdom of Goguryeo, now Korea. The Sui dynasty would later collapse due to conflicts it unleashed.

**1264 - Revolt begun**  
Muslim rebels defeat a Castilian garrison at a castle in Jerez during the Mudejar revolt. The rebels were able to capture Murcia and Jerez from the Christians but were later defeated.

**1527 - Writing home**  
English mariner John Rut sends the first known letter from North America while at St John's, Newfoundland.

**1794 - Rebels fought**  
United States President George Washington activates the Militia Acts to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion, an uprising against taxes on the liquor in Pennsylvania.

**1858 - Cable laid**  
Several engineers and businessmen complete the laying of the first transatlantic telegraph cable after several unsuccessful attempts. It remained in service for less than a month.

**1945 - Bomb dropped**  
The United States Air Force plane Enola Gay drops the first nuclear weapon used in combat on Hiroshima in Japan. It kills 70,000 instantly and thousands die from radiation.

**2012 - Rover landing**  
NASA's Curiosity rover touches down on the planet Mars where it has been collecting samples and conducting tests ever since.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

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

SHOP

GREW

- JO
- GREW
- GROW
- CROW
- (CROW)
- CROP
- CHOP
- SOHS
- Solution

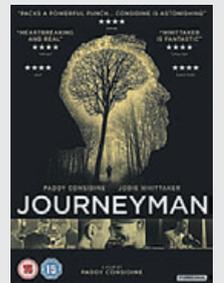
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

DVD

Falling apart



MATTY BURTON (Paddy Considine) knows the time has come for him to leave boxing behind. The middleweight champion of the world is more interested in getting money for a home for wife Emma (Jodie Whittaker) and baby daughter Mia (Lainie Duffy). Burton returns to the family home following a bout with Andre 'The Future' Bryte. He collapses moments later before waking up in a coma caused by a punch in the fight. He now has to piece himself back together in Journeyman.

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**Advertising Feature**

SUMMER at MACS (Mojacar area cancer support) got off to a running (or walking) start back in June with the ever-popular 'Moonwalk' event.

More than 100 people showed up to take part in the event, now in its fifth year, some opting for the 10km walk and some for the 5km, between Tito's and Fanny's bars on Mojacar Playa.

Diners and drinkers in the bars and restaurants en-route were astonished to see the enthusiastic walkers rattling their collection tins dressed in fabulously outrageous costumes, getting in the party spirit under the light of the full moon.

After their exertion, participants were treated to tasty snacks and entertained by music from popular local band, The Daytrippers, who got the party started at Tito's beach bar to round off the evening.

More than €3,200 was raised at the event, from sponsorship money and donations from local residents and businesses. Money raised at this annual event goes towards helping the MACS team support the increasing number of cancer

patients joining the group.

Summer fundraising didn't stop there! MACS received kind donations of varying amounts during July from some events organised by local businesses and a football fan even donated his €45 sweepstake winnings during the World Cup!

The next major event in the MACS calendar is the 'Smokin' BBQ' on Saturday September 8.

The party takes place at Miraflores, on Camping Los Gallardos and starts at 12.30.

Some great musical acts will keep the revellers entertained, including: Kayleigh Easton, The Happy Pluckers, Jack Law, Road-Runner, Marilyn Shipley, Lost Track and Tony Justice.

The €12 entry fee includes delicious food, and drinks will be available to purchase at the bar.

## Under the moon and under the sun MACS' summer hots up!



**CANCER SUPPORT:** The 'Moonwalkers' ready for the off.

This is another event not to be missed and tickets are available direct from Miraflores, call 650 418 954 or purchase online at [www.campinglosgallardos.com/events](http://www.campinglosgallardos.com/events).

Despite the summer heat, the furniture collection team is keeping busy with house clearances to stock up the new Albox2 shop. If you have any unwanted quality furniture that you would like to do-

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MACS has been supporting cancer patients and their families for more than a decade and continues to expand its reach to help more people who are battling this terrible disease.

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

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## Keep harmful rays away!

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

On average, people are using less than half the tanning lotion than is advised by the manufac-

turers because they apply such a thin layer.

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

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

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

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

"They overestimate the protection they are getting and then stay out in the sun too long and get burned.

"But it is difficult to estimate how much to use, and for the whole body you actually need a lot of sun cream, far more than people realise."

If the method is accepted by the manufacturers, a measuring unit could be included with the cream.



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# Chias to that!

CHIA seeds, from the 'Salvia Hispani' plant, originated in Mexico where they were used for medicinal purposes and considered to be so precious they were even used as currency.

The benefit of these seeds is now becoming widely acknowledged by nutritionists due to the high content of vitamins and minerals. Rich in Omega-3 and proteins they are also a source of antioxidants.

The most popular ways of consuming Chia is in smoothies and puddings, but they can easily be added to or sprinkled on other dishes, even a teaspoonful in a cup of tea.

Before using the seeds for any of these purposes it is recommended soaking them for 30 minutes. (One-and-a-half tablespoons to one cup water). This helps release the 'enzyme inhibitor' that protects the seed.

It is also necessary to drink plenty of water. Chia is very absorbent so you need to replace any water it may take from your body.

Let's take a look at the health benefits.

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# Music makes it to the bull ring

THE town of Vera is going to be resonating with music during August, as three top singers and a small festival hit the bull ring.

First off will be social activist and singer-songwriter Rozalén who has released three albums and will be performing her show tomorrow night (Friday).

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

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

Tickets for the performance which starts at 11pm cost €25 and may be obtained from the Tourist Office and online.

Next on the bill will be overnight sensation Demarco Flamenco who until 2017 sold butane gas for a living, but shot to fame when his first YouTube video featuring self-penned single The Island of Love gained a huge following which then saw him top the Spotify download charts and gaining a record contract.



Credit: Voice flickr

ANTONIO OROZCO: Will appear on August 18.

Support for this show will be the five-piece group Albaicar who perform their own style of upbeat rumbas and sevillanas.

Tickets for this concert which also starts at 11pm on Friday August 10 cost €20 in advance and may be obtained from the same outlets.

Antonio Orozco is another young proponent of modern Flamenco and with nine albums and a multitude of singles under his belt, he is also well respected for his work with other Spanish stars, Lucie Silvas and Malú.

Once again the concert which takes place on Saturday August 18 starts at 11pm with tickets costing €30.

Later in the month, the Experiencia Espantapitas returns to Vera and the bull ring with three main performers, Eskorzo, Miguel Campello (from El Bicho) and Muchachito supported by a brace of DJs.

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## Triumphant arrival of OT

THERE is to be a very special concert at the open-air concert venue in Almeria City as part of the Feria de Almeria on Saturday August 25.

It features 16 former contestants from Operación Triunfo 2017 also known as OT (which is similar to X Factor) which promotes new singers

who are also chosen to represent Spain in the Eurovision Song Contest.

This will be one of only two performances in the Valencian region and will be a true representation of the successful TV programme which regularly attracts millions of Spanish viewers.

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**Eat Well  
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by Andrew Harding



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

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

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

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

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c) Any unused Vitamin K is stored in the body, for future use.

# Eat Well to Live Well!



**SPICE UP YOUR LIFE: Ceylonese prawn curry.**

**This week's recipes:  
Ceylonese Prawn Curry  
Serves 4**

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

Add all the remaining ingredients, except for the prawns.

Simmer for 10 minutes

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

**Serve with this:**

**Garlic Fried Rice**

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

## A night in Buenos Aires

THERE will be a spectacular performance in Mojacar tomorrow, Friday when the National Company of Dance and Music of Argentina present a Night in Buenos Aires.

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# Lucar holds water festival

LUCAR Council has held a festival showcasing the town's history and that of the Balsa de Cela waters in a joint event with the town of Tijoleño.

The local authority put on the festival, the second in as many years last Monday and Tuesday. The event focused on the economic importance of the Balsa de Cela to the town and the surrounding area.

Jose Antonio Gonzalez Saez, the mayor of Lucar, said at a meeting held by Almeria Province's Diputacion ahead of the festival that the event would boost local business.

"The main objective is to inform young people of the history of the Balsa de Cela. Those waters that constantly flow from the ground create wealth for the Almanzora Valley and we have seen how they have increased their economic influence in the region over the years," Gonzalez-Saez said.

The mayor added there would be demonstrations of traditional irrigation systems as part of a historical tour.

The event began at 6pm on Monday with water games. It was followed by a conference held at 10pm to inaugurate the festival with Javier Aureliano Garcia Molina, a tourism spokesperson with Almeria's Diputacion.

The conference also featured a talk from historian Juan Antonio on the culture of water, with a music performance held at 11.30pm.



**WATER EVENT:** The festival was held in honour of the Balsa de Cela.

Tuesday saw a water workshop at 7pm, followed by the Crazy States of Matter children's show at 8pm.

The closing ceremony was held at 10pm before a round table discussion on the economic importance of grapes was held followed by the final music concert of the festival.



**EXTRA LEARNING:** Junta officials visited the schools taking part in the scheme.

# Summer school places

A TOTAL of 750 children are set to be able to go to 10 summer schools, including one in Albox and another in Cuevas del Almanzora, under Junta de Andalucia plans.

Education authorities at the Junta have unveiled this year's summer school programme which has been backed by some €264,000 of regional authority money.

Gracia Fernandez, a member of the Spanish government's delegation in Almeria Province, said the summer school programme was one of the best ex-

amples of the Junta's commitment to children.

"The Junta's programme ensures the most vulnerable children are fed once the school term is over," Fernandez said.

Jose Maria Martin, the equality, health and social policies delegate, said the summer school programme came under a wider regional scheme to help disadvantaged children.

"In addition to the food service, which includes breakfast, lunch and a snack, the programme also offers educational and social activities, sports

workshops, recycling, crafts and theatre," he said.

One of the 10 schools set to host the summer programme is in Albox. Another is in El Realengo in Cuevas del Almanzora, four are in Almeria City and the rest are in Nijar, Berja, El Ejido and Roquetas de Mar.

The schemes are managed by various charities in the province. The Association of Persons with Disabilities is running the Albox programme and the one in Cuevas del Almanzora is managed by The Almeria Federation of Persons with Disabilities.

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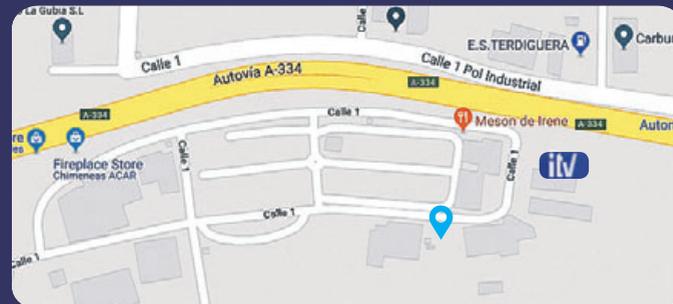
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**COMPLAINTS:** Bathers on the Quitapellejos de Palomares complain about nudists.

## Nudist beach concerns

AUTHORITIES in Cuevas del Almanzora have sought to erect a border between two beaches after locals complained that nudists were walking onto coastlines where naked bathing is prohibited.

The town's council took the decision after nudists from the Cala del Marques de Vera beach wandered onto that of Quitapellejos de Palomares, provoking complaints from bathers.

Antonio Fernandez, the mayor of Cuevas del Almanzora, said the town's beach-

es had never been nudist and that barriers removed around 15 years ago resulted in the current issues.

"A good piece of beach is already available for nudists. Over the past 35 years there has also been respect and tolerance between clothed and nude bathers," he said.

The mayor added that the removal of the barrier had ignited a 'war' between some groups of clothed and nude beachgoers.

"The nudists go for a walk and they end up in the

clothed area of the coastline which has caused some problems for non-nude bathers," he said.

Some nudists had been booed as they wandered onto the clothed beach and Local Police officers had been called in in some cases but no fines were issued, he said.

Fernandez was responding to a complaint submitted by a local beach association. He said police officers had been posted to the coastline - but to inform bathers, not to sanction them.

## Woman held

GUARDIA CIVIL officers in Zurgena have arrested a 38-year-old woman in connection with credit card fraud allegations.

Police also suspect the woman of stealing the card and other personal documentation from the alleged victim's wallet. The man claimed a total of €250 was withdrawn from his account without his consent.

Proceedings for the 38-year-old were sent to the Court of Instruction in Vera.



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PROSECUTORS have requested a former Albox mayor due to stand trial on embezzlement and forgery charges connected with council contracts be sentenced to 12 years in prison if found guilty.

Almeria's Provincial Prosecutors also requested in their submissions to Huerca-Overa's Court of Instruction Number

Three that Jose Garcia Navarro be disqualified from public office for 31 years.

He faces a total of four charges of embezzling public

money, four charges of perverting the course of justice and three of falsifying official documents.

The ex-mayor stands accused of signing off some €1,123,740 in council contracts without publicly tendering them or consulting local authority officials. Prosecutors claimed this was done in order

to gain financial benefits.

He has also been charged with the of forging of records to give the appearance that the projects were signed off correctly.

The projects included the building of walls along the side of Rambla Albox, which led to the investigation being dubbed the 'Rambla case' by the press.

Prosecutors also claim the laying of water pipes and the construction of a waste water treatment plant were signed off by the mayor illegally. The mayor resigned in 2013 for personal reasons.

Garcia Navarro is due to stand trial alongside two other defendants at the Court of Instruction Number Three in

Huerca-Overa.

Jorge PM, the town's former municipal secretary, is a co-defendant to the same charges as the former mayor. Prosecutors have requested 10 years in prison and a 14-year disqualification from public office for the ex-official.

Francisco SG is charged as being a necessary collaborator in the offences. He faces six years in jail and a 15-year disqualification from serving in public office if found guilty.

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## Two held

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested two 30-year-olds from Albox in connection with the mugging of a drunken man.

Police said the victim claimed he had been offered a lift by the suspects who picked him up while he was waiting at a petrol station in the town. They stopped by him in the early hours of the morning, he said.

The victim, who wanted to go to meet his friends at some local playing fields, claimed he accepted the offer while under the influence.

The man alleged he was thrown out of the vehicle shortly afterwards. His wallet, which contained about €1,150 in cash, was snatched and he was left lying on the ground before being taken for medical treatment.

Officers said proceedings for the case had been passed on to a Vera court.

# Almanzora makes 'beauty' rankings



**TOP RANKING:** Sites include the town's castle.

CUEVAS DEL ALMANZORA has been ranked as one of the most beautiful villages in Almeria, according to TripAdvisor's holiday lettings platform Niumba.

The company said in a statement that it was great publicity for Cuevas del Almanzora.

The town had been singled out as one of the most scenic spots to spend a holiday in Almeria on its platform, TripAdvisor added.

TripAdvisor, a popular tourism and travel website and their holiday lettings service, Niumba is one of the industry's largest platforms.

Ruben Lopez, a spokesperson for Niumba, said Cuevas del Almanzora's listing among the top 20 of Almeria's most beautiful villages put it on the international map.

It would showcase the town to people across the globe, he added.

Lopez said: "Our objective, with this list is to promote different national destinations amongst our tourist community, both those that are well-known, and those with less prominence on the tourism circuit."

Niumba's website said: "the Muraled village with grandiose

architecture that features history and adventures on its caves, beaches and creek."

Visitors could find numerous buildings that will transport them as far back as the 16th century, the site added.

The number of visitors to Cuevas del Almanzora has increased year after year, Niumba said. This year saw the highest number of visitors, the company added.

Cuevas del Almanzora's council said the town offered visitors 17 kilometres of open beaches with 'spectacular' shorelines and clear water creeks.

## Healthy for the elderly

HEALTH officials in Almeria have organised programmes which aim to promote healthy and active lifestyles amongst the elderly residents of Almeria, including in Albox and Cuevas del Almanzora.

Professionals have been sent out to care centres across the province to discuss guidelines for a balanced diet, the benefits of regular exercise and taking decisions related to health.

Jose Maria Martin, the Junta de Andalucia's health spokesperson in Almeria, said officials aimed to cover a variety of topics.

"We wanted to offer users additional content as well as talks delivered by health care professionals. This programme sits alongside cultural events," Martin said.

The talks, which took place in Roquetas de Mar, El Ejido, Almeria City, Adra and Berja, covered the need for the elderly to care for their health. This included

discussing diets and exercise as well as road safety, smoking and drinking alcohol.

Officials also addressed the right the elderly had to provide their informed consent before surgery or medical tests and their ability to register wills with the Junta.

The talks come as active participation centres for the elderly in the province are due to draw up their activities for the summer.

Workshops are divided into the categories of Health, Participation, Safety and Training. Activities include theatre, dancing, storytelling, drawing, painting, pottery, yoga, embroidery, hiking, environmental education, gymnastics, cultural visits and volunteering.

Centres offering the programmes are in Adra, Albox, Berja, Cuevas del Almanzora, El Ejido, Fiñana, Huerca-Overa, Nijar, Roquetas de Mar, Uleila del Campo, Velez-Rubio and Vicar.

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## 'Teflon' Trump

**Mike Senker**  
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

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

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

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

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

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

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

How about this one? In the midst of an interview with the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell told him of some breaking news. "The White House has announced Vladimir Putin is coming to the White House in the fall," she said. Coats replied, "Say that again."

"Vladimir Putin," Mitchell said. "Did I hear you?" he said. Mitchell confirmed Coats heard her correctly and he said, "OK ... that's gonna be special." This is the Director of National Intelligence!

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

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# Forward to the past

**Cassandra Nash**

A weekly look

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

THERE'S no 'back to the future' for the Partido Popular now that it has Pablo Casado as party president.

Confounding pundits, observers and soothsayers, the expected catfight between Soraya Saenz de Santamaria and Dolorers de Cospedal did not take place.

Instead there was an arm-wrestling contest between former vice-president Saenz de Santamaria and ex-communications chief Casado, and the latter crushed the former's tiny hand.

He has the air of an Albert Rivera clone but is a young fogley cast in the political mould of Jacob Rees Mogg.

He doesn't want dialogue with Cataluña and does want to reform existing abortion laws, as he does not regard termination as a right. Ah yes, and he considers that 'feminism is a social collectivism that the centre-right has to combat.'

All of which will endear him to the far-right who always vote PP come



**CRUSHING VICTORY: Pablo Casado.**

what may but will alienate the undecided who are the people Casado must woo.

At least it's good news for Pedro Sanchez.

### It all depends

AT the time when Pedro Sanchez launched his vote of no confidence against Mariano Rajoy and his Partido Popular government, the PSOE would

never have won a general election.

Sanchez is in the Moncloa only because the censure motion was supported by Cataluña's pro-independence parties as all agreed that ousting Rajoy was more important at that moment than ideology.

But the PDeCat recently celebrated its annual conference, raising party president and Cataluña's self-exiled ex-president Carles Puigdemont to still greater heights of sainthood.

## A lighter shade of grey

JOSE MARIA AZNAR, president of the Spanish government between 1996 and 2004, grumbled beforehand that he was not invited to the recent PP party conference. What did he expect? Aznar would have been the spectre at yet another feast, following the dyspepsia he suffered years back when his protégé Mariano Rajoy lost the 2004 and 2008 elections, and distanced himself from his mentor.

Aznar, who had expected to be Rajoy's eminence grise, has more chance of being Pablo Casado's, especially if he turns a lighter shade of grey.

No matter that only 15 per cent of PDeCat card-carriers bothered to vote and only 65 per cent of those who did vote, voted for Puigdemont.

The party's new vice-president announced almost immediately that the PDeCat MPs in the national parliament in Madrid have been told to withdraw all support for Pedro Sanchez.

So two things are obvious: PDeCat wants trouble, not dialogue, and Pedro Sanchez has learnt the hard way that you're never safe when your survival depends on someone you can't depend on.

### Bitter harvest

PEDRO SANCHEZ has proposed a vote on a new Catalan Statute of Autonomy.

All of Madrid's problems stem from the 2006 Estatut. It was approved by referendum in Cataluña and passed by the national parliament under Jose Luis Rodriguez.

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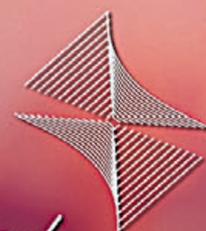
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# Gathering the fruits of your labour

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THE summer harvest of garden vegetables is in full swing.

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

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

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



**RIPE TOMATOES:** Ready to harvest.

though is the ability to share and conserve produce.

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

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

An abundance of produce to harvest is a good opportunity to help conserve much of the produce for the seasons of the year the produce cannot be grown. Opening a jar of fully ripened aromatic tomatoes in winter can bring back the memory of the

summer harvest and provide a nourishing addition to the meal. Even if you are not a gardener it is a great opportunity to help out to preserve the fruits of the summer harvest for the colder months.

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

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

So if you are fortunate enough to be a gardener who can grow your own produce, it is the time to take it easy during the summer heat and enjoy the benefits of your winter and spring efforts to obtain an abundance of a summer time harvest of delicious and nutritious produce that you have grown yourself.

## 2018 garden trends

SMALL garden? No problem! Raised beds are an option, storage at the bottom and flowers soaking up in the sun on the top are a good way for efficient garden space. Hanging plants and planting roses can isolate the patio from the lawn.

Ever tried of growing your own fruit and veg? Fresh mint, basil, dill and chives are great when preparing a family meal.

“Food gardening continues to be incredibly popular with gardeners of all ages, and for me, a big part of the fun in food gardening is trying new edibles - from quirky cucamelons and burr gherkins to super-sweet ground cherries. From chickpeas and edamame to heat-tolerant, exotic greens like magenta spreen, sweet potato leaves, and amaranth,” says author Niki Jabbour.

## Natural wonders

THERE'S some fairly toxic stuff in a lot of shop bought cleaning products and if you want to avoid using them as much as possible around your home

here are some possible substitutes.

- Salt can be used instead of scrubbing powder or even to unblock drains instead of caustic soda. For

the latter pour salt down the drain and run through with warm water. For cleaning pots and pans sprinkle salt and clean off with a damp sponge.

- Vinegar also has many uses as a cleaning product and can remove stains on grouting, just use a small brush or cloth. It also acts as a natural deodoriser, simply place some in the microwave and bring to the boil. When left out the vinegar will absorb smells.

- Baking powder is also a good cleaning agent due to its abrasive nature. Try it on stains in coffee cups that even conventional cleaning won't remove - mix with some water and soak for a few hours before scrubbing clean.

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

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

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

Each of the 100 limited edition

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

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

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

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

This special model will make

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The new Macan certainly is

# New Macan's Chinese launch

stylish, with both visibility and stand-out looks enhanced by a three-dimensional LED tail light strip. LED technology also features in the headlights as standard.

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

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

a heated windscreen.

The new Traffic Jam Assist enables more comfortable and relaxed driving behaviour

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Not only does the system feature partially automated accelera-

tion and braking - it also assists with steering in a traffic jam or in slow-moving traffic.



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

THE two new V8 models of the Mercedes-AMG GR four-door coupe can now be ordered from authorised AMG dealers, with deliveries expected in late autumn.

In Germany prices start from €167,016.50 including 19 per cent VAT. A final price for Spain has not yet been disclosed.

These are powerful beasts, with the V8 engines churning out 430kW (585hp) and 470kW (639hp).

The AMG GT 63 4MATIC+ and AMG GT 63 S 4MATIC+ have driving dynamics and performance of the highest order, a high level of comfort and outstanding sports car technology.

When designing these cars, engineers set out to produce a car equally at home on the race track or the public roads.

While excellent handling and superb performance were top of the design wish list, so were the day-to-day comfort and drivability of a Grand Tourer.

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Standard equipment includes the fully variable all-wheel drive 4MATIC+, the fast-shifting AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 9G transmission, active rear axle steering and the electronically controlled rear axle locking differential. As in the two-door AMG GT, the active aerodynamics with the AIRPANEL air control system in the front apron and the extending rear spoiler provide the basis for the high aerodynamic performance of the new four-door Coupes.

The interior of the AMG GT 63 4MATIC+ has ultra-modern features: innovative control panels such as the eight high-resolution display switches in the centre console can be intuitively operated.

The AMG Performance steering wheel with the new AMG steering wheel buttons, AMG sport seats in nappa leather and the fully digital widescreen cockpit with an AMG-specific instrument cluster and the new Supersport display style emphasise the dynamic character.

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# Volkswagen T-Roc SE

## ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

VOLKSWAGEN'S T-Roc, a mid-size four-door SUV with a sporty coupe silhouette, is a real head-turner and establishes a new design cachet for the brand.

With its compact shape and lots of personalisation options, it comes with a choice of responsive engines and a new chassis which blends sporting fun with everyday comfort.

Inside there's more space for passengers and luggage than in a VW Golf, and another plus-point is the higher seating position for better visibility.

The line-up of engine choices feature three petrol and two diesel, with varying power outputs. Four-wheel drive is also an option, as are auto gearboxes with some engines, and prices

start at €21,291 (£18,955) for the entry level S version.

However most buyers are likely to opt for the better-equipped SE version which has dual-zone climate control, roof rails, front and rear reversing sensors, cruise control and connectivity including Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and smart-phone mirroring on its standard-kit list.

My featured model is the SE version with a 1.0 litre three-cylinder 113 hp petrol engine - predicted to be the biggest seller - which has a 0-100 kph time of 10.1 seconds, top speed of 187 kph (116 mph) and fuel economy of 19.6 kpl (55.4 mpg). Emissions are 117 g/km. This version costs €23,113 (£20,620).

The T-Roc has been awarded



**REAL HEAD-TURNER:**  
Coupe silhouette.

a five-star safety rating from Euro NCAP, thanks in part to its six airbags and advanced driver assistance systems. These include

Electronic Stability Control and Lane Assist. In addition there is Front Assist, which uses radar to help prevent frontal accidents.

On the road, the T-Roc makes an instant good impression. It's small engine is quiet unless pushed hard, and there is

minimal wind and road noise. It is beautifully balanced for composed handling on twisty roads, yet can be compliant and comfortable around town.

The precise steering gives good road feedback and while the car isn't quite as sporty as some in its class, it is still nippy and does have a more supple ride for extra comfort.

The T-Roc ticks most of the essential boxes for would-be SUV buyers, and has the advantage of a more striking visual persona than most, important in an image-sensitive market.

## STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Volkswagen T-Roc SE
- **Engine:** 1.0 litre petrol
- **Transmission:** 6-speed manual
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 10.1 seconds, top speed 187 kph (116 mph)
- **Economy:** 19.6 kpl (55.4 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 117 g/km

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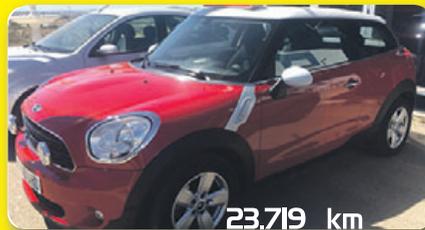
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MICHAEL SCHUMACHER'S 19-year-old son Mick, has claimed his maiden Formula 3 victory on the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, 26 years after the legendary German driver, won his first F1 title there.

TO READ MORE

## Lew beauty Hamilton extends F1 lead

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

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

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

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

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



**SWEATY WORK:** Hamilton reflects on his important victory.

August.

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

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

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

Credit: @Formula1/Twitter



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

## One of the boyos

GERAINT THOMAS became the third Briton to win the Tour de France when he crossed the line in Paris. The Team Sky rider, 32, follows Sir Bradley Wiggins in 2012 and four-time Tour champion Chris Froome as Britain celebrates a sixth win in seven years.

Alexander Kristoff won the final sprint finish on the Champs-Elysees as Thomas crossed the line arm-in-arm with Froome after three weeks of racing. He beat Dutchman Tom Dumoulin by one-minute 51 seconds, with Froome third.

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

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

"I seem to be floating around on cloud nine. Maybe when I'm 70, sat in a corner of a pub telling some 18-year-old what I

used to be, it will sink in.

"It's incredible, the stuff of dreams."

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

However, he had never before ridden the Giro d'Italia in the same year and it seemed to sap his energy levels in the Pyrenees mountains, as Thomas proved the stronger rider. Thomas' victory comes in his ninth Tour and cements his place among Britain's greatest cyclists.

Credit: @chrisfroome/Twitter

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

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

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

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

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

## Plane crazy!



Credit: @BarcaWomen/Twitter

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

Messi and Luis Suarez are given extended rest from the

World Cup in Russia last month.

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

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

Women's striker Alexia Putellas said:

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

## Gareth won't Bale

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

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

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

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

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

Bale is currently contracted



CREDITED: @GarethBale11/Twitter

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

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

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

"I think Julen Lopetegui

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

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

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

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