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A GROUP of Almeria environmentalists have called on Spain's National Court to push for a deadline for the cleanup of radioactive waste from the town of Palomares.

The Ecologists in Action group said in a letter to the court that it should ask the country's Nuclear Safety Council to move forward with clearing the debris.

The waste fell from a United States (US) Air Force plane carrying four thermonuclear bombs which crashed in mid-air in 1966 in what was later dubbed the Palomares Incident.

The environmentalists were responding to claims made before the National Court by lawyers acting for the Spanish government.

They argued that a cleanup plan drawn up with the US in 2010 was now completed 'down to the last detail' and would be undertaken within the next three years.

The plan is set to see some

Nuclear option



CLEANUP CALL:
The ecologists appealed to the court over nuclear waste in Palomares.

50,000 cubic metres due to be temporarily stored in Spain before being moved to the US.

The ecologists said cleanup efforts up until now had been made up of the 'clandestine' burial of thousands which

they claimed broke environmental rules.

The group added the National Court should order the original 2010 plan to be implemented and not one agreed in 2015 which revised the amount down to

28,000 cubic metres.

The cleanup of radioactive waste in Palomares dates back to 1966 when a US warplane crashed while refuelling, dropping its payload of four nuclear bombs on Almeria.

The bombs did not go off

but spewed radioactive waste across the Palomares area on impact.

Parts of the town remain restricted and contaminated. Several court cases have been launched by residents over health claims.

SPAIN'S Supreme Court has upheld a ruling from Andalusia's high court which sentenced a defendant to almost three years in prison over cocaine found in a package of massage equipment.

The court heard the defendant, from Roquetas de Mar, was arrested after French customs officials informed their

Jail time upheld

Spanish counterparts in Almeria that they had found a suspicious package.

The parcel was addressed to the defendant and ended up at a courier's office after a unsuccessful home deliv-

ery attempt.

Authorities opened the package and found almost one kilo of cocaine hidden among dissembled massage equipment.

Officers found it had a puri-

ty of 75.51 per cent and a street value of more than €111,000.

Prosecutors claimed the defendant intended to sell the drugs onto users.

The Supreme Court, based in Madrid, dismissed the de-

fendant's appeal against the two-year and nine-month sentence handed down by the Andalusian Superior Court of Justice.

The Andalusian Court, sitting in Granada, cut the defendant's sentence from six years and six months which he received following a trial at Almeria's Provincial Court.

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Rolling in the isle

FANS of reality dating hit Love Island have poked fun at budget airline Jet2, a main sponsor of the ITV2 show, after contestants flew back from Mallorca with Ryanair.

Rock shock

GIBRALTAR'S Ape Management team has warned drivers to take care after three young Barbary macaques were crushed to death by vehicles pulling away while they were playing under them in the upper rock nature reserve.

Total boob

GUARDIA CIVIL director Felix Vicente Azon has sparked outrage after placing a female officer on a month's gardening leave and fining her after she filed a formal complaint over a lack of female bulletproof vests.

By Matt Ford

A HOMELESS man allegedly paid €100 by a British stag party to have the groom's name and address tattooed on his forehead has called for them to be jailed.

Polish-born Tomek Matuszewski, 34, says he has reported the offenders to the police after returning to Benidorm from Granada in Andalucia, where he spent a few days with friends.

And he marched to the Foreign Tourists' Office to file a complaint about the incident before being taken for a medical check-up.

He said being handed the money while drunk was "like winning the lottery," but was horrified when he woke up the next day.

"My reaction was: 'what the f*** have I done?'" he added.

The inking was supposed to read 'Jamie Blake, North Shields NE28,' but only the first two letters of the post code were completed because Tomek was in too much pain, and now he wants those responsible to face justice.

Speaking to UK media, he said: "I'd like to see the culprit

Tat row goes on



Photo credit: Shutterstock/Facebook/Judy Broadbent

INK PROBE: Mr Blake, pictured with his fiancée, is accused of paying Tomek to have his head tattooed.

go to jail as well as the tattooist. I want justice and I hope karma will come back to them."

Mr Blake, 36, earlier denied his involvement in the stunt having recently moved to Benidorm and deciding to go ahead with his stag party despite separating from his fiancée.

He told the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*: "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 money."

The incident has sparked outrage among expatriates in the holiday hotspot, and Karen Maling Cowles, president of the Benidorm British Business Association, has been leading a fundraising campaign to get the tattoo removed.

She said: "Tomek has contacted us. He was emotional and overwhelmed by the publicity given by the media and acts of kindness by the public.

"We are looking for help with various things for Tomek including somewhere not expensive for him to stay while we get things organised with doctors and so on."

Maureen Daniels added: "Well done for standing up to help this poor man. He has gone from an encounter with the worst of British in Benidorm to the very best. I hope his problems will soon be on the way to being solved."

Holidaymaker Paul, a 35-year-old lorry driver, told *The Sun*: "Today I've seen in the papers that Jamie has said it was nothing to do with him and Tommy wasn't homeless. That's a joke - it was his idea."

Police have confirmed they are probing the incident.

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Man held at port

NATIONAL POLICE officers have arrested a 23-year-old Moroccan man at Almeria City's port wanted in connection with an alleged house burglary in Germany. The detainee, whose case has been sent to Almeria's Court of Instruction Number Five, was subject to arrest warrants from authorities in Bosnia, Germany, Lithuania, Morocco and Romania.

Drugs bust

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have seized more than 5,000 marijuana plants, a weapon and machinery from a farm in Alcolea near El Ejido. Police arrested a 64-year-old in connection with the haul and sent proceedings to Berja's Court of Instruction and the investigation remains open with officers refusing to rule out further arrests.

Jobless rise

UNEMPLOYMENT in Almeria Province rose by 624 people in July and now stands at more than 62,724 compared with June, according to Spain's Welfare Ministry. Data also found the number of people jobless at the end of July this year was 2,224 less than those unemployed at the end of July 2017.

'Theft' probe

FOUR people, including two youths, have been arrested in Huerca de Almeria in connection with the alleged theft of four motorcycles and other items valued at around €40,000. The detainees include an 18-year-old from Santa Fe de Mondujar, a resident of Alhama de Almeria, 24 and two 16-year-olds.

Train delay

A TRAIN from Sevilla City bound for Almeria City arrived late at the latter after technical issues resulted in it being delayed. Passengers on the train, which left Sevilla last Thursday, got off in Almeria around 45 minutes after the scheduled arrival time, according to Spain's rail company Renfe.

Body tests

A 46-YEAR-OLD man whose body was found under a bridge in Almeria City last Thursday died of natural causes, according to the results of a post-mortem examination. Coroners ruled the remains of the man, who was reported missing on July 12, showed no signs of having died a violent death.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 26

Photo credit Carlos F. Turienzo

HEAVENLY VIEW: The incredible shot was captured in Italy's Dolomite mountains.

Shooting stars

THE view is out of this world.

This stunning shot shows the Milky Way emerging over the three peaks of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo in Italy's Dolomite mountain range.

And it landed Spanish snapper Carlos F Turienzo on the shortlist for the 2018 Insight Astronomy Photographer of the Year contest.

Organised by the Royal Observatory Greenwich in association with *BBC Sky at Night Magazine*, the competition this year received more than 4,200 entries from 91 countries.

And after making the final cut, the Galician photographer

said: "We had been travelling for 24 hours without sleeping to reach our destination before the one night where clear skies were forecasted ended.

"After reaching the hut and having a nice dinner, we climbed up to the cliff and waited for night-time to come.

"Unfortunately it came with a cloudy sky. We stood there being optimistic, knowing that all our efforts would be rewarded, and eventually the clouds disappeared and the magic happened: a beautiful Milky Way emerged over the mountains! "It was amazing being there together enjoying the magnificent spectacle, truly a dream come true."

Body found

EMERGENCY SERVICES personnel were called out to a beach in the Nijar area after receiving reports of a corpse sighted in the water off the shoreline.

Guardia Civil officers, medical personnel, Local Police and coastguards were despatched to Los Genoveses beach after two witnesses reported seeing the body at around 8.50pm on Saturday.

The body was found around 250 metres out to sea. Andalucía's 112

Emergency Services line confirmed the find on social media at around 1pm on Saturday afternoon.

The Guardia Civil said legal protocol had now been activated following the find. The body is that of a man but its identity or the reason why it reached the Nijar beach was unknown at the time of the find.

The news comes as emergency services found two bodies in the space of less than 24 hours in the Cabo de Gata area last month.

Five hurt in crash

FIVE people were taken to hospital after their vehicle left the road and plunged down a ravine near Huerca-Overa.

Emergency services said they received calls from several witnesses who told them the vehicle careered off the A-334 road at kilometre 83 between Alfoquia and Zurgena. The crash is believed to have taken place shortly before 3.00pm last Thursday.

Emergency personnel including Guardia Civil officers, paramedics

and firefighters were despatched to the scene of the crash.

Firefighters were not required as Guardia Civil officers were able to pull the five people from the vehicle. Several people nearby also helped to get them out, Andalucía's 112 Emergency Services line said.

Paramedics took the five people to La Inmaculada Regional Hospital in Huerca-Overa for treatment. The extent of their injuries is unknown, with the vehicle later removed from the ravine by the A-334.

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IN THE POST: Orwell is thought to have caught tuberculosis after being shot by a sniper in the Spanish Civil War.

By George

PIONEERING research has suggested British author George Orwell was killed by tuberculosis he caught in a Spanish hospital.

The Nineteen Eighty-Four penman died from a haemorrhage in January 1950.

And while the cause of his death is well known, it has remained unclear where he contracted the condition. But scientific tests on a letter the author sent to Sergey Dinamov, editor of the Soviet journal *Foreign Literature*, appear to have solved the mystery.

It was written in July 1937, shortly after Orwell returned to Britain after fighting against the military uprising of General Francisco Franco. The analysis was carried out by Israeli researcher Gleb Zilberstein, who in an earlier study verified traces of kidney disease on the manuscript of Russian writer Mikhail Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*.

He used acetate film to extract bacteria and morphine from the document, which were checked against archived medical registration records for those that fought in the Spanish Civil War, which broke out in 1936 and ended in 1939. Zilberstein told *The Times*: "The level of infection was very high and the [hygiene standards of] hospitals were very poor.

"The civil war in Spain was the last war in the

20th century without penicillin.

"Most wounded people got infections in hospital in Spain and mortality was higher from infections.

"Orwell got TB at a period of the civil war when there was a higher probability of hospital infections."

Orwell went to Spain to write about and fight in the war, during which Franco's fascist regime battled the Republican government for control of the country, eventually becoming a lieutenant in the militia of the communist, anti-Stalinist Workers' Party of Marxist Unification. He was shot in May 1937 through the neck by a sniper while moving through trenches at the Aragon Front, with the injury permanently affecting his voice.

Zilberstein says there is a "very high probability" the author was infected while recovering in hospital, although contaminated food could also have been to blame.

The traces of morphine are believed to have come from painkillers administered to him at the time.

Orwell later moved to the Scottish island of Jura, where he completed *Nineteen Eighty-Four* as his tuberculosis worsened.

The book was published in June 1949 and the novelist - real name Eric Blair - died six months later, aged 46.

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OUR VIEW

Heatwave or climate change?

THERE seems to be almost inevitability at the way in which the temperature across Europe is increasing so dramatically.

There have been heatwaves in the past, the most memorable perhaps in the UK the summer of 1976 but that was something of a freak, although 1977 also had hot periods.

This however is different as the temperatures are rising to unprecedented levels and although there is a forecast by the University of Alicante that this latest bout of hot weather has officially finished, they also believe that it will return again in September with a vengeance.

The mainstream media doesn't seem to find this particularly bothersome, although it does allow for some useful 'scorchio' headlines, but the reality seems to be that climate change is becoming more likely than ever to be the reason for this increased heat.

Many of us moved to Spain in order to enjoy the warm weather but when it becomes so hot, both day and night, that it is difficult to breathe let alone take walks; we have to sit up and take note!

For older people, the heat can be dangerous and there is also the likelihood of increased outbreaks of wildfire due to the parched undergrowth, although it appears there haven't been as many disastrous outbreaks as last year (although there is still time).

At the end of the day, please be careful during the very hot weather, keep hydrated, use sun block and if you have animals make sure that they aren't exposed to danger.

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PM plots Almeria holiday
Sanchez floats Mojacar visit despite security concerns

by Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S prime minister said he plans to spend some of his August break in Almeria amidst concerns from his security detail over his location of choice's safety.

Pedro Sanchez, of the governing left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE), is set to divide his time between the Almeria resort of Mojacar and his official summer residence at Doñana in Sevilla. He is due to host German chancellor Angela Merkel at the Sevilla residence this weekend.

The prime minister's security detail had previously said they would stop Sanchez from holidaying in Mojacar with his wife and two children.

Sanchez owns a holiday apartment in the resort which is popular with British tourists and expatriates. He said previously in a media interview that Mojacar was the place he would most like to 'lose himself.'

The prime minister said he



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MOJACAR FAN: Sanchez (inset) tried to keep a low profile in 2016.

would spend some of his holiday in the Almeria resort despite protection officers warning it would be practically impossible to secure the area.

Sanchez's Mojacar visit re-

mains unconfirmed, with the official line from security staff still that he should be talked out of the trip.

Sanchez reportedly arrived at the Sevilla Marismillas Palace, a

state-owned grace and favour home, last Friday.

He is set to host Chancellor Merkel there this weekend for an informal meeting on European Union matters, with particular attention paid to the ongoing migration situation.

The prime minister previously visited Mojacar in 2016 while leader of the PSOE opposition.

The holiday sparked interest on social media after one user snapped what she claimed was Sanchez 'incognito.'

The picture showed a man believed to be Sanchez wearing a white flat cap sitting at a chiringuito in the town with his wife.

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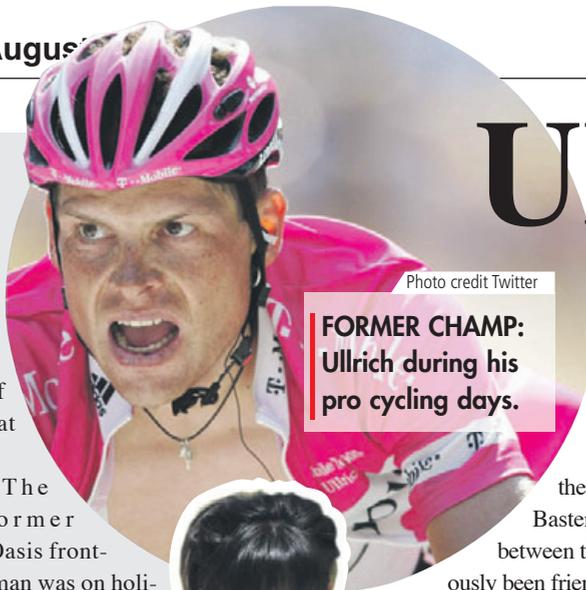


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FORMER CHAMP: Ullrich during his pro cycling days.

HE won an Olympic gold medal and the Tour de France during his time as an athlete.

But former cycling star Jan Ullrich says separation from his wife AND children has “thrown me into the deepest despair” after being arrested in Mallorca.

The German, 44, was held for nearly 24 hours after allegedly breaking into the home of neighbour and actor Til Schweiger - known for roles in Inglourious Basterds and Atomic Blonde - and threatening him. It reportedly ended in a brawl between the pair, and Schweiger told German media they had previously been friends but the relationship has recently deteriorated.

He said that Ullrich “had almost become a family member but when his wife left him he started taking amphetamines: he would only sleep for two hours. He’d start drinking beer at 6am and went on like that until the evening. He also told me that he had a prescription for cocaine.”

Dad for it

HIS rock star father is famous for his wild behaviour. And Gene Gallagher, 17, appears ready to follow in dad Liam’s footsteps after big sister Molly Moorish, 21, posted a snap of him smoking two cigarettes at once in Ibiza.



Photo credit Molly Moorish/Instagram

LITTLE LIAM: Gene Gallagher.

The former Oasis front-man was on holiday with his three children, all from different mothers, who also include 18-year-old Lennon.



Photo credit Twitter

Foxy Roxy

SHE suffered a horror crash while driving a Formula 2 stock car last month. But former Emmerdale star Roxanne Pallett, 35, appeared to be making a strong recovery during a sunshine break in Spain. The Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes winner sent temperatures soaring after slipping into a skimpy yellow bikini before hitting the pool.

SUMMER STUNNER: Roxanne Pallett.

Royal rebel!

SHE’S 38th in line to the British throne.

But Lady Amelia Windsor threw royal protocol to the wind after she went topless on a Spanish beach. The Duke of Kent’s granddaughter, 22, was snapped wearing only a pair of pink bikini bottoms as she strolled on the beach in Santa Eulalia, Ibiza, before topping up her tan on a sun lounger.

The model is holidaying on the White Isle with sister Marina, 25.



WISH YOU WERE HEIR: Lady Amelia Windsor.



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Huerta Nueva - 95,000€ (ref: HNOC)

2 (/3) beds • 2 baths • Build: 83m²
Excellent presented and maintained property available for immediate occupancy. Pool, solarium, third/occasional bedroom, air-con, electric heater panels, furnished subject to negotiation.



Alfaix - 98,500€ (ref: AHB)

3 beds • 2½ baths • Plot: 138m² • Build: 112m²
Large semi-rural property near to the village of Los Gallardos. One of only eight townhouses surrounded by olive & orange orchards. East & west orientations, communal pool & gardens.



Huerta Nueva - 105,000€ (ref: HNAZP2)

2 beds • 1½ baths • Plot: 125m² • Build: 83m²
Two storey house with roof top solarium benefiting mountain views, master bedroom with terrace, garden, allocated off road parking. Communal pool, air conditioning installed and part furnished.



Los Gallardos - 106,000€ (ref: LGHN2)

3 beds • 3 baths • Build: 127m² • Garage: 40m²
This keenly priced property represents excellent value for money and is ready for immediate occupancy. Being sold with white goods, air conditioning and is partly furnished.



Vera Playa - 114,950€ (ref: VPAR)

2 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 122m² • Build: 64m²
This end of block bright & airy ground floor property has been furnished & equipped to a high standard & is just 600m from the beach. Walking distance to restaurants & commercial centre.



Vera Playa (Naturist) - 114,950€ (ref: NVLD)

2 beds • 1½ baths • Plot: 69m² • Build: 49m²
End of row, penthouse with allocated covered parking. This property has had considerable investment made by the owners. Terrace, roof top solarium for all day sun. Only 250m from the beach



Desert Springs - 129,000€ (ref: DSDU)

2 beds • 2½ baths • Plot: 56m² • Build: 90m²
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Huerta Nueva - 209,000€ (ref: HNVM5)

3 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 500m² • Build: 150m²
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Man held as police help elderly



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ELDERLY HELP: Officers have stepped up efforts to aid the elderly.

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested a 43-year-old man from Huerca-Overa in connection with an alleged mugging which targeted an 87-year-old.

The probe into the mugging, conducted in partnership with the town's Local Police force, comes as the Guardia Civil has stepped up its work with the elderly.

Officers have held more than 30 talks as well as activity sessions with older residents of Almeria as part of its Greater Security Plan initiative.

The 87-year-old who was

the alleged victim of the mugging claimed he had been assaulted by three people while walking down the street. He told police they took thousands of euros in cash.

Proceedings for the 43-year-old's case have been sent to Huerca-Overa's Court of Instruction.

The Greater Security Plan was launched by Spain's government in 2010. It was designed to help prevent threats against the elderly, give them confidence in the police force and improve officer response rates to incidents targeting them.

Car crash kills and injures

A 61-YEAR-OLD man has died and four people were injured in a road accident on the N-340A passing through Tabernas, Almeria.

Witnesses to the collision between two cars immediately alerted the emergency services.

All those caught up in the accident were taken to Torrecardenas hospital, but one of the drivers lost his life.

The road in question was closed while the victims were treated at the scene.

Safe sex is best

by **Christophe De Chaume**

Garrucha and Huerca-Overa.

ALMERIA'S delegate of Equality, Health and Social Policies, Jose Maria Martin, has met with a group of charities which are dedicated to raise awareness about sexually transmitted diseases among young people.

Ramon Soto of the Junta's Youth Department was also present at the meeting, in which they learned about an initiative to tackle disinformation and urban myths about sexuality and STIs.

The initiative has a Twitter slogan #SexoSinFakes, and directs people to correct information about the issue, as well as advice about practising safe sex.

This campaign has already been run in Roquetas de Mar, Vicar and Almocita, and will be taken to Almeria, Adra, Carboneras,

The importance of condom use among young people is being re-emphasised, and charities involved include the Red Cross and Doctors of the World.

As part of the initiative, volunteers man tents and distribute educational leaflets, advice and other literature.

A parallel campaign on social media contrasts correct information on STIs and safe sex, with information that has been debunked.

It is presented in a language which is fresh and youthful, so that the target audience can engage and connect with it.

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NEWS EXTRA

Holy holiday status plans

ALMERIA City Council has presented a proposal to the Junta de Andalucía which would see the city's Holy Week celebrations granted National Tourist Interest status, recognising its traditions and helping to draw visitors if passed.

Clinic probe

POLICE have searched a clinic belonging to the iDental firm in Almería City and have seized medical records as part of an ongoing investigation into allegations of fraud being probed by Spain's National Court.

Green jobs

ALMANZORA is set to share in the creation of a total of 5,000 new jobs there and in the provinces of Almería, Jaén and Granada after Spain's government announced €1.1 billion in funds for renewable energy in Andalucía.

Writer dies

A MASS for one of Almería's leading journalists was held in the provincial capital last Friday following the death of Antonio Fernandez Gil who covered politics, culture and social issues in the province for around 50 years.

River call

ENVIRONMENTALISTS in Almería have called on the Junta de Andalucía to act on the River Aguas in the Sierra de los Filabres after claiming that it has lost around 75 per cent of its water due to over-exploitation.

Tasty treats

ALMERIA'S Tapas Route has been declared of Tourist Interest by the regional government, which is trying to push the city's bid to be named the Capital of Gastronomy in 2019.

THE greyhound Amar, who arrived in 'critical condition' at a veterinary hospital in Silla after having been abandoned, has made a full recovery following five successful operations.

A greyhound charity in Almería found Amar emaciated and dying in a house, suffering from multiple injuries including broken bones.

The poor animal's wounds had also

It's a dog's new life

become infected, and it was all the result of a brutal beating at the hands of his owner.

Amar arrived at the Valencian Veterinary hospital at the end of March close to death, and was treated in the traumatology department, headed by

Antonio Cañadillas.

Three bones were even protruding out of the animal's limbs, and sadly one of Amar's legs had to be amputated to save his life. However, his other legs were preserved thanks to two successful operations and effective medicines.

As he could initially barely move, Amar's rehabilitation began with physiotherapy sessions to try to regain mobility.

A final surgical procedure saw the greyhound undergo a long and complicated operation in which he lost a lot of blood, but which treated his paws.

The operation was another success and Amar is said to be 'stronger than ever' now.

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MARIA, 32, on holiday from Malaga

“Yes, I think so. There are so many cars and most of them are polluting the environment as much as ever.

“We have to do more, even with recycling, etc. The seasons are changing and it’s quite strange to see. This summer only started at the end of June, and there was a lot of rain before that.

“But the heatwaves everywhere must also be a result of climate change.

“I work in Barcelona and it reached 40 degrees recently. There is a lot of smog there too, it’s sometimes difficult

to breathe. But the authorities in Barcelona are trying to make changes to respond to this. There are parts of the city that don’t allow cars through that are over 10 years old!”

Mrs Smith, 58, lives in Spain but originally from Hertfordshire

“Not really no. If you go back in history, there has been catastrophic climate change. Some of the highest temperatures ever were from times when mankind could not be blamed. I’m not saying we’re

helping, but it’s not all down to humans.

“There’s not a huge

STREET TALK

Do you believe in climate change?

Spain is sizzling as a historic heatwave continues to scorch Europe, with above-average temperatures forecast for the next three months. But is climate change to blame?

amount of evidence, I’m more worried about plastics in the sea and the abuse of wildlife. Those are more important environmental issues for me.”

David and Glynis Plume, 61 and 65, on holiday from Manchester

“Yes. Everywhere is getting warmer, although the UK still gets bad winters! The reasons are all around: pollution, cars, factories. These factors are ingrained in society and so it’s not easy to change things. It will take a long time but small things can be done along the way to help.

“The developing countries

are trying to catch up though and they are not willing to make the same sacrifices that developed countries are. But then we’ve had our industrial revolution so maybe they have a right to have theirs!”

Chris, 35, lives in Spain but originally from Essex

“Yes. Recycling is so important too. It’s vital for everyone to be aware of the environment and to play their part. It’s hard to see any easy solutions. I think a lot of climate change is down to transportation. Even with all the electric cars, they might reduce emissions, but they have a negative side because of all the acids that are in-



FEELING THE HEAT: David and Glynis.

involved in battery production. The factories that are used to manufacture the cars emit more toxic waste than normal cars.

“We’re never going to completely solve it, because of the lack of alternative solutions. Solar panels are too expensive and are not enough on their own.”

Anonymous, 30-ish, on holiday from Manchester

“Yes, the evidence shows

that global warming has been real over the past few decades.

“The sea levels are rising, etc. We have to reduce plastics and use our own containers from home more. There was a campaign for a ‘plastic free July’ which was a good idea. People could also buy more second-hand clothes and use public transport more. Another problem is that trains are often more expensive than planes!”

BAKING BAD: Maria.

BOILING POINT: Chris.

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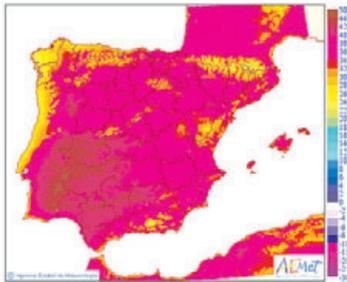
By Matt Ford, Tara Rippin and Joe Gerrard

THE death toll has risen to at least nine after Spain was gripped by a scorching heatwave.

A 40-year-old German holiday-maker walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage was the latest victim after he succumbed to heatstroke in the eastern region of Extremadura.

It comes after the mercury soared to 46°C in parts of the country over the weekend, just short of the all-time record of 47.3°C set in Montoro, Córdoba, last summer.

And firefighters were left battling a



SCORCHIO: A temperature 'heat map' of the Iberian Peninsula last Saturday.



TINDERBOX: Flames rip through forest in Huelva.

series of forest blazes which broke out in the wake of the sizzling conditions.

Alerts for extreme fire risk were issued across the country, with Civil Protection warning against throwing cigarette ends from vehicles or leaving rubbish, especially empty glass bottles, in the sun.

Nature scare

Two wildfires in Huelva Province, Andalucía, were eventually brought under control by more than 200 firefighters, 10 helicopters and four large capacity aeroplanes after flames ripped through forest near the tourist village of Almonaster la Real and nearby Calañas.

They followed hours after more than 1,700 hectares of land were burned in the municipality of Nerva, also close by, with police now probing whether the three incidents were the result of arson.

And a blaze near La Jonquera in the Pyrenees mountains, Cataluña, forced the closure of the border with France for several hours.

Thousands evacuated

Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes as fire ripped

through the mountain range of of Lutxent in Valencia.

An estimated 1,400 hectares of forest is believed to have been destroyed in the blaze which saw 2,500 people seek refuge.

The Military Emergency Unit dispatched 120 troops, 25 vehicles, and nine aircraft, 12 forestry brigades.

The fire started in the Pujol de Lutxent area but continued to move uncontrollably northwards until it threatened the natural area of

El Surar, an environmental reserve protected for its ecological wealth.

WALL OF FLAMES: A firefighter surveys the wildfire in Lutxent.



Panic in Portugal

Hundreds of firefighters were deployed in the Algarve to tackle a wildfire which spread towards the Spanish border.

At least 740 firefighters, 12 aircraft

and 122 vehicles headed to the Sierra de Monchique to tackle the blaze which broke out last Friday and remained out of control five days later, with smoke clouding the skies of beaches packed with sunbathers.

Spain sent two large aircraft to help Portuguese emergency services fight the fire and unconfirmed reports on Monday placed the number of personnel on the ground at more than 1,000.

The blaze later spread near to the towns of Tavira and Vila Real de Santo Antonio, both of which lie near Portugal's border with Huelva.

At least 29 people were injured and several firefighters received medical attention for exposure to heat and smoke.



RISK TO LIFE: Flames approach houses in Monchique.

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PSOE tops election poll

by Joe Gerrad

THE results of an opinion survey have found that Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE) would win a general election if one is called early.

The poll, from the Sociological Research Centre (CIS), found that almost 30 per cent of its respondents would vote for PSOE in an early election. The party came to power two months ago following a no confidence motion.

Adriana Lastra, the party's spokesperson in the Congress of Deputies, said it was the first time since 2009 that the PSOE had topped the survey.

The poll placed the conservative Partido Popular (PP), who were ousted from government following the motion, second with 20.4 per cent of respondents backing them. They came joint second with the centrist Ciudadanos party.

A total of 15.6 per cent of those surveyed said they would vote for the leftist anti-austerity Podemos party in the CIS's latest quarterly survey.

The previous quarterly survey, released in April, placed the PSOE second with 22 per cent of respondents backing them. The PP, in government at the time, came first with 24 per cent.

There are currently 84 PSOE members in the Congress of Deputies, Spain's lower house of parliament, out of 350 lawmakers. The party has 62 out of



Photo Credit: Pedro Sanchez, via Twitter

SUPPORT SURGE: Pedro Sanchez's party would win an early election according to pollsters.

Support for political parties



266 seats in the Senate, making it the government with the smallest minority in Spain's democratic history.

The poll was taken shortly before the PP chose Pablo Casado to succeed predecessor, and former prime minister, Mariano Rajoy.

Casado stood on a platform of moving the party to the right on a number of issues including abortion and migration. He also floated banning independence parties such as those in Cataluña in a bid to thwart their independence ambitions.

The new PP leader met with

Sanchez in Madrid at his official residence of La Moncloa on Wednesday.

The results of the poll come as the PSOE marked two months since they toppled the PP government on Wednesday.

The party came to power after the then ruling PP became embroiled in the Gurtel corruption scandal.

The motion passed with 180 votes in favour and 169 against, after Sanchez secured the backing of regionalist parties.

The PP became the first party to be ousted by a no confidence motion since Spain transitioned to democracy in the late 1970's.

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A Place in the Sun



Refugee camp opens

New arrivals flood coast as populism fears grow

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Interior Ministry has opened a temporary refugee camp in the Algeciras area to house the growing number of migrants arriving in Spain.

It comes after Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said his government will set up a command centre to coordinate Madrid's response to the increasing influx of Africans crossing the Strait of Gibraltar into Spain.

The site, set up on a field in Crinavis near San Roque in Cadiz Province, is set to house migrants arriving at three ports in the province.

It comes as European Union (EU) officials said the handling of the migrant situation could fuel a rise in anti-immigration political populism.

The first 442 people arrived at the camp last Saturday. The facility, which has beds, toilets and showers, can house a maximum of 600 people for 72 hours.

Jose Medina, a migrant co-ordinator, said the camp would shelter people rescued and taken to Tarifa, Barbate and Algeciras.

The facility is set to take in 400 people every 24 hours as those who complete their 72-hour stay leave, Medina added.

Pepe Villahoz, of the Acoge immigration advo-



MIGRANT CRISIS: New arrivals queue at Algeciras port and (inset) the new camp at nearby Crinavis.

cacy group, said they were concerned by the uncertainty arrivals faced.

"Protocols to deal with migrants have never been established and resources have not been allocated to solve the issue," Villahoz said.

The opening of the camp follows a pledge from European Union member states to set up migrant reception centres at June's Paris summit.

The new facility also comes as EU officials said they would support Spain on migration.

Dimitri Avramopoulos, the EU Commissioner

for Migration, said during his Madrid visit last Friday that Spain would receive additional resources to address the issue.

"Spain has the full support of the European Commission in dealing with the increased arrivals along the western Mediterranean Sea route," he said.

EU officials are concerned the Spanish electorate could be wooed by politicians standing on radical anti-immigration platforms.

The officials reportedly fear a rerun of populist

parties including the far right La Liga in Italy being elected and the success of others in Austria and elsewhere.

"At the moment, we cannot afford to lose Spain," one unnamed senior EU official reportedly said.

Pablo Casado, the new leader of the conservative Partido Popular (PP), has begun moving his party to the right on migration.

He recently claimed Spain could not accommodate the 'millions' of people arriving on its southern frontier.

The far right Vox political party also organised a meeting in Algeciras on Wednesday to address what they claimed was a migrant 'invasion.'

Sergio Carrera, of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) think tank, said the Spanish government had the right approach to the issue.

"The response of the Spanish government has been correct, putting the figures in perspective and showing that we are not facing a crisis," he said.

Many of the migrants are refugees fleeing war, conflict and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. More than 23,000 migrants have arrived in Spain so far this year, according to statistics from the United Nations.

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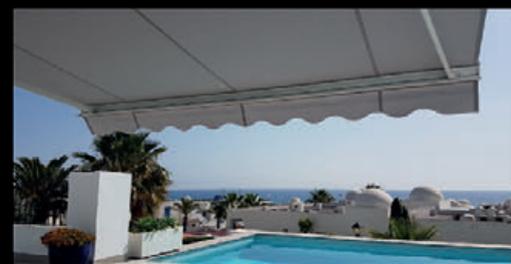
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Balcony plunge horror

Brit fell six floors while 'having a poo'

by **Matt Ford**

A BRITISH holidaymaker is fighting for his life after plummeting six floors while allegedly relieving himself over a Mallorca hotel balcony.

The unnamed 25-year-old is believed to have fallen from the sixth floor of the TRH Magaluf and hit an interior patio head first.

Local reports suggest he lost his balance after dropping his trousers and squatting over the edge of the balcony just before 3.30am.

Images of the victim lying on the ground surrounded by police officers and medics appeared in a Spanish newspaper.

And distressing video footage shows a tourist thought to be a friend or relative breaking down in tears after arriving at the scene.

He can be heard shouting "no, no, no" before a blonde woman appears to comfort him and the pair are led away by a police officer.

Guardia Civil investigators confirmed they are probing the incident as an official confirmed: "The matter is under investigation."

British holidaymaker Andrew Rhys Phillips was last May hospitalised after falling from the first floor at the same hotel.

It comes days after Irish teen Pdraig Morgan was left fighting for his life after plunging from a second-floor balcony at the Hotel Apartments Deya in Santa Ponsa.

The 18-year-old from West Belfast hurt his



CRITICAL CONDITION: The hotel where the accident took place and (inset) medics and police tend to the victim.

hip and spine and medics said he had been admitted to intensive care at Palma's Son Espases Hospital.

The accidents are the latest in a spate of balcony falls involving British and Irish tourists in Mallorca this year, in which seven people have died.



PILOT DEATH: Captain Schrale was found dead in his vehicle.

Airport 'suicide'

A RYANAIR pilot found dead at a Spanish airport is thought to have committed suicide.

It comes after Captain Jouke Schrale, 45, failed to turn up for a short-haul flight from Malaga to Brussels.

The Dutchman, who lived in Mijas on the Costa del Sol and was known to friends as Jake, reportedly died in his vehicle in a staff car park.

The 8.30am flight was delayed for hours while a replace-

ment pilot was organised.

A well-placed source told UK media: "He'd never missed a flight in 15 years and so people knew something must be wrong."

An official from the budget Irish airline said: "His colleagues are in deep shock. We offer our deepest sympathy."

Captain Schrale had been flying with the carrier for a decade, and leaves behind

partner Jessica.

A tribute on Facebook read: "Rest in peace Captain Jouke Schrale. In this moment of sorrow we express our most sincere condolences to the family and we embrace each other in a fraternal embrace. High skies for you Captain!"

Ryanair pilots and cabin crew have recently held a series of strikes over working conditions, sparking travel chaos across Europe.



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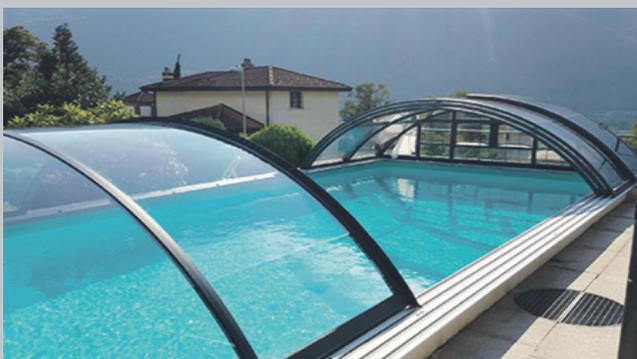


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'Wolfpack' member jailed



IN COURT: Angel Boza appeared before Sevilla's Court of Instruction Number 16 yesterday.

A COURT in Sevilla has remanded Angel Boza, the youngest member of the La Manada ('Wolfpack' in English) gang, in custody without bail after he was charged with attempted robbery.

Boza, 26, was arrested in Sevilla on Thursday. He stands accused of attempting to steal a

pair of sunglasses worth almost €200 and of trying to run over two security guards.

Agustin Martinez, the lawyer acting for Boza, called on justices not to add more bail conditions to ones previously handed down by Navarra's Superior Court of Justice.

The Navarra court bailed

Boza and the four other men convicted of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman at Pamplona's San Fermin festival pending an appeal.

"The conditions connected with the Pamplona case were strictly observed. It would not make sense for them to be expanded," Martinez said.



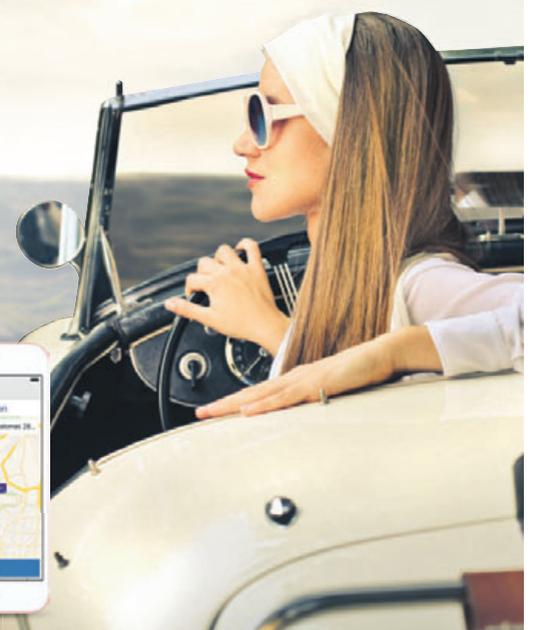
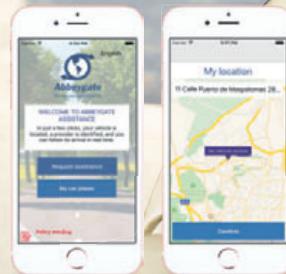
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DATED: Old photograph of suspected child rapist Neil Jackson.

Hunt is on

A PREDICTIVE drawing of a suspected child rapist thought to be living in Alicante Province has been released by British police.

Officers in Derbyshire want to question Neil Jackson in connection with the indecent assault and rape of a young girl.

The only photograph available for a BBC Crimewatch 'most wanted' appeal was taken a number of years ago, so an artists' impression was created in the hope it will better resemble the now 62-year-old Jackson.

He has a number of tattoos on his left arm and back, in-

cluding his own name, and while he has many connections to Spain, Derbyshire Constabulary suspect Jackson may be in Alicante.

Anybody with information is asked to call Crimestoppers on the Spanish overseas number 900 555 111.

Tot mauled

A GIRL aged two is in hospital after being mauled by an American Staffordshire terrier.

She was visiting the dog's owner with her family when the animal turned on her and bit her on the cheek.

The girl was treated locally in Massamagrel before being transferred to the Hospital Clinico de Valencia. According to hospital sources she had been kept in but her condition is 'evolving favourably.'

NEWS EXTRA

Lighting up the castle

ALMERIA'S Alcazaba castle will be even more spectacularly lit up at night after the regional government gave the go ahead to the installation of a new lighting and alarm system at a cost of €500,000.

Electric plan

ALMERIA'S provincial council has installed five charging points and is to rent three electric cars in a bid to reduce its carbon footprint by using the EVs for short trips between its own offices.

Abuse call

SOCIALIST councillors want information points against domestic violence, a ban on sexist music lyrics and an app offering help to victims of sex crime to be set up at Almeria's Feria del Mediodía y de la Noche.

Square deal

A TATTY square in Almeria's los Almendros district will be transformed with playgrounds, a boules court, new street furniture and parking places in a €100,000 project which has been approved by the city council.

Master prize

THREE Michelin starred chef Quique Dacosta will give a cooking master class to the winner of a glass recycling competition to be held amongst 28 Pulpi hostleries as part of an environmental campaign.

Tour nature

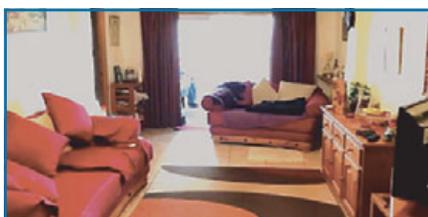
THE natural glories of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar park, film locations and Almeria's virgin beaches have been included in a series of tours organised by the regional government. For more information visit: www.reservatuvisita.es.

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Sex attack rap



HOLIDAY HORROR: The alleged assault took place in Arona.

By Matt Ford

A MOROCCAN man has been held in Valencia in connection with the sexual assault on a British OAP in Tenerife.

The 25-year-old is suspected of violating the unnamed victim, 74, during a break in at a holiday apartment on the holiday island.

He has reportedly been remanded in custody ahead of a court appearance following his arrest in the city's Plaza del Mercado.

A police statement said: "National Police officers have arrested a 25-

year-old Moroccan man in Valencia on suspicion of a sex attack and robbery in Tenerife.

"He allegedly got into an apartment in Arona via the balcony in May and sexually attacked a 74-year-old British woman before taking her belongings.

"He was arrested in Valencia and has been handed over to the courts.

"The incident in question took place on May 13 at apartments in a tourist part of Arona.

"The woman victim was staying at the apartments."

Round of applaws

ANIMAL shelter PAWS-PATAS has received a welcomed boost from a familiar supporter of the cause.

NICLA Property Consultancy, based in Las Buganvillas, Almeria, has handed over a €250 donation for the second year running.

The cash will go towards the charity's neutering programme for stray dogs and cats in the local area with a view to reducing the stray animal population in Spain as a whole.

Owner, Claus Van Mierlo, who worked as an estate agent in Holland before setting up in Spain in 2003, has four rescue animals himself with partner Ali.

To sponsor the ongoing neutering programme, or to find out more about becoming a volunteer visit: www.paws-patas.org or email: info@paws-patas.org.



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DENMARK

Burqa march

A PROTEST in the Norrebro area of Copenhagen against Denmark's banning of the burqa last week was attended by around 2,000 marchers according to organisers who claimed the measures were an attack on the right to free expression.

'Theft' arrest

A 36-YEAR-OLD man arrested in Croatia in connection with a spate of burglaries in the Zealand and Southeast Jutland areas of Denmark in 2016 and 2017 has been extradited back to the country to face charges.

On the rails

VOLUNTEER railway enthusiasts at the Jernbanemuseum in Odense



RALLY: An estimated 2,000 protestors attended.

have finished their working replica of Odin, the country's first train which was built in Manchester in Britain in 1846, and museum staff are due to exhibit it in September.

Jail break

POLICE closed Copenhagen's

Central Station last week whilst they traced a 46-year-old terror suspect who escaped from Vestre Prison after allegedly swapping his identity with a visitor following a decision from the Danish capital's council to extradite him to Italy.

GERMANY

Nazi gaffe

LEADERS of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) political party have condemned one of its regional youth leaders who branded a Second World War German officer who attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler as a 'traitor' on social media.

Welfare cash

THE German treasury spent almost €1 trillion on its social security system last

year, an increase of €36.5 billion on 2016 levels which was largely driven by increasing pension costs according to figures from the Social Affairs Ministry.

Fish deaths

FRESHWATER fish in Germany and throughout Europe have been suffocating after rivers such as the Rhine dried out and reached low levels following the continent's recent heatwave and minimal

rainfall amidst temperatures of nearly 40 degrees.

Family policy

IMMIGRATION authorities have reinstated a reunification programme for a selected 1,000 refugees per month living in Germany after the right for asylum seekers to bring immediate family members to the country was suspended in 2016.

NETHERLANDS

Drought plan

THE chairperson of a Dutch climate crisis body said it was drawing up plans for droughts in the country after some provinces faced water shortages last week and Michele Blom added they were trying to limit potential damage.

Meth making

A POLICE spokesperson said this year has been a 'turning point' for crystal meth production in the Netherlands after 10 labs were shut down this year whereas officers hardly saw facilities to make the drug before.

Freight stats

MORE goods were transported to and from the Netherlands by road this year and international road haulage has grown in volume by 4.3 per cent according to the country's statistics office.

Death probe

PROSECUTORS are pursuing the theory that a fatal shooting in a shisha lounge in The Hague could have been a revenge killing after several suspects were arrested in connection with the death of a 17-year-old there in April.

SWEDEN

Gunned down

POLICE in Stockholm have shot and killed a 20-year-old with Down's syndrome and autism after he left home with a toy gun and was reported missing by his family, his mother said.

Jewel theft

POLICE were tracing two suspects last week after thieves stole two crowns and an orb belonging to 17th century monarchs King Charles IX and Queen Christina the Elder from a cathedral in Strängnäs before escaping by boat.

Missile buy

SWEDEN'S government has announced it is set to acquire Patriot air defence missiles from the United States which they said were able to combat 'ballistic robots' and added were due for delivery in 2020.

Man held

CHINESE authorities have asked their Swedish counterparts to extradite a man arrested in the town of Huddinge wanted in China on charges of gross fraud and embezzlement as Sweden's National Anti-Corruption Unit opened a probe to verify the claims.

NORWAY

Tribute paid

SEVERAL Norwegian officials including royals, NATO's secretary general and dignitaries attended the funeral of popular ex-foreign minister Thorvald Stoltenberg at his funeral which was broadcast live last week after he died aged 87.

Oil cash

NORWAY'S Finance Minister has deposited around €210 million into the country's state oil due to the rising prices of the commodity, the first payment into the fund since 2016 after several withdrawals.

Activist back

HERMAN REKSTEN, a protestor jailed in Israel for three days after a ship carrying him and supplies to Gaza was raided by the country's security officers, said it was good to be back in Norway after returning last week.

Trade talks

CHINA's foreign minister said free trade negotiations between his country and Norway should be stepped up after both governments agreed to put a previous row about the latter's Nobel committee awarding the prize to a Chinese dissident behind them.

FRANCE

Cat call ban

LAWMAKERS in Paris have voted to give police the power to slap people with up to €750 in fines if they are caught threatening, insulting, intimidating and following women in the country's public spaces in a crackdown on sexist behaviour.

Asylum law

MEMBERS of France's parliament have passed a bill into law which cuts processing and application times for migrants down to 90 days and six months respectively amidst criticism from defenders and opponents of mass migration.

Road warnings

TOURISTS holidaying in France have been warned about driving on the country's roads after a recent heatwave saw 66 out of 96 of mainland French departments issuing alerts which extended into this week.

Tower shuts

THE Eiffel Tower had to turn away visitors for a second day last week after workers walked out over a new access policy which they claimed was causing waiting times of up to three hours for tourists.

BELGIUM

Tempers fry

CLAIMS in a French newspaper that Belgian frites, otherwise known as French fries, were invented in France have caused uproar in Belgium, with *La Figaro's* story claiming the dish was first served to theatre goers in revolutionary era Paris.

Reporter fee

JOURNALISTS who arrived in Brussels to cover a recent meeting of European Union leaders arrived to find they had to pay a €50 charge for credentials to report on the summit which one said was 'completely unacceptable.'

Baby plunge

A FATHER had to dive into a lake to save his child after its mother mistakenly released the brakes on the baby's pram which then rolled into the water, however the child was said to be in good health.

Ivory effort

BELGIUM'S government has launched a campaign aimed at tourists from the country holidaying in Africa and Asia dubbed 'Get your teeth out' which aims to recover and destroy ivory items before they make it to the black market.



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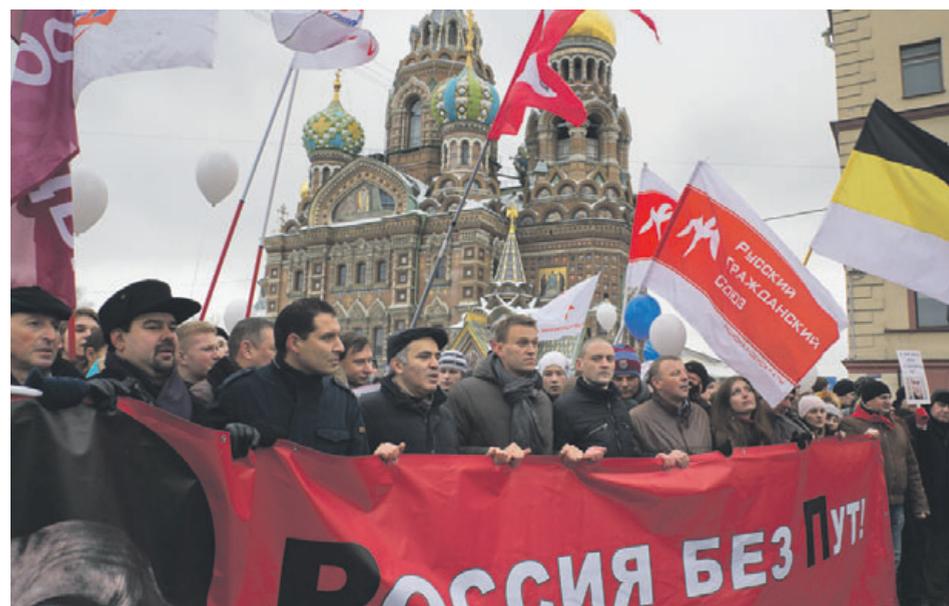
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WILLING: The survey found more Russians were prepared to protest.

Poll: Willingness to rally at a high

THE amount of Russians prepared to take to the streets for economic and political protests are higher now than at any time in the last two decades, according to a survey. The independent Levada Centre's poll of 1,600 Russians found 28 per cent of respondents would be willing to personally participate in demonstrations - up from 8 per cent in March.

Band members freed

FOUR jailed members of a rock band have been released after being arrested for storming the pitch during the World Cup final last month. Pussy Riot's Nika Nikushina, Olya Pahtusova, Olya Juracheva and Petya Verzilov were freed before being arrested again, held for another day and let go, their lawyer said.

Disputed islands call

JAPAN'S Defence Minister said his country's government has called on Russia to reduce military activity in islands claimed by both countries after Moscow sent reinforcements there. Russian warplanes were de-

ployed to the Kuril Islands, or Northern Territories to the Japanese, in February amidst Kremlin concerns over the United States' military presence in the area.

Reporter death vow

A NEWS organisation head has said he will make efforts to identify those who killed three reporters working for him in Africa.

Mikhail Khodorkovsky's comments follow the deaths of Orhan Dzhemal, Alexander Rastorguyev and Kirill Radchenko in the Central African Republic. They were reporting on Russian mercenaries, Khodorkovsky added.

Prison torture trials

SEVERAL Russian prison guards have been found guilty of ignoring the beating and torture of inmates after an abuse video sparked an outcry. The convictions, including three at a Magadan court in Russia's Far East, come as the Federal Prison Service said it would inspect prisons and probe the allegations.

Hip-hop bear ad

A VIDEO of a polar bear rapping about the public services offered by a town in the Russian Arctic has gone viral after being unearthed by social media users. The bear, who is not named, appears in front of the Norilsk coat of arms singing rehashes of Soviet and Russian songs adapted to praise street cleaning and financial management. The video is around two years old.



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155.000 Euros 75,79m2, 2 bedroom apartment located in Block 3 on the first floor. This property will have an entrance directly from the 6,57m2 terrace into a spacious 18,37m2 lounge / diner with an open plan kitchen of 6,32m2. A hallway will offer access to a pantry or utility room, a family bathroom opposite the guest twin room with fully fitted wardrobes and to the master bedroom with en-suite shower room.

• VIP7607



175.000 Euros, 82,98m2, 2 bedroom apartment located in Block 3 on the first floor. This property will have an entrance directly from the terrace (17,51m2) into a spacious 21,41m2 lounge / diner with an open plan kitchen of 7,79m2. A hallway will offer access to a pantry or utility room, a family bathroom opposite the guest twin room with fully fitted wardrobes and to the master bedroom with en-suite shower room.

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175.000 Euros, 82,98m2, 2 bedroom apartment located in Block 3 on the first floor. This property will have an entrance directly from the terrace (17,51m2) into a spacious 21,41m2 lounge / diner with an open plan kitchen of 7,79m2. A hallway will offer access to a pantry or utility room, a family bathroom opposite the guest twin room with fully fitted wardrobes and to the master bedroom with en-suite shower room.

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This development will offer in each property, large picture windows, the glass in all the windows will be double glazing with aluminium roller shutters. On the ground floor, the doors and windows will have security bars. Keeping with the modern materials, all the apartments will have sound proof brickwork. This is something that is just released from August 1st and availability will change as demand is expected to be high based on the off book reservations already made.

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Back to nature



Congratulations and Good Luck Matt



TROPICS: Dip-netting in Borneo.

MATT FORD, the long-serving editor of the *Euro Weekly News*, is set to leave the company to join a European-wide nature conservation project.

Matt, a biologist by trade, first joined *EWN* in April 2016 as a translator.

He soon climbed the ranks of the editorial team before being chosen to sit in the editor's chair in March last year.

Matt said he had thoroughly enjoyed working at the paper but added he could not pass up on the opportunity to return to his field and passion.

"It's been great working at *EWN*. I never would have imagined I would end up editing a newspaper," he said.

Matt said he first moved to Spain in 2008 and later undertook a Biology masters at the University of Barcelona. He later moved to Andalucia with his partner after she found out she was going to have a baby.

Matt soon found himself working as a reporter for *EWN* and following his appointment as editor he received extensive training from a former journalist.

"I was very lucky to have that. I'd written before for magazines and conservation science websites but that training turned me into a journalist.

"Once I had that grounding I enjoyed it. It gave me an insight into the journalism profession, into newspapers and into the expatriate community," he added.

Matt said highlights for him included working on a campaign for the family of a child who passed away in Almeria and following the ongoing Kirsty Maxwell case.

"I got the most of out of working on stories like that," he said.

Matt has now hung up his reporter's notepad and pen and is preparing to relo-

cate to the German capital Berlin where he will join a PhD conservation research programme.

He will be working at the Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology with leading scientists in the field of conservation biology while partially based at Cambridge University's David Attenborough building for stints with the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the global authority on the status of the natural world.

"The reason this project was created was to assess the European Union's ability to meet conservation targets set by the United Nations.

“It's been great working at EWN. I never would have imagined I would end up editing a newspaper”

"The work I and others will be doing will go on to influence government policy, in my case with fishes in rivers and fresh water areas. Those areas are arguably our most important natural resources," Matt said.

The PhD comes on the back of Matt's lifelong passion for nature. "The chance to do this is a dream come true for me. I have always had a passion for nature and I remember drawing pictures of birds and animals from being a small child. I'm basically a nature geek.

"I care about it a lot especially because many species are dying out and largely



LAKE SALDA: Fieldwork in Turkey.



due to humans. If we don't take genuine action soon we will be in big trouble," he said.

Matt said he would take the skills he had picked up as a journalist with him into his Biology work.

"I'll never forget the people I've worked with. *EWN* has prepared me to take on any challenge and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity.

"Spain is a wonderful place to live but I will be back and be sure to pick up the *EWN* for a read.

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bet365 swoop on footy clubs

BRITISH gambling firm bet365 has been accused of 'colonising' Spain's La Liga in the wake of a dramatic sponsorship swoop.

It comes as the Stoke-on-Trent based company announced new sponsorship deals with half of the country's top flight football clubs.

The agreements run until 2020, and will see the betting brand's logo appear on the websites, coaches, facilities including stadiums, at press conferences, and social networks of Athletic de Bilbao, Betis, Celta, Eibar, Español, Getafe, Huesca, Rayo Vallecano, Valladolid and Villarreal.

Anti-corruption boss on trial

THE chief of a Spanish anti-corruption group is to stand trial for extortion.

Miguel Bernad, founder of Manos Limpias (Clean Hands), and Luis Pineda, who set up Ausbanc, a legal support service for bank clients, are also accused of fraud and membership of a criminal organisation, according to a National Court statement.

They are suspected of demanding large sums of money from companies, institutions and individuals in exchange for withdrawing criminal cases they had lodged against them.

Manos Limpias filed hundreds of law-

by *Matt Ford*

suits after being created by Bernad, a prominent figure within the Spanish far right.

They include the indictment of judge Baltasar Garzon, who investigated crimes against humanity by the Franco regime, and accusing Spanish King Felipe VI's younger sister Princess Cristina of tax evasion in a corruption scandal surrounding her husband's business practices.

During the high-profile trial, the defence team claimed Manos Limpias had requested a bribe be paid to drop the allegations, but her lawyers refused.

She was in 2016 cleared of all charges, but partner Inaki Urdangarin was convicted of diverting public funds for his own gain via the non-profit Noos Institute and was sentenced to five years and 10 months behind bars.

Virginia Lopez, the lawyer representing Manos Limpias in the trial, and seven other people connected to the case have also been accused of extortion in the alleged plot.

Prosecutors have reportedly requested a 118-year jail sentence for Pineda, seen as the ringleader, more than 24 years for Bernad and 12 years for Lopez.

Tax vow sparks diesel decline

SALES of diesel cars plummeted across Spain in July.

The plunge followed Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's government pledging to slash the existing 30 per cent gap between diesel and petrol taxes. And Energy and Environment Minister Teresa Ribera recently told parliament: "Diesel's days are numbered." While new car sales saw a 19 per cent year-on-year rise over the course of the month, diesel sales dropped by 31 per cent, according to trade association ANFAC.

A scandal over emission-test cheating is thought to have triggered the backlash.



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'No blank cheque' in F1 renewal deal



SPANISH HAM: Brit hero Lewis has won in Barcelona for the past two years.

LAWMAKERS in Cataluña regional say they will not be held to ransom by Formula 1 over the Spanish Grand Prix.

The current contract for the annual race at the Circuit de Barcelona-Cataluña expires next year, but renewal talks have been delayed due to political instability in the northern region. "The regional government is of course looking to extend the contract, but

obviously not at just any price," said Enterprise Minister Angels Chacon during an interview. "F1 cannot be a blank cheque."

And she added the new deal must be strongly linked to the circuit's new 'viability plan,' after the track last year suffered losses of €7.4 million, much of which was linked to the Grand Prix weekend.

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Summer job surge

SUMMER job contracts have seen the number of unemployed people in Spain plummet to 3.13 million, the lowest number in nearly a decade and two million fewer than in early 2013, the National Statistics Institute has revealed.

Lift off

MADRID-BASED firm Hisdesat is negotiating with Airbus and French multinational Thales over a bid to build spy satellites for the Spanish government, with the industry ministry having already approved a €750 million loan to build them.

Girl power

BANK OF SPAIN governor Luis Maria Linde has put forward banking supervision department director Margarita Delgado to succeed deputy governor Javier Alonso, the first woman to hold such a prestigious role at the institution.

Spanish pilots to sue

SPANISH pilots' union SEPLA has revealed it is suing Irish budget airline Ryanair in a dispute over contracts.

The organisation said in a statement it has filed a lawsuit with the country's High Court, adding: "After a year of negotiations, the failure of Ryanair to recognise Sepla and apply Spanish labour legislation

for the pilots who operate in Spain forces the union to take a legal path to attain this objective." SEPLA represents around 500 of 800 Ryanair pilots in Spain, and although the carrier agreed to recognise unions for the first time last December it has struggled to strike deals, leading to strikes across Europe.

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Anglo American	1,674.80	-18.00	-1.06	23,266.07
Associated British Foods	2,459.00	16.00	0.65	19,213.93
Admiral Group	1,966.50	0.50	0.03	5,602.32
Ashtead Group	2,338.50	33.50	1.45	11,049.66
Antofagasta	942.00	-17.60	-1.83	9,373.53
Aviva	492.90	-1.50	-0.30	19,247.68
AstraZeneca	5,807.00	-39.00	-0.67	73,599.70
BAE Systems	626.90	1.90	0.30	20,235.16
Barclays	188.50	-0.20	-0.11	31,920.08
British American Tobacco	4,168.25	-21.25	-0.51	95,189.97
Barratt Developments	534.50	5.70	1.08	5,305.86
Berkeley Group Hold (The)	3,696.50	20.50	0.56	4,852.05
British Land Co	644.90	-11.10	-1.69	6,369.66
BHP Billiton	1,682.30	-15.90	-0.94	35,143.64
Bunzl	2,284.50	5.50	0.24	7,580.47
BP	564.95	4.45	0.79	111,173.45
Burberry Group	2,129.50	3.50	0.16	8,647.53
BT Group	237.78	3.38	1.44	22,820.38
Coca-Cola HBC	2,747.50	8.50	0.31	10,087.03
Carnival	4,416.00	-41.00	-0.92	8,899.75
Centrica	144.25	0.70	0.49	8,000.93
Compass Group	1,636.00	-1.00	-0.06	25,862.96
Croda International	5,205.00	3.00	0.06	6,779.62
CRH	2,558.50	7.50	0.29	20,928.48
DCC	6,887.50	7.50	0.11	6,137.36
Diageo	2,820.50	-2.50	-0.09	68,906.84
Direct Line Insurance Group	335.20	-2.00	-0.59	4,609.00
Evraz	547.60	-0.20	-0.04	7,678.67
Experian	1,869.25	3.75	0.20	16,927.64
easyJet	1,548.50	-1.00	-0.06	6,077.28
Ferguson	6,013.50	33.50	0.56	13,726.34
Fresnillo	984.60	-29.90	-2.95	7,317.35
Glencore	312.73	-5.37	-1.69	44,841.59
GlaxoSmithKline	1,573.20	20.00	1.29	76,086.45
GVC Holdings	1,128.50	-3.50	-0.31	6,564.15
Hargreaves Lansdown	2,113.50	36.50	1.76	9,733.02
Halma	1,409.00	-1.00	-0.07	5,303.65
HSBC Holdings	707.80	-8.00	-1.12	140,377.16
International Con Airlines G	670.70	0.90	0.13	13,810.20
InterContinental Hotels G	4,728.50	16.50	0.35	8,808.95
3i Group	940.40	7.40	0.79	8,952.98
Imperial Brands	2,907.00	-22.00	-0.75	27,739.44
Informa	789.40	3.20	0.41	9,732.45
Intertek Group	5,858.00	18.00	0.31	9,364.03
ITV	165.05	1.10	0.67	6,521.16
Just Eat	791.00	-15.40	-1.91	5,358.57
Johnson Matthey	3,649.00	-25.00	-0.68	7,046.55
Kingfisher	290.05	-4.15	-1.41	6,199.91
Land Securities Group	936.40	-7.20	-0.76	6,902.25
Legal & General Group	260.05	0.95	0.37	15,245.62
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.44	-0.11	-0.18	44,846.26

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
London Stock Exchange Group	4,436.50	-52.50	-1.17	15,648.96
Micro Focus International	1,185.25	-43.75	-3.56	5,239.91
Marks & Spencer Group	296.75	1.25	0.42	4,749.28
Mondi	2,202.50	-33.50	-1.50	7,609.23
Melrose	214.30	0.40	0.19	10,117.45
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	261.30	0.50	0.19	6,180.49
National Grid	806.55	-2.25	-0.28	26,843.45
NMC Health	3,872.00	-2.00	-0.05	7,895.35
Next	5,667.00	5.00	0.09	7,730.19
Ocado Group	1,077.50	-11.00	-1.01	7,615.60
Paddy Power Betfair	8,165.00	25.00	0.31	6,702.71
Prudential	1,746.00	-1.00	-0.06	44,852.53
Persimmon	2,454.00	17.00	0.70	7,551.70
Pearson	913.90	5.90	0.65	6,988.90
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,862.00	-3.00	-0.04	48,048.01
Royal Bank of Scotland G (The)	250.85	-6.95	-2.70	30,131.69
Royal Dutch Shell	2,555.75	11.25	0.44	116,306.33
Royal Dutch Shell	2,599.50	1.50	0.06	96,802.11
RELX	1,682.75	6.25	0.37	17,317.05
Rio Tinto	3,906.50	-85.50	-2.14	51,201.83
Royal Mail	457.50	-5.00	-1.08	4,614.00
Rightmove	4,882.50	20.50	0.42	4,380.12
Rolls-Royce Group	1,080.75	-13.25	-1.21	19,780.27
Randgold Resources	5,496.00	-114.00	-2.03	5,186.54
RSA Insurance Group	622.50	-5.70	-0.91	6,460.61
Rentokil Initial	326.55	-0.85	-0.26	5,898.67
Sainsbury (J)	331.00	2.00	0.61	7,180.08
Schroders	3,104.00	-17.00	-0.54	6,947.93
Sage Group (The)	664.30	4.30	0.65	7,009.21
Segro	668.20	-1.80	-0.27	6,602.05
Shire	4,442.75	13.25	0.30	40,206.13
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,272.00	58.00	1.80	7,481.65
Sky	1,511.75	-1.25	-0.08	26,120.47
Standard Life Aberdeen	310.05	2.15	0.70	9,063.82
Smith (DS)	505.70	3.70	0.74	6,726.12
Smiths Group	1,597.75	3.75	0.24	6,237.20
Scottish Mortgage Inves Trust	547.50	2.50	0.46	7,643.80
Smith & Nephew	1,357.25	0.75	0.06	11,703.17
SSE	1,249.25	-8.25	-0.66	12,598.69
Standard Chartered	689.20	-0.10	-0.01	22,264.14
St James's Place	1,150.75	-12.25	-1.05	6,044.76
Severn Trent	1,927.50	-1.50	-0.08	4,466.24
Tesco	259.55	0.05	0.02	25,219.44
TUI AG	1,571.00	-4.00	-0.25	9,204.35
Taylor Wimpey	171.23	0.43	0.25	5,562.15
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	100,8100	+0.02%	0,0200	86,854,54
APPLE	207,780	-0.10%	-0,210	1,005,590,59
BOEING CO	343,870	-1.31%	-4,570	197,918,11
CATERPILLAR	138,510	+0.00%	0,000	82,594,80
CISCO SYSTEMS	42,840	+0.02%	0,010	201,753,64
COCA-COLA	46,63	+0.02%	0,01	198,866,65
DOWDUPONT	67,54	+1.08%	0,72	155,956,87
EXXON MOBIL	80,11	-0.12%	-0,10	337,915,54
GOLDMAN SACHS	234,49	+0.17%	0,40	88,548,45
HOME DEPOT	195,8500	+0.11%	0,2100	225,771,56
IBM	146,51	-0.81%	-1,19	133,355,43
INTEL CORP	48,6650	-1.94%	-0,9650	225,963,40
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	116,8100	-0.24%	-0,2800	391,946,30
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131,6300	-0.24%	-0,3200	353,158,69
MC DONALD'S CORP	156,4850	+0.18%	0,2750	122,793,89
MERCK AND CO. NEW	65,99	+0.08%	0,06	177,183,68
MICROSOFT	107,975	-0.06%	-0,065	831,053,11
NIKE	79,12	+0.48%	0,38	101,081,78
PFIZER	40,6850	+0.36%	0,1450	237,434,09
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	82,470	+0.17%	0,140	205,943,36
VERIZON COMMS	52,48	+0.40%	0,21	215,769,68
VISA	139,41	-0.29%	-0,41	248,892,07
WAL-MART STORES	89,1350	-0.52%	-0,4650	264,248,12
WALGREENS BOOTS	66,66	-0.83%	-0,56	66,114,48
WALT DISNEY CO	115,4000	+1.15%	1,3100	170,833,58

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Protagonist Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.0601	1.0501 ▲ 14.98%
GreenSky, Inc.	\$ 20.30	2.45 ▲ 13.73%
Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 110	12.74 ▲ 13.10%
T2 Biosystems, Inc.	\$ 6.0325	0.6725 ▲ 12.55%
Rockwell Medical, Inc.	\$ 4.42	0.48 ▲ 12.18%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 28.25	2.85 ▲ 11.22%
Surmodics, Inc.	\$ 66	6.65 ▲ 11.20%
Lonestar Resources US Inc.	\$ 9.95	0.85 ▲ 9.34%
Gladstone Land Corporation	\$ 12.88	1.07 ▲ 9.06%
Ra Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 9.83	0.81 ▲ 8.98%
Connecticut Water Service, Inc.	\$ 68.465	5.615 ▲ 8.93%
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Is ruling a threat to democracy?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



LAST week's decision to accept a sharia law ruling into a British court, is yet another highly predictable nail in the crumbling coffin of both Christianity and western culture.

The fact that it seemed quite a fair and reasonable sharia rule simply has nothing to do with it.

The high court decided that a wife, married 20 years ago in an Islamic ceremony at a Southall restaurant, should be valid and recognised because 'their vows had similar expectations of a British marriage contract.'

This highly irresponsible and frighteningly naive decision, particularly when these wholly illegal courts are springing up all over the UK, is setting such a dangerous precedent as to be almost suicidal for British democracy and laws of the land.

You can't pick and choose which laws of an alien culture you agree with and disregard those you don't find so acceptable (ala stoning to death and limb amputation!).

The point is the British high court has recognised and condoned the existence of sharia law in the United Kingdom. Mark my words, it is now only a matter of time before muslim sharia lawyers are challenging all manner of British



'IRRESPONSIBLE': A high court judge ruled that a couple's Islamic nikah marriage fell within the scope of English matrimonial law.

court rulings, citing this case as an example.

Whether they are successful in their efforts is beside the point. This ruling has opened a back door to the almost laughable scenario of the laws of the UK actually being put on trial in its own courts! Once again appeasement to large numbers

of people, who simply have no intention of integrating into western culture and will buck against its values and traditions at any given opportunity, has been allowed to move even further into the realms of legal acceptance. Of course, no prizes for guessing who will be paying for all the time -

wasting and highly expensive court cases which will almost certainly be rearing their ugly heads in the not too distant future? Yep, you've guessed it!

Well, all I can say is on your own heads be it. Let's hope that at the next UK elections a new party emerges which has a degree of common sense and is not petrified of 'upsetting' or 'offending' someone or another. But don't hold yer breath.

I don't know about you, but I am heartily sick of all this 'touchy-feely' syndrome that seems to have crept into British sport of late. Even cricket, which used to be such a wonderful 'stiff upper lip' non-demonstrative occasion, now sees batsmen scurrying up to each other and 'fisting' after a particularly good shot.

Doubles at tennis is another example of this ridiculous habit. In fact, along with beach volleyball and badminton players, these partners still fist each other when they actually lose a point! All this, along with those utterly unacceptable orgasmic grunts of the tennis brigade and tangled pyramids of primped-up highly coffered hysterical soccer players, is turning this ol' boy back to the sport he was utterly in love with as a boy. Have a good week everyone.

Gone fishin.'

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

ANYONE who has Love Island withdrawal syndrome, yes, it is a thing apparently, might want to give *Our Shirley Valentine Summer*, ITV, Thursday & ITV Hub, a look.

For the rest of us, it is worth a look anyway. It is billed as a reality show where a bunch of women celebrities (a gaggle, maybe?) are transported to a remote foreign villa in search of fun, sun and maybe romance. I mean Wall, possible romance, whatever next?

Now, unlike some of the reality shows we chomp through together each week, you will actually recognise most of the celebrities. Among others, Melinda Messenger is there, Sian Lloyd (helping with the weather) and Ingrid Tarrant.

The ladies are all looking to make a fresh start or to change something. There is a marriage breakdown, a need to find love, low self-confidence and a longing to find a new hobby - thankfully these don't all relate to the same person and while I'm not entirely sure longing to take up Scottish Country Dancing quite falls into the same category as trying to get over a marriage break up, the show does seem to work.

I'm not sure what's in the Naxos water, but they seem to breed the locals handsome on the Island. A girlfriend of mine needed a lie down in

Shirley Valentine chasing The Governess anyone?



A GAGGLE OF CELEBS? Our Shirley Valentine Summer.

a dark room after last week's Greek language trainer and fitness guru made an appearance. Sian did a bit of reflecting, my friend was hitting rewind! This is probably one for the ladies to be honest, with some friends and a massive jug of sangria. Enjoy, just don't go planning a move to Greece.

If you are in a more musical mood over the next few weeks, *BBC4* is leading the *Proms* coverage from The Royal Albert Hall. Monday saw Ben Gernon conduct the BBC Philharmonic in a concert of Beethoven and Brahms, the



Photo credit: ITV.

WONDERFUL TO WEIRD: The BBC Proms.

composer, not of Grace Brothers fame - although Wendy Richard with a French horn might get the folk standing in the audience going. It was lovely. The second half was a world premiere. Great I thought. The music was by Tansy Davies. Don't know Tansy, stick with it.

Tansy is a contemporary composer. You just lost me. Now don't get all 'give new stuff a chance, bringing music to a new audience' on me. Tansy's work just doesn't sit well with Beethoven. Plan ahead via the BBC website for

a blast of sounds from London.

Fans of *The Chase*, ITV, weekdays, and *ITV Hub*, help me with this please. Regardless of what The Chaser or Brad might say, can it ever be right to take the lower offer? Shelve Brexit, the PM needs a Chequers conference to give us a way forward on this one.

And sticking with *The Governess* (love her) next time The Chaser is really up against the clock in the final chase,

watch how Brad noticeably speeds up asking the questions in the last 45 seconds.

My movie choice this week is *Kings of Curry*, *BBC2*, Sunday, late. Worth staying up for if you are a bit of a foodie. The plot isn't taxing. Two chefs, who are brothers, fall out, open competing restaurants on the same street, daughter of one of them attempts a reconciliation for a wedding. Simples.

Happy Viewing.

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Advertising Feature

An exciting new chapter in the life of St George Roquetas de Mar begins!

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St George Roquetas de Mar is delighted to be joining this prestigious regional group and to be refocusing the educational message to one of amazing learning - something that is at the heart of every ISP school.

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"Being part of a large international group will also provide us with a new and wide range of unique and exciting cultural opportunities from which all of our pupils, teachers and families will undoubtedly benefit.

"This is a very exciting chapter in the life of St George Roquetas de Mar and we all look forward to embracing the new opportunities which our partnership with ISP will bring."

Regional Director, Nick Rugg commented: "St George Roquetas de Mar is a strong fit for ISP's vision and philosophy of focusing on quality and excellence, all within a culture where learning takes centre-stage. Once the new term begins, there will be an opportunity for current and prospective parents to learn more about the way in which the school will be moving forward.

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Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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OPEN the garden shed, swat the cobwebs from the deckchairs and prepare the knotted handkerchiefs: phew, it's summer - and sizzling! (However, I'm never quite sure if the knotted handkerchief should be flat on my head or placed at a natty, happy-go-lucky angle. Anyone happen to know?)

Seriously, though, the rules for keeping cool are simple enough: 1. Wear a hat; 2. Apply sunscreen; 3. Drink plenty of water (you know, the stuff from the tap) throughout the day; 4. Consider wearing loose, long-sleeved cotton clothes.

When I did a straw poll among my girlfriends (only the finest of scientific and journalistic methods for this column, folks) about summer etiquette, the thing that really irritates them is men coming into supermarkets shirtless - but marginally better than those who walk around scoffing the food whilst shopping before they've paid for it, or those who carry folded bikes inside the supermarket with them.

And what irritates my male friends?

The heat is on: how to avoid havoc on the hottest days



FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT: Wear a hat to cool down in summer.

'Traditionally-built' (read: overweight) women in 'absurd, flimsy sunsuits' designed for three-year-olds.

But let's return to those guys walking around topless, showing what they've got (or not). What they do/don't have is usually a six-pack, multiple tattoos and/or a fat belly. What a sight! But not as startling as those doing their shopping sporting 'budgie smugglers' - the butt of jokes everywhere (pun intended)!

Which reminds me of the story of

one poor guy who years ago was strong-armed into playing the organ in a nearby church - the Episcopalian Church of Scotland.

At the start of the service there was a procession of office-holders all carrying banners who were played into the church with the minister at their head. As one of the office-holders parked his banner and took his official seat in front of the organ he glanced over at the newly-deputising organ-player and yelled out: "They tell me you have the biggest organ in the church."

Oddly this had such a paralysing effect on the poor guy that, if said anywhere else, would have had him rolling in the, err, aisles ...

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Can they use spreadsheets?

Q. I was treasurer of a registered society for many years, during which time I followed the instructions of a Spanish lawyer for the presentation of the accounts. Our president has now urged a more modern approach and the new treasurer proposes to use spreadsheets instead of the established style which I used, along with explanatory notes.

Also, the minutes of the recent AGM have been sent to committee members for approval in a September meeting. The minutes, however, give no financial information. Surely the minutes have to include financial information at the end of the year? Are spreadsheets recognised by Spanish society laws?

MH (Costa del Sol)

A. Article 14 of Spain's law of associations says only that they must present accounts that give a faithful picture of the association's economic activities. The spreadsheet containing all details with double entries is considered the most complete form to present this.

Standardly, the minutes and the financial report are two separate documents. They both need the approval of the AGM, especially regarding next year's budget.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



A COLLEAGUE says he has to buy a new tablet because the old one's full.

Really? Let's see: with a memory card it can hold 144 GB of data. At a rough calculation that would hold every word of, say, the Bible (4.13 MB in its free download from Project Gutenberg), more than 35,000 times with room left over for a few cat videos.

And it's full?

Call me old-fashioned but doesn't it make more sense to empty a bucket when it's brimming instead of buying a new bucket?

Unlike breaking-up in the 1975 pop song, cleaning up is not so hard to do. Or as the Everly Brothers might have put it: 'All I have to do is cle-ee-ee-ee-ean, clean clean clee-ean.'

The principle's roughly the same for a tablet or a smartphone. First, zap all the obvious junk you've acquired (here's looking at your animal clips and other YouTube funnies).

Clean up your act

Terence Kennedy gets out the broom for a digital sweep



CLEAN SWEEP: Out with the digital dross.

Don't know how to find them? If your device hasn't got a File Manager just download one, some are even called that. Then trawl the folders it reveals and merrily delete where needed. Or to be pedantic: not needed.

Purge unwanted attachments from your emails, then exorcise all the excess pix from WhatsApp and the downloaded music and videos you once thought you couldn't live without but have

done ever since.

You can even zap your photos because if your device has behaved as originally configured they'll all be backed up in the cloud anyhow.

Uninstall apps you absolutely don't use and most likely never will - though quite a few will dig their heels in because Mr Google or Mr Apple decided you may not do without them.

Then it's time to get down and

dirty. To terminate the stragglers with extreme prejudice as the CIA might say, download a cleaner-upper like the free 'Files Go' for Android, launch it and let it lead you by the hand.

Bingo: space available for several thousand more Bibles or one Spanish Labour Law. Works every time, though in rare cases it can go wrong and this column takes no responsibility blah blah ...

And if it does, or you'd simply prefer to have your device back the way it was when you took it out of the box? Easy-peasy.

Somewhere in the Settings you'll find 'backup and reset' or similar. Its scorched-earth option is called 'factory reset.'

Deep breath, click, wait, breathe. Then welcome to your shiny 'new' toy, and happy re-installing and fiddling.

Oh, what, you forgot to write down all your passwords and save your vital documents before you wiped it clean? Oops.

Factory reset

FACTORY resets are a fail-safe option on plenty of gadgets these days and all you may need is a pin.

Look hard at simpler devices to find a pinhole. Poke your pin in there as instructed in the manual or online, and the device will reset.

A factory reset is absolutely the way to go if passing on a device which contains any personal data; it's almost the only sure-fire way to remove your traces.

Alas, you can't poke a pin at a computer to work that magic. Do your research, choose the reinstall option, enjoy a new and unsullied version of your operating system - and then schedule lots (and lots) of midnight oil to get it all back the way you want it.

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Why taxi drivers are shooting themselves in the foot

I DO understand that taxi drivers have to pay a very large amount of money in order to obtain their licences and that they see the possibility of selling them on at a profit as a retirement plan.

They obviously believe the existence of Spanish private hire company Cabify and American-owned Uber to be damaging to their livelihoods but have chosen to hurt tourists and residents by striking and blocking access to airports.

In the long run, if they offer a worse service which costs more, the cab drivers are going to lose out and will only get a percentage of the existing business from people who can't be bothered to make an advance booking.

Drivers, if you have a problem with the law, don't penalise your customers!

George Brown, Benidorm

Against cruelty

I SHOULD like to draw reader's attention to the work of Anima Naturals, the animal rights organisation based here

Guardia Civil officers save the day

BREAKING down on the N332 in 30 degree heat is never going to be fun.

Having a five-week-old baby and a two-year-old toddler in the car as well quickly turns it into a nightmare.

This is what happened this week to my daughter-in-law, who was travelling from Finestrat to Villajoyosa with my wife.

There was nowhere shaded to take the children, so the only option was to wait in the hot car, with the traffic passing at 100 km/h just inches away. The insurance company was called, and a grua and taxi promised as soon as possible, but it was still a scary situation.

Enter the heroes of the day - two Guardia Civil officers - who pulled over and took control. The



Credit: Wikimedia

SAFE AND SOUND: Thanks to Guardia Civil officers.

blue lights on their van obviously slowed down the passing traffic and the officers took the four hot and flustered occupants into the air conditioned van.

As one officer chased up the grua and taxi on the phone, the other entertained the two-year-old (and the adults) by blowing up a latex glove and generally making him laugh. Apart from potentially preventing a crash, they made everyone feel at ease.

They did a brilliant job, so thank you to those two unnamed officers. You went beyond and above the call of duty, and we are very grateful.

Keith Baker, Villajoyosa.

in Spain which continues to fight against cruelty to animals.

At the end of August, the town of San Sebastian de los Reyes not only has its somewhat chaotic annual bull run but also has a festival in which calves aged between one and two years are slaughtered in a most inhumane manner.

This 'becerradas' as it is known occurs in a number of towns across Spain and a petition which wants to see the practice banned is hosted at www.becerradas.org.

Jane Thompson, Torremolinos.

Bad planning

I HAVE photos of the unacceptable horror and unhygienic reality of the new 'basura' recycling situation on the El Aspre/Orbeta urbanisation.

More than 18 large bins were removed, which have always been adequate even in the summer months when the urbanisation has a lot of holiday lets and summer visitors in situ. Then, with no other bins available, they began to build a small shed to house the much smaller, and fewer bins. For a few days, there were no bins on the urbanisation or in Orba at all.

Everyone in Orba had to queue (sometimes up to 90 minutes) to get a personal access code and/or the recycling bins.

The access code keyboard didn't work for a while and now the handle on the door has broken, although the lock works with the code entered. Many houses are currently empty, so they have not registered to get their access code, nor will they know the new system when they return to Spain.

The biodegradable bags split easily, and the collection for food waste is once a week. Food waste sits there rotting, and the bin lids are often left open and overflowing.

This is going to be a massive health and hygiene issue. People without access will simply dump their rubbish anywhere. There is very little parking now, whereas the bin areas before had plenty of parking, never overflowed and were completely safe from vermin and insects.

It is not acceptable given the Suma rates we all pay. Complain, and complain loudly people!

Outragad of Orbeta, Costa Blanca North.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Emergency evacuation of Ryanair flight in Spain after fire

Well done Ryanair on a speedy and well organised emergency procedure.

Lorraine Casey Orlandi

What an idiot for charging his phone with an external battery inside a bag. They need ventilation. Glad no one was hurt and this happened before take off!

Zara Mária

Fighting for his life: British teen 'poisoned' on holiday in Spain

First port of call will be the bars they drank in to test the alcohol. My money's on cheap knock-off booze trying to maximise profit.

Leyla Kara-Hassan

New potential virus carrying Asian Mosquito species arrives in Spain

Doesn't sound good. Maybe in a few years we'll all be walking around inside a mosquito net ball like bubble boy!

Zara Mária

Comments from EWN online

One dead as heatwave in Spain claims its first victim with temps of 48C expected today

That's why August was always when the work stopped in Spain, outdoor work should not be done in such hot weather, yes, there is aircon these days, for shop and office workers, but not for road workers, or builders.

June N Maurice Johnson

Balcony plunge horror: Brit falls six floors while 'relieving himself' in Mallorca

WHY should anyone show empathy? The moron was hanging over a balcony taking a poo!!! Deserved everything he got. That's the trouble with this world,

too many do gooders!! If you cannot behave like a civilised human being don't go on holiday!

Mandy Taylor

Red alerts: Heatwave death toll rises in Spain as maximum temperature records could be broken

No problem whatsoever, no different to any other year. We had the same warning last year. People just need to be sensible, drink plenty and stay in the shade if you go out. Early morning still lovely and after all it's not unexpected.

Stephen Clarke

Nolotil painkiller, banned in the UK, but prescribed in Spain 'is killing Brits' claim

My little girl's immunologist from the Materno in Malaga told us that there are studies showing that Metamizol has got much more dangerous side effects for northern Europeans than people coming from southern Europe.

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9 AUGUST	6:15pm Impossible	3:30pm Escape to the Continent	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:20pm The Wrong Child	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	4:30pm Coast and Country Auctions	7:00pm ITV News London	6:30pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News at 5	11:00am Cricket
	7:30pm BBC London News	5:15pm Flog It!	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	7:45pm Live T20 Blast
	8:00pm The One Show	6:15pm European Championships 2018	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	11:30pm Live Caribbean Premier League T20
	8:30pm EastEnders	9:00pm Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	8:30pm Eat, Shop, Save	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	3:30am My Icon
9:00pm European Championships 2018	10:00pm The Prosecutors	9:00pm Emmerdale	9:00pm George Clarke's Old House, New Home	8:00pm Cricket on 5	3:45am My Icon	
10:00pm Keeping Faith	11:00pm Quacks	9:30pm Birds of a Feather	9:00pm Meet the Drug Lords: Inside the Real Narcos	9:00pm Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords	4:00am Sky Sports News	
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Our Shirley	11:00pm Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back	10:00pm The New Wife	5:00am Sky Sports News	
11:30pm BBC London News	12:15am Hospital	10:00pm Valentine Summer		12:05am Rich Kids Go Skint		
11:45pm New Tricks		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather				
FRIDAY	6:15pm Impossible	2:45pm Red Rock	6:00pm The Chase	5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	3:30pm Escape to the Continent	7:00pm ITV News London	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Lifetime of Lies	11:00am Cricket
	7:30pm BBC London News	4:30pm Coast and Country Auctions	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm The Simpsons	5:00pm 5 News at 5	8:00pm Football
	8:00pm The One Show	5:15pm Flog It!	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	11:30pm Gary Neville's Soccerbox
	8:30pm A Question of Sport	6:15pm European Championships 2018	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	12:00am Premier League Today
9:00pm EastEnders	10:00pm Gardeners' World	9:00pm James Martin's American Adventure	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	12:30am Barclays Premier League Preview	
9:30pm Still Open All Hours	11:00pm Mock the Week	9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm The Crystal Maze	8:00pm Cricket on 5	1:00am Football	
10:00pm Would I Lie to You?	11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Doc Martin	9:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats	9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	1:30am Live Caribbean Premier League T20	
10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	12:05am Taxi Tales	10:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm Does Countdown	10:00pm Jane McDonald and Friends		
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	12:35am My Brother the Devil	11:00pm	11:00pm The Last Leg	11:00pm Blind Date		
11:25pm BBC London News						
SATURDAY	2:15pm European Championships 2018	5:30pm European Championships 2018	4:00pm Tipping Point	4:35pm A Place in the Sun	3:20pm Police Interceptors	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	5:30pm Final Score	6:30pm Flog It!	5:00pm The Chase	5:35pm The People's Vet	4:15pm Police Interceptors	11:00am Live - Soccer Am
	6:10pm BBC News	6:50pm Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	6:00pm Wos Wrestling	6:35pm Escape to the Chateau DIY	5:15pm Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl	12:30pm Football
	6:20pm Regional News	7:50pm BBC Proms Extra	7:00pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Cricket on 5	4:15pm Cricket
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		11:55pm Wanted				
SUNDAY	2:15pm European Championships 2018	6:00pm European Championships 2018	3:30pm The Chase	5:00pm Location, Location, Location	5:15pm Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords	1:30pm Live Renault Super Sunday
	6:00pm BBC News	7:30pm Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing	4:30pm Info Not Available	6:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	4:30pm Live Renault Super Sunday
	6:20pm Regional News	8:00pm Inside the Factory	7:40pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm Homes by the Sea	7:05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	8:00pm Gary Neville's Soccerbox
	6:25pm Weather	9:00pm Dragons' Den	7:50pm Regional News and Weather	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Cricket on 5	8:30pm Gary Neville's Soccerbox
	6:30pm Countryfile	10:00pm Travels in Trumpland with Ed Balls	8:00pm Midsomer Murders	8:00pm Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams	8:55pm 5 News	9:00pm Info not available
7:30pm European Championships 2018	11:00pm Lost Boys? What's Going Wrong for Asian Men	10:00pm Unforgotten	9:00pm Hidden Britain by Drone	9:00pm Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	10:00pm Live ATP 1000: Toronto Final	
10:00pm Fake or Fortune		11:05pm ITV News	10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	11:55pm The Expendables 2	12:00am Live Caribbean Premier League T20	
11:00pm BBC News		11:20pm Carry on Forever	11:20pm Mama's Angel: Walter Presents			
11:20pm Regional News		12:20am Tonight at the London Palladium				
MONDAY	4:30pm Royal Recipes	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	5:15pm Flog It!	7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	6:30pm The Simpsons	4:15pm Stolen From the Womb	11:00am Cricket
	6:15pm Impossible	7:45pm The Repair Shop	8:00pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News	11:30am Cricket
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9:00pm EastEnders	11:30pm The Wedding Guru	9:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm Saving Poundstretcher	10:00pm Tower Block Kids	2:00am Live WWE Late Night Raw	
9:30pm Fake Britain	12:10am Weather	10:00pm Lewis	11:00pm Who is America?	11:00pm Lawless Britain		
10:00pm Who Do You Think You Are?		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:35pm 8 Out of 10 Cats			
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TUESDAY	5:15pm Flog It!	3:15pm 24 Hours in the Past	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	6:00pm 5 News	3:00pm Info not available
	6:15pm Impossible	4:15pm Nature's Weirdest Events	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	3:30pm Live Women's T20 Super League
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9:00pm Holby City	8:30pm Great British Menu	9:00pm Love Your Garden	10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	11:00pm Hurricane Hell: 30 Deadly Days	11:00pm The Debate - Live	
10:00pm Age Before Beauty	9:00pm Inside the Factory	10:00pm Long Lost Family	11:00pm On the Edge		12:00am Cricket's Greatest Games	
11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm A Passage to Britain	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather				
11:30pm Regional News	11:00pm Goodness Gracious Me: Reunion Special					
11:40pm Weather						
WEDNESDAY	3:30pm Escape to the Country	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey	1:00pm Sky Sports News
	4:30pm Royal Recipes	7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads	8:00pm ITV Evening News	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	4:20pm Deadly Secrets by the Lake	2:00pm Sky Sports News
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	7:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Recipes That Made Me: Punjab	9:00pm Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	7:00pm Cricket
7:30pm Regional News	9:30pm Recipes That Made Me: Sri Lanka	9:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Traffic Cops	7:15pm Katherine Brunt: No Boundaries	
8:00pm The One Show	10:00pm Picnic at Hanging Rock	10:00pm The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Britain's Parking Hell	7:30pm Cricket	
8:30pm Rip Off Britain	11:00pm Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Orangutan Jungle School	10:00pm Flights From Hell: Caught on Camera	11:15pm Caribbean Premier League Highlights	
9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming			11:00pm Hang Ups		12:15am Cricket	
10:00pm The Real Marigold Hotel						
11:00pm BBC News						
11:30pm Regional News						



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There's a very clever reason why Doctor Who series 11 will have three companions

Richard Shanley

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FOR the first time in a while, Doctor Who will feature a bona-fide Tardis team when it returns this autumn, with three companions joining Jodie Whittaker's doctor on her adventures.

Whittaker described the new series as 'an ensemble piece' at the show's San Diego Comic-Con panel, with showrunner Chris Chibnall telling Digital Spy that having a trio of new friends for the doctor was a deliberate decision.

"I love Doctor Who as a big, popular, mainstream, accessible show," Chibnall said, "so I wanted to make sure that every member of the audience felt they had a relatable character, an access point. Hopefully it means that the show can resonate with the broadest possible audience.

"And of course, three companions with



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the doctor ... we're really going back to 1963 - that's the format of the show! It's not changing the format, that's how it started really - which I only realised afterwards."

"Ryan's 19, Yaz is 19 and then you've got Graham who's the oldest of the bunch, so we've got different generations, different genders," Cole told us.

"People have an 'in,' in three different ways," Gill added, "we all bring something different to the group, with gender, race, everything. And just the personalities of the three characters are very different.

"They each have a very individual voice, where I think certain people will be able to instantly relate to Bradley Walsh's character, instantly relate to Tosin's ... and hopefully just love us all!"

Walsh completes the trio as Graham, with Chibnall confirming that he thought of casting the star having worked together on ITV's Law & Order: UK in 2009.

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Trivia from around the world

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*** Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of Cambodia, was the youngest head of government in the world when he

took office in 1985 at the age of 32. He is also one of the longest serving leaders of any nation.

*** There is an ice-sheet in Greenland so large that if it melted the world's sea level would rise by seven metres.

*** Luanda, the capital city of Angola, is known as the Paris of

Africa due to its apparent cultural sophistication.

*** Arabian horses bred in Oman are said to be highly sought after and fetch high prices all over the world.

*** French Polynesia's islands cover around 4,000,000 square kilometres which an area as large as Europe.

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Women's wit

“Human nature is so well disposed towards those who are in interesting situations that a young person who either marries or dies is sure of being kindly spoken of.”
Jane Austen, writer

Famous quote

“The truth is a snare, you cannot have it without being caught. You cannot have the truth in such a way that you catch it but only in such a way that it catches you.”

Soren Kierkegaard, philosopher



World of English

“Prosopagnosia - A brain condition, sufferers have the inability to recognise the faces of familiar people. Comes from the Greek prosopon meaning face and agnosia meaning ignorance.”

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Are you still in a very positive frame of mind? Okay, then. It is time to decide what is to be done about that problem. If you really can't see a way round this then seek help. Even if you don't agree with the reply, you will feel that you have made a step in the right direction

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Don't ask a question unless you want to be told the truth this weekend. Go on, you're a big person and you can take it.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Sometimes you wonder why people make promises when they find them so hard to keep. However, losing your temper with someone midweek will not help at all because the person you are dealing with is not very sensitive. Patience will pay off and, by the weekend, a weight will have been lifted from your mind.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Somehow you seem to be going every which way round a situation but getting nowhere. Rather than burn yourself out and fray your nerves, just stay still. At the end of the day, someone else wants to solve this dilemma as much as you do.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

It's not so difficult this week to get exactly what you want. Being sure is another matter, however, there are plenty of people who will cast doubts on where you are going and what you are aiming for. What do they know?

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

As you are in the middle of a plan, it would be a shame to stop now. Yes, I realise that you have given it lots of time and thought. Even so,

the events midweek bring a new perspective.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Something has come to your attention and, quite frankly, you don't understand what is going on. It is possible that, if you don't react, the situation will just go away. Equally, you may want to influence the outcome and fear that it will not be to your advantage.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

You seem to be in a 'plodding' situation that is starting to cause you some irritation. That is all that is though, irritation. See it as a big dilemma and it throws up all sorts of anxieties.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

You are being shown a great deal of affection which may be taken for granted. Even you are capable of putting people's backs up. As you dislike making enemies, I suggest that you take a little more time with family and loved ones.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

By deciding now that you will not rise to the bait on a certain matter you are taking the best option. Much as you would like to confront someone head on, it is possible that this is just what they want you to do.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Are you being asked to open your heart? What are you most afraid of about that? On the other hand, what would the rewards be if you did? Sometimes, we have to take a chance that others will not let us down or, at least that if they do, they will let us down gently.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

As you try to control someone else's life, it could be that your own is slipping past you. Have you recently given up on a relationship or job that you dearly would have loved?

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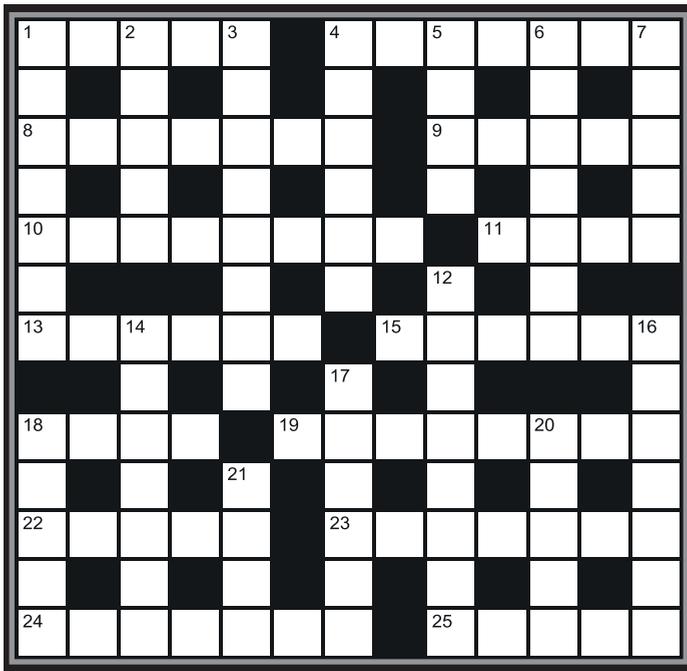
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- 1 Right cards for sporting events? (5)
- 4 Girl set apart the meat she found hard to chew (7)
- 8 Cut back mongrel hindquarters (7)
- 9 Doesn't have to sound negligent (5)
- 10 A daughter's choice; one way to create a family (8)
- 11 Dig out what belongs to me (4)
- 13 Wet two enclosures (6)
- 15 Strong Post Office shelter (6)
- 18 Woman of American nationality (4)
- 19 A £1 carpet is free (8)
- 22 Country contributing to Afghan appeal (5)
- 23 Not entirely bothered if I certify large building (7)
- 24 Treacle upset Agamemnon's daughter (7)
- 25 Steer away from pines, say (5)

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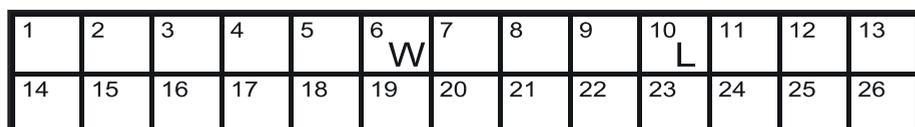
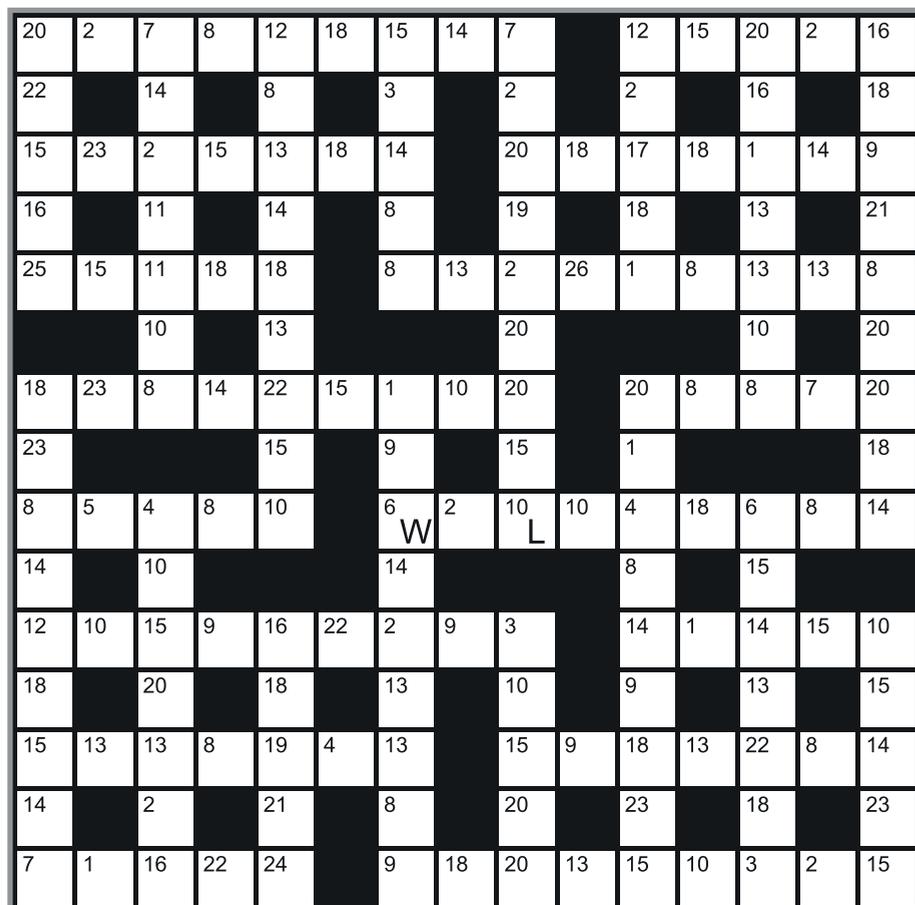
- 1 Sir Cliff is spotted in Zurich, Ardennes and St Tropez (7)
- 2 Madagascar goatherd carries a load (5)
- 3 Surprised when beginning was first? (8)
- 4 All in the Republican Party run at top speed (6)
- 5 Lied about being workshy (4)
- 6 Touching diplomacy by the



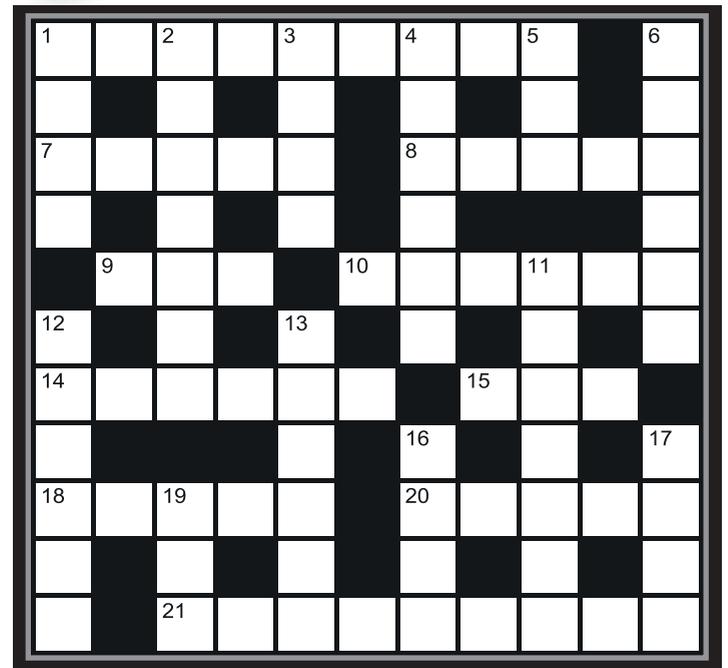
- 7 Follow girl after men lost lead (5)
- 12 Writer possibly in love with saint (8)
- 14 Order chap on a social engagement (7)
- 16 The potential uses for a Greek hero (7)
- 17 Came in anyway for the entertainment (6)
- 18 Point of view for fish (5)
- 20 Put up with a sailor, one of the French (5)
- 21 Annoy first boy arriving in town (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents W and 10 represents L, so fill in W every time the figure 6 appears and L every time the figure 10 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

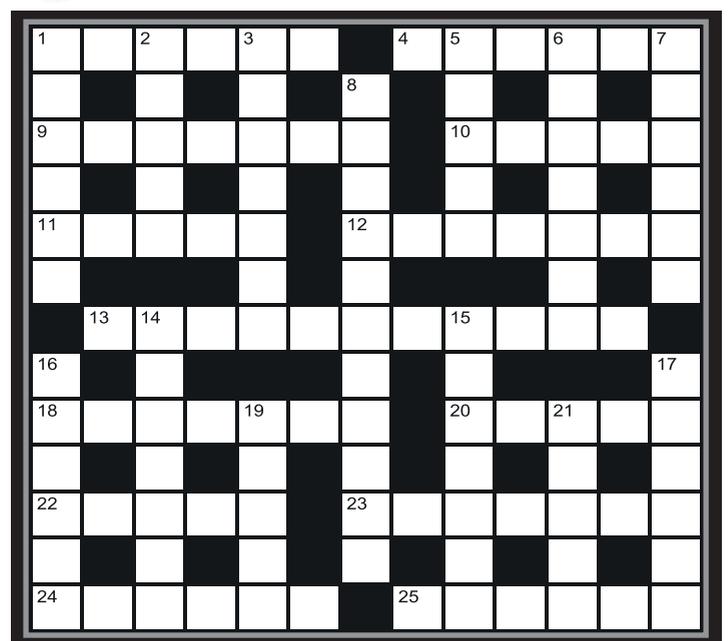
- 1 Self-service restaurant (9)
- 7 Functions properly (5)
- 8 Measuring stick (5)
- 9 Lacking in light (3)
- 10 Courageous (6)
- 14 Like better (6)
- 15 Beer (3)
- 18 Angry (5)
- 20 Join together (5)
- 21 Lacking flavour (9)

Down

- 1 Female bovine animals (4)
- 2 Capable of growing abundant crops or plants (7)
- 3 Chore (4)
- 4 Not often (6)
- 5 Every one of (3)
- 6 Wanders off (6)
- 11 Crash together with violent impact (7)
- 12 Quick run (6)
- 13 Alcove (6)
- 16 Unadulterated (4)
- 17 Wagers (4)
- 19 Small insect (3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Mecanógrafo (6)
- 4 Ladrillos (6)
- 9 Coronel (7)
- 10 Son-in-law (5)
- 11 Stage (phase) (5)
- 12 Justicia (7)
- 13 Information (11)
- 18 Equipaje (7)
- 20 Pothole (in road) (5)
- 22 Fir tree (5)
- 23 Third (f) (7)
- 24 Asustado (6)
- 25 Al lado de (4,2)

Down

- 1 Billete (6)
- 2 Argument (verbal disagreement) (5)
- 3 Sensible (7)
- 5 Kings (5)
- 6 Shopping trolley (7)
- 7 Piso (6)
- 8 Accommodation (11)
- 14 Walnut tree (7)
- 15 Coward (7)
- 16 Siempre (indicando frecuencia) (6)
- 17 Summer (6)
- 19 Encima de (5)
- 21 Pecho (5)

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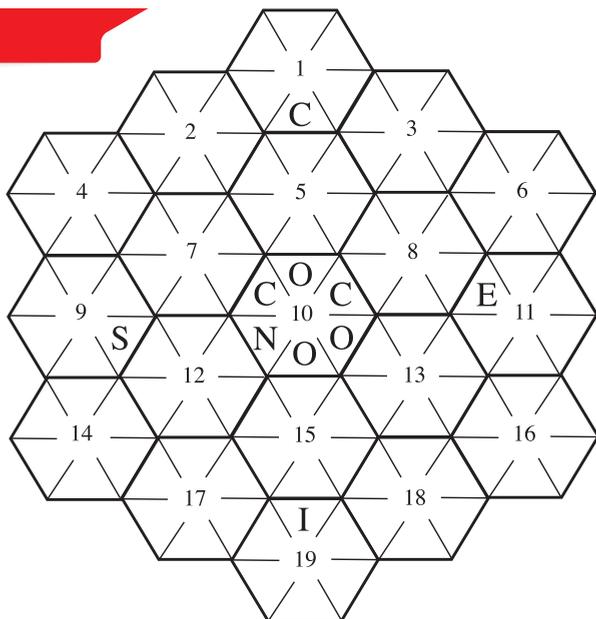
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Hexagram

AFFORD
BIOPSY
COCOON (10)
CONFER
CUPFUL
DENIES
DISPEL
FLEDGE
HIDDEN
MARAUD
MICRON
MORGUE
PUFFED
PYRITE
SCHOOL
SUFFER
SUNDER
SWEATY
WISDOM



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

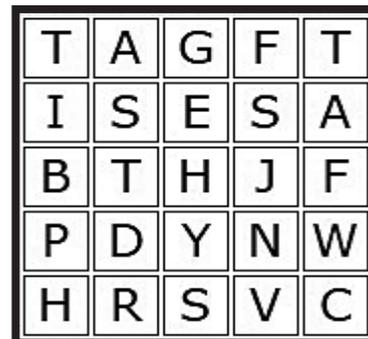
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Sodden 2 Lichen 3 Dugout 4 Decree
5 Trifle 6 Resort 7 Riffle 8 Rustic
9 Feeble 10 Fickle 11 Extent 12 Bauble
13 Kindle 14 Clutch 15 Garble
16 Recode 17 Target 18 Global
19 Galaxy

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: 23
- Very good: 45
- Good: 32
- Excellent: 59

SCORING:

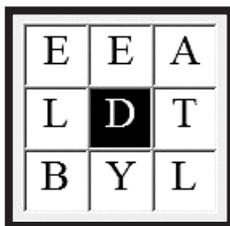
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points
- 6 letters: 3 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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floe detect dewd dhole weds
whole whose lids lido lidos lose
loses loser losers shelf slid sloe
sloes shod shoe shoes sole soli
solid sold hole hols hold holds hose
hosers hosers hols hoes hoer
hers sweet ilx idle idol idols dole
dosh dose doses does doer doers
olds resoloe resold

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



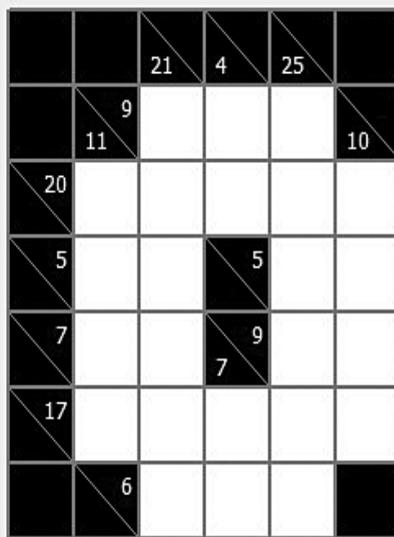
TARGET:
Average: 10
Good: 13
Very good: 19
Excellent: 25

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

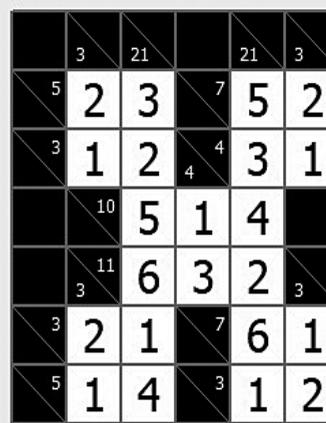
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palm pate peal peat pelt pica pile pita plat plea tape
temp tipi ample clamp impel leapt lepta maple petal pilei
place plait plate pleat plica tempi epical impact impale
limpet plaice plicae plicate **IMPLICATE**

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 Recur, 4 Share, 7 Cub, 8 Surplus, 9 Pale, 10 Slowly, 13 Abroad, 14 Inca, 17 Ecuador, 19 Bet, 20 Tweet, 21 Eager.
- Down:** 1 Recap, 2 Cobbler, 3 Rise, 4 Shrii, 5 All, 6 Essay, 11 Windbag, 12 Bandit, 13 Avert, 15 Actor, 16 Urge, 18 Use.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Dates, 4 Pleases, 8 Oak tree, 9 Crawl, 10 Sporadic, 11 Otic, 13 Soften, 14 Mascot, 17 Risk, 19 Checkers, 22 Aware, 23 Intense, 24 Setback, 25 Cheat.
- Down:** 1 Doors, 2 Take off, 3 Streamer, 4 Prefix, 5 Etch, 6 Shaft, 7 Solicit, 12 Narcotic, 13 Streaks, 15 Cleanse, 16 Shrink, 18 Smart, 20 Sheet, 21 Hera.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Citar, 4 Mostaza, 8 Missing, 9 Fresa, 10 Stitches, 11 Caja, 13 Chocar, 14 Tattoo, 17 Hook, 19 Cenicero, 22 Total, 23 Pulsera, 24 Sunrise, 25 Susto.
- Down:** 1 Camas, 2 Testigo, 3 Raincoat, 4 Magnet, 5 Safe, 6 Acera, 7 Aparato, 12 Palillos, 13 Cohetes, 15 There is, 16 People, 18 Often, 20 Ocaso, 21 Allí.

App of the week



Inner garden

An app designed to help users with mindfulness by giving them a garden full of virtual plants to look at. It is designed to focus users' attention, increase concentration and bring the mind into full bloom with features including 12 peaceful experiences to help practise meditation. It uses a camera to track facial movements.

QUIZ: BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

All the answers/questions contain the names (or almost the names) of books of The Bible

- According to a 1973 UK top four hit by Elton John, who was 'travelling tonight on a plane'?
- Based in Tolworth in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, with which sport would you principally associate Corinthian-Casuals?
- Founded in 1872, which British daily newspaper ceased publication in October 1960, being absorbed into the Daily Mail?
- Peter Gabriel, Tony Banks, Anthony Phillips, Mike Rutherford and Chris Stewart were the original members of which rock band, formed at Charterhouse School in 1967?
- Released in August 1968, which rock ballad was the first single from the Beatles' record label Apple Records?
- The novelty song Cinderella Rockefella was a UK number one hit single in 1968 for which Israeli husband

and wife duo?

- What was the name of the character played by comedy performer Ronnie Corbett in the 1980s BBC television sitcom Sorry!?
 - What was the name of the English perjurer who fabricated the 17th century 'Popish Plot', a supposed Catholic conspiracy to kill King Charles II?
 - Which American journalist, fiction writer and folklorist is best known for his collection of Uncle Remus stories?
 - Who was the author of the 1958 novel Exodus, based partly on the story of the Jewish refugee ship by that name?
- Not a lot of people know that... the Bible was written over a period of 1,500 years by approximately 40 different authors*

Answers:

- DANIEL, 2. (Association) FOOTBALL, 3. NEWS CHRONICLE, 4. GENESIS, 5. HEY JUDE, 6. ESTHER AND ABL OFARIM, 7. TIMOTHY LUMSDEN, 8. TITUS OATES (also called TITUS THE LIAR), 9. JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS, 10. LEON URIS

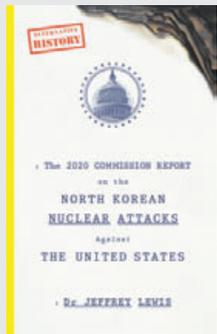
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BOOKS



Probing the war

THE year is 2020. Around 1.4 million American citizens lie dead and Washington DC and New York have been destroyed after nuclear strikes from North Korea.

A commission led by nuclear expert Dr Jeffrey Lewis has been tasked with finding out how three horrific days in the history of the United States came to pass.

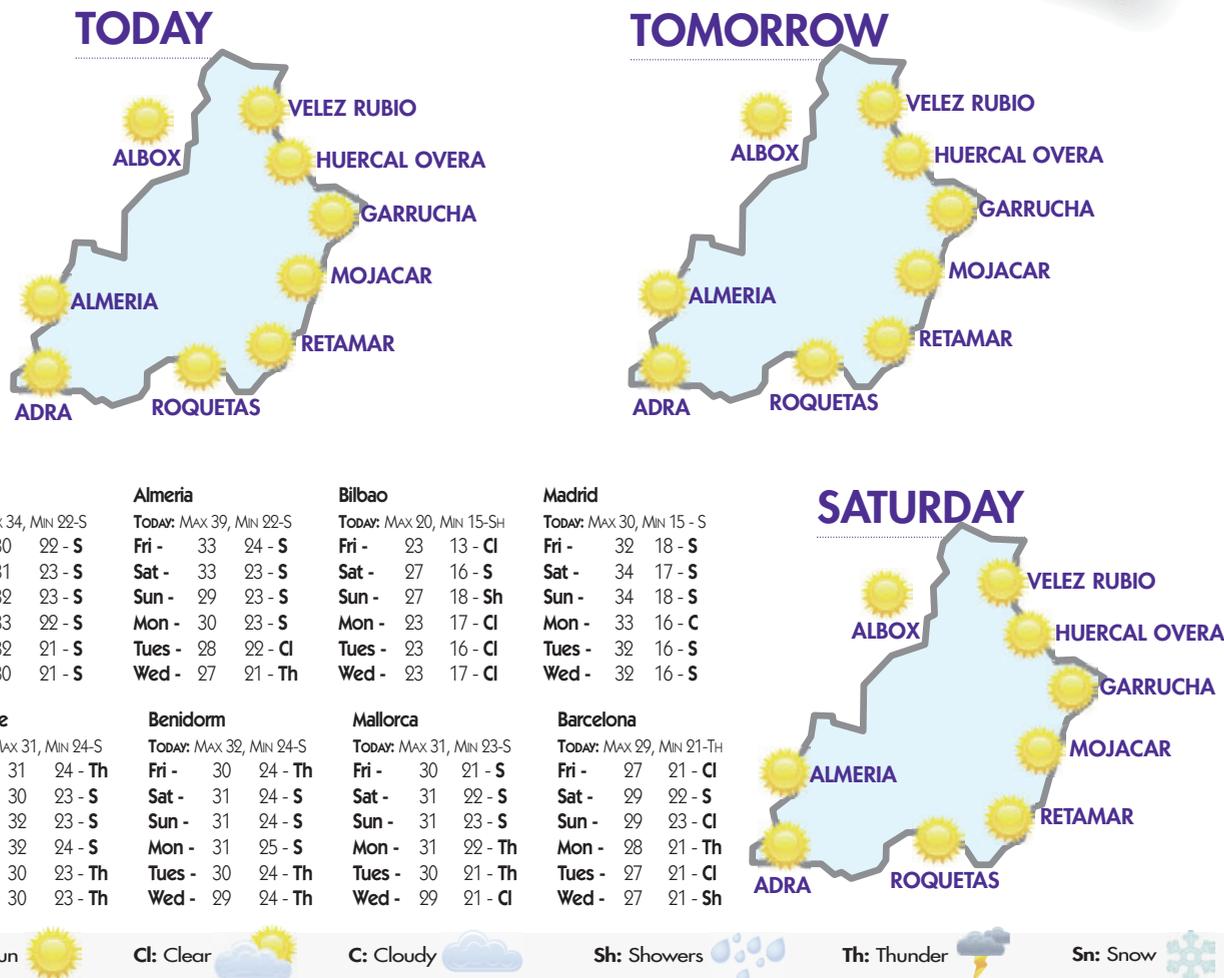
The team has to ask themselves if President Donald Trump and his advisers knew about North Korea's views on nuclear weapons. Did the United States provoke North Korea with social media posts and military exercises?

Ultimately Dr Lewis and his team need to establish if the nuclear strikes that killed so many civilians and laid waste to American cities were inevitable. Or could Donald Trump and his team have averted the catastrophe? The 2020 Commission Report seeks the answer.

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Almería

weather



Malaga

Today:	Max 34, Min 22-S
Fri -	30 22-S
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Wed -	30 21-S

Almeria

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Bilbao

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Alicante

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Benidorm

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Mallorca

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Barcelona

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Sun -	29 23-CI
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Tues -	27 21-CI
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

Gillian Anderson, Actor; August 9, 50
Anderson featured in the Last King of Scotland and played FBI agent Dana Scully in The X-Files TV series. Born in Chicago in the United States, she reprised her X-Files roles in the film reboots of the series in 1998 and 2008.

Antonio Banderas, Actor; August 10, 58
The Spanish actor was born in Malaga City and was a promising footballer until breaking his foot at the age of 14. He went onto pursue acting first in theatres and then in cinema and has landed roles in The Mask of Zoro, Desperado and Interview with the Vampire.

Hulk Hogan, Wrestler; August 11, 65
Born Terry Gene Bollea in Augusta, Georgia in the United States, the wrestler dropped out of university in Florida to form the band Ruckus. He went on to defeat The Great Muta in the 1993 Heavyweight Champions match and was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2003.

Mark Knopfler, Musician; August 12, 69
Knopfler was the singer, songwriter and lead guitarist with the rock band Dire Straits which he formed with his younger brother David in 1977. Born in Glasgow in Scotland, he later went solo and was ranked 27th in Rolling Stone magazine's 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.

Freya Mavor, Actor; August 13, 25
The Glasgow-born actor modelled before playing Mini McGuinness in the TV series Skins. Her first acting role was in her school's production of The Tempest and she went on to feature in the film Not Another Happy Ending.

Mila Kunis, Actor; August 14, 35
Kunis became known for playing Jackie Burkhart in the That 70's Show TV series before featuring in Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Bad Moms and Black Swan. Born in Chernivtsi in Ukraine, she began taking acting classes aged nine which is where she met her future manager.

Belinda Peregrin, Singer; August 15, 29
Peregrin was born in the Spanish capital of Madrid and later moved to Mexico where she landed a role in the Amigos X Siempre aged 10. She went on to pursue a music career and her debut album Belinda sold more than two and a half million copies.

This week in history

355 - Rebel ruler
Roman general Claudius Silvanus proclaims himself Emperor in opposition to ruler Constantius II. Silvanus would go on to be hacked to death after being dragged out of a church in Milan.

1099 - Battle fought
Crusaders under the command of Godfrey of Bouillon defeat Al-Afdal Shahanshah's Fatimid forces at the Battle of Ascalon. The engagement is the final battle of the First Crusade which resulted in the establishment of the Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem.

1483 - Chapel blessed
Pope Sixtus IV consecrates the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican.

1675 - Stone laid
Workers lay the foundation stone for the Royal Greenwich Observatory in London.

1792 - King held
Parisian protestors storm the Tuileries Palace and arrest French King Louis XVI as part of the country's revolution. He would later be executed after the National Convention found him guilty of high treason.

1888 - Recording debut
A recording of English composer Arthur Sullivan's The Lost Chord is played at a London press conference introducing the phonograph. The piece is one of the first audio recordings ever made.

1977 - Protestors clash
Around 500 far-right and fascist members of the National Front clash with anti-fascist and anti-racist counter demonstrators in Lewisham. A total of 214 people were arrested in what would become known as the Battle of Lewisham.

DVD

Isle be dogged

IN a dystopian Japan in the near future the new authoritarian mayor of Megasaki City decides there is only one solution to a flu outbreak among the area's dogs.

Kobayashi exiles the city's canine population to Trash Island which has up until now being used as a rubbish and toxic waste dump.

One of those sent there is Spots who belongs to Atari Kobayashi, currently under the mayor's guardianship. Atari sets out to retrieve Spots in director Wes Anderson's Isle of Dogs.

NWOL
NMOW
NWAN
MEAN
MEAL
DEAL
Solution

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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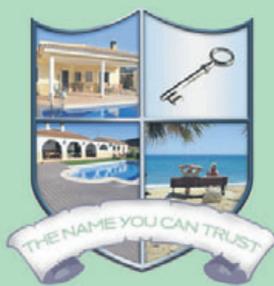
Word Ladder

DEAL

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

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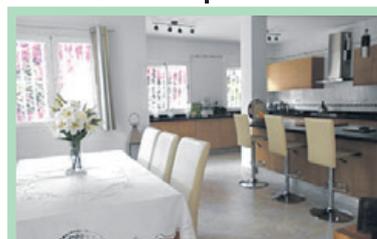
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Grey matter

GREY hair comes with maturity and wisdom. However it can happen early in life too.

Hair dyes can cover the grey hair, however they contain harmful elements which can cause hair loss or even affect health.

Luckily, there are natural ingredients which work to reduce or reverse the growth of grey hair and create shades of auburn, red, mahogany, black and blonde.

Research shows that genetics is the major cause of grey hair. Other causes include stress, poor nutrition and vitamin intake, as well as continuous lack of sleep.

An onion is a good way of reducing the grey hair. Onions

HOME REMEDIES:
Use natural products.

are rich in the antioxidant enzyme catalase, which restores the hair's natural colour.

The phytonutrients in onion, along with vitamin C, folic acid and copper, all help in delaying the greys. Eating onion is a way to colour reverse. Applying onion juice onto the scalp reduces the build-up of hydrogen

peroxide and reverses grey hair. It even helps with hair loss and makes the hair grow faster, softer and shinier. Coconut oil is good for hair conditioning and growth, and works as an anti-dandruff

treatment and prevents growth of grey hair.

Henna is a natural alternative to hair dyes. It gives hair a warm red-brown colour and when mixed with other herbs including indigo, coffee or clove it creates various shades. Henna is also conditioning which adds shine.

Rosemary, as well as adding flavour into foods, works as a hair colourant and slows appearance of grey hair. It also revitalises hair, leaving it shiny and soft.

Chamomile tea works with scalp dryness, dandruff and tints hair giving it a golden shade.



HAVE A TEA: Most effective cooling down method.

Cup winner

SCIENTISTS say a hot drink will you cool you down more than an ice-cold beverage.

According to Professor Peter McNaughton, a neuroscientist at the University of Cambridge, drinking hot tea or hot water will raise core body temperature. This makes people sweat more.

Nerves in our mouths and upper digestive tract react to the heat of the drink, making the brain produce more sweat.

As it evaporates, the sweat effectively cools you down.

McNaughton suggests that instead of grabbing an ice-cold drink on a hot day, he recommends 'a good cup of hot tea,' because it doesn't have other effects - like huge levels of caffeine.

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Love glitter

GLITTER cosmetics are having a massive comeback as fun-loving youngsters look to add a little sparkle to their lives.

Spanish-shot reality show Love Island is partly to thank for the latest trend, together with summer festivals and Spain's party hotspots.

Sales of glitter cosmetics were worth more than €337,000 to retailers between June 25 and July 21 in the UK alone, up an impressive 321 per cent compared to the same period last year.

According to data analysts IRI, festival goers, party lovers and fans of the ITV series Love Island, helped boost sales of glitter products by 60,000 so far this year.

Top sellers include face glitter and eye glitter, which accounted for the main growth.

However, nail products, the mainstay of glittery cosmetics over recent years, have fallen down 5 per cent since last year.

"We are seeing something of a revival in glitter from the glam rock days and discos of the 70's and 80's, but with a new twist," said Kaajal Bhatti, Senior Insights Manager, IRI.

She added: "The glitter craze we are seeing this season really kicked off last year when the Love Island contestants had a glitter party."

"Last year's glitter cleavage trend has turned into this year's glitter craze with no body part untouched."

Truth or myth?

SOME say eating late leads to weight gain, some say it has no effect. Which is true?

Weight gains only happen when there is a change in calories consumed or calories burned.

If you feel full, you are less likely to snack. High protein meals for breakfast have been shown to reduce food cravings and help reduce snacking later in the day.

A high protein meal triggers a release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter which stimulates feelings of reward. The reward response is an important part of eating because it helps to regulate how much food you eat. What you eat also controls your drive to be physi-

cally active. Eating a big dinner makes you feel heavy and less motivated so there is less chance of burning calories. Eating late at night is linked to weight gain and obesity.

Different cultures have different approaches to eating patterns. In Spain, a large midday meal followed by an afternoon siesta and evening tapas is very common.

According to the research by University of Murcia, overweight women who ate a larger lunch and smaller dinner lost more weight than those who had a larger evening meal.

This shows that changes in meal timing can influence obesity and success of weight loss.

Perk up in the morning

EXERCISING in the morning on an empty stomach burns more fat than exercising at other times of the day.

Exercise increases how awake we feel and raises our core temperature. Burning calories is not the only benefit of an 'early bird work out.'

Working out in the morning is great for the mind and body.

It is advisable to take supplements before exercising on an empty stomach. Iron deficiency is one of the leading causes of tiredness in women, with 27 per cent not getting enough.

Eat a lunch rich with animal produce, otherwise known as carnitine. Products like meat, fish, poultry, and milk are the best sources.

In general, the redder the meat, the higher its carnitine content. Carnitine converts fat to your cells so it can be used as energy, while not having enough can cause dizziness and muscle weakness.

Snacks in between meals should involve three key components: protein, fibre and complex carbohydrates. Apple with some oatcakes and peanut butter keeps blood sugar lev-



EARLY BIRD: Build your stamina.

els constant until dinner.

Dinner should be eaten at least three hours before sleeping. Eating,

sleeping and exercising at regular times will build stamina and form an easy to follow routine.



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Triumphant arrival of last OT show



CLASS OF 2017: Last night of the tour may include some guest surprises.

WENDING their way on a successful tour of Spain, the 16 performers from the 2017 finals of Operacion Triunfo will be appearing at the Recinto de Conciertos de Verano in Almeria City on Saturday August 25, starting at 9.30pm.

Their penultimate performance in Benidorm saw some 9,500 spectators enjoy a two-and-a-half-hour show and this trip to Almeria is the very last of the class of 2017 to be performed

in Spain, with the 2018 TV series due to start shortly.

Apart from the general exposure for the various artists involved, one or more will be picked to represent Spain in the annual Eurovision Song Contest.

Tickets are available online at €50.50 and €85 (including booking fees) - the last night of any tour is likely to be quite explosive and may include some guest surprises.

Be cool at the Cooltural Fest

ALMERIA CITY will become the capital of indie rock next week for three days, starting on Friday August 17.

The whole city will be transformed into a huge stage, with concerts and performances in the fairground, as well as in the centre and on acoustic stage at the beach, so that everyone can enjoy.

All of the excitement of this the first Cooltural Festival coincides with the Feria de Almeria, so everyone, resident or visitor, can expect to have a great time.

The list of major Spanish artists playing the main stage is impressive and represents some of the top indie bands in the country.

Headliners are Izal, Ivan

Ferreiro, Sidonie and Carlos Sadness. Further bands and singers include Carmen Boza from La Linea de la Concepcion who will be per

crowdfunding operation.

Also taking part will be Marban, a band from Bilbao who beat nine other groups in the final of the Cooltural Fest Battle of the Bands contest.

Tickets for the Friday gigs cost €25 and are available from the Cooltural Fest website but the only way to get to see the main bands on Saturday is by purchasing a Friday/Saturday season ticket costing €45 from the website. There will be an additional booking fee to be paid.



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Explaining B Vitamins



SLOWLY DOES IT: Italian stewed beef.

next two weeks.

Thiamine (vitamin B1) helps to break down and release energy from food and is essential for a healthy nervous system. Good sources include: peas, fresh and dried fruit, eggs, wholegrain breads, some fortified breakfast cereals and liver. Symptoms of deficiency include: loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, tingling in the arms and the legs as a result of nerve damage (this is one of the earliest symptoms displayed), blurred vision and delirium.

Riboflavin (vitamin B2) helps to keep skin, eyes and the nervous system healthy and allows the body to release energy from food. Good sources of riboflavin include: milk, eggs, fortified breakfast cereals and rice. Ultraviolet light can destroy riboflavin, so ideally these foods should be kept out of direct sunlight. Symptoms of deficiency include: weakness or fatigue, mood change, a sore throat is usually the first presenting system, skin

THIS week I will discuss vitamin B complex. It is complex because there are more than one, but less than 12, which is the largest numeral ascribed to a B vitamin.

The first B vitamin to be discovered was called 'water-soluble B.' That meant that it was only the second vitamin ever identified (the first was fat-soluble A). Riboflavin was discovered next, so water-soluble B became B1, and riboflavin became B2. The system began to get confusing in 1926, when researchers realised that vitamin B1, was actually two vitamins, thiamine and niacin. Thiamine kept the B1 name. B2 was already taken, so Niacin became B3.

As vitamin research continued, scientists found a number of substances they thought at first were new B vitamins. Some, however, turned out to be the same B's that had already been discovered, while others turned out not to be vitamins at all. These phantom B's are the missing numbers. To avoid confusion, scientists now prefer to use the B vitamin names instead of the numbers. There are no vitamins 4, 8, 10 and 11. I will split the B vitamins into four parts; one this week and the rest over the

cracking, dermatitis and anaemia.

• **This week's recipe:**
Italian Stewed Beef

Serves 4

1 kg stewing beef, cubed
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, skinned and chopped
6 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped

1 stick celery, sliced
500 ml red wine
1 tin chopped tomatoes
4 whole bay leaves
1 tablespoon Italian dried herbs
2 whole beef stock cubes, crumbled

1. Place beef with the oil in a frying pan and fry to seal.

2. Add the onion, garlic and celery and continue to fry for another two or three minutes.

3. Add the red wine and simmer until the smell of alcohol has disappeared.

4. Pour into a slow cooker set on high and add the remaining ingredients.

5. Allow to cook for a minimum of three hours, ideally four to five.

6. Serve with ribbon pasta (tagliatelle, pappardelle, fettuccine, etc).

Hint: If you don't have a slow cooker, place in a lidded-casserole dish in the oven at 170 Celsius (Conventional)/ 160 Celsius (Fan).

Everyone's raving about it

DREAMBEACH VILLARICOS, the largest electronic music festival to exist in Spain, has returned to the shores of Palomares and Villaricos. It started yesterday (Wednesday) and runs until Sunday.

Held on the beaches of one of Almeria's most popular coastal resorts, the event hosts a line-up absolutely packed with dance music superstars from the worlds of house, techno, EDM, trap, hardstyle, bass music and more.

There are still four days of electronic, trance and techno music to echo around the breathtaking eight-storey-high main stage, complete with over 400 metres of LED panels along with the new techno tent incorporated this year.

The latest ultra-modern 'cathedral of sound' tent will simulate the interior of a sumptuous cathedral, standing 16 metres high and covering 4,000 square metres, some 16,000 dreamers can



COOL DOWN: In the water if the music gets too hot.

dance through the days in a mysterious milieu of inner sanctuary.

The festival, in its sixth year, is expected to attract over 150,000 people travelling from all over Europe - with camping space being increased this year to accommodate 30,000.

With over 150 acts playing throughout the five consecutive days, some of the biggest names in dance are due to appear - Norwegian DJ Alan Walker, Martin Garrix, Ingresso Hardwell, Axwell and Tale of Us are all confirmed to attend.

Antonio Fernandez Liria, the mayor of Villaricos, announced the electrifying news at a press conference this week. During the presentation the mayor said, "the Dreambeach festival has become a benchmark in the music scene, as well as an important attraction for discovering the charms of our area."

In addition, he highlighted 'the privileged enclave in which the event takes place' and recalled that this year, for the second consecutive year, blue flags will be raised in Palomares and Pozo del Esparto.

He has also taken the opportunity to invite everyone to enjoy the gastronomy, landscapes and climate of Cuevas. Tickets can be bought online at www.festicket.com, with season tickets starting at €79.

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Local artist who found international acclaim



EXHIBITION OPENING: Light, Land and Sea (Felix Clemente Gerez in white).

LOCAL artist Felix Clemente Gerez, who has found fame throughout the world and has had paintings exhibited alongside the work of Renoir, is being honoured by the town of Vera.

The artist returned to the town to open an exhibition of his work entitled Light, Land and Sea which will be open in the Convento de la Victoria until the end of August. This native of Garrucha, born in 1943,

has exhibited in Geneva, Madrid, New York, Rome and Tokyo during his long

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Health centre cash



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CASH INJECTION: Health centres across Almeria are set to receive funding.

A MEDICAL centre in Albox is one of 13 throughout Almeria Province which is set to receive funding totalling more than €1 million from the Andalusian Health Service (SAS).

The SAS money totals €1,141,224 and is partly financed by the European Union's Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The funding is part of wider plans to renovate hospitals and clinics across Andalucia, according to the region's Junta.

Works are set to include improving access to entrances and exits, adapting toilets, and building and replacing ramps.

Gracia Fernandez Moya, the Junta de Andalucia's health spokesperson in Almeria Province, unveiled the funding while visiting a health centre in Santa Maria del Aguila near El Ejido. The clinic is one of those set to receive a share of the money.

This year's round of works to the 13 centres are set to take around four months at a

cost of €420,548.

A centre in Albox and three in Almeria City are set to get the grants. Funding has also been given to centres in Berja, El Ejido, Garrucha, La Mojonera, Roquetas de Mar, Olula del Rio, Velez-Rubio and Vera.

Upgrades to fire systems in the clinics, as well as the replacement of generators, space

improvements and bringing in new furniture are all set to be part of the works.

The revamps were organised according to a survey of the clinics and their needs and have been part-financed by the Spanish Federation of Rare Diseases (FEDER).

Authorities are reportedly planning to prioritise deprived areas which have been de-

clared Social Transformation Zones (ZNTS).

Around 107,000 people are expected to benefit from the initial renovations, according to the Junta.

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Brit tourism bid

MEMBERS of an Almanzora business association have launched a bid to woo British tourists to the area, including Albox, in partnership with local authorities.

The Association of Tourist Business People of Almanzora

has hosted travel agents from British holiday firms in the area in an attempt to open up new destinations for the country's holidaymakers.

Jesus Contreras, of the association, said he and his colleagues were showing the

British what the Almanzora area had to offer tourists.

"We have been working hard in recent months to have the best options available in the Almanzora Valley and to make our local culture, products, customs and much more known. It is beginning to bear fruit," Contreras said on social media.

Contreras added he was grateful to Almanzora's Tourist Board for helping him to find places and activities he had previously missed.

"These new hidden villages will be included in our future seasons. They include those in the mountains such as Seron, Chercos, Oria, Taberno and others lost deep in the valleys such as Sulfi or Albox."

Contreras and his colleagues have recently visited a number of places throughout Almanzora, including the Alfareria Los Puntas pottery workshop in Albox.

They also visited the Loruso deli in Chercos, bread workshop in Oria and a cheese maker in Seron.

Irrigators are piping up

IRRIGATION officials in the Baza district are to join with their counterparts in Almanzora to present a project before the Guadalquivir Hydrographic Confederation (CHG), which will see a new channeling system run from the Negratin reservoir.

The plans envisage a network of piping that will supply 9,000 hectares of land, and will ensure greater energy efficiency for Almanzora.

This project would double the amount of water being transferred to the communities of the Baza district, while also reducing both the environmental impact and financial costs.

The proposals will be



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DAM FINE: The piping network will transform the irrigation system at the dam.

presented in September to the CHG before being scrutinised by the Ministry's General Directorate of Water.

They are expected to pave the way for agricultural development while

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Jose Antonio Azor, a Baza councillor who is leading the project, said the new infrastructure is necessary to bring forth a 'generational change' in the system.

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Playing it by the book

THE Provincial Delegation of Almeria is nearing the end of a highly successful reading programme for children which has been based on animated characters.

A variety of activities have been put on for the reading clubs in the Almanzora area, and the initiative has lasted from January to August.

There will also be a play based on the Christian and Moorish history of the region, performed by the children today (Thursday).

In total, 53 children have enjoyed the reading project led by poet Ana Azorin and writer Diego Ruiz.

The initiative has achieved its aim of both informing and entertaining the children, while promoting the cognitive benefits of reading.

The children have met once a week in libraries and other public buildings to read a range of books.

Turning on the taps

ALMERIA'S Diputacion has drawn up plans worth €5.8 million to secure the supply of water to towns in the Almanzora Valley and across the province.

Almost 40 urban centres are set to benefit from the scheme to incorporate them into the Integrated Water Cycle Network.

A total of 51 towns and cities have been a part of the Network which is managed by the publicly-run utility company Galasa.

Oscar Lira, the provincial authorities' development spokesperson, said 80 per cent of the projects had already been undertaken, with the rest are being tendered.

"We have invested €30 million in water networks throughout the province since 2011. We have solved the issue over a lack of water and we are now working to ensure it continues to reach people's taps," Lira said.

Thousands of metres of



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WATER WORKS: Diputacion officials visited the works recently.

pipeline have reportedly been replaced in the town of Almanzora. Works also include drilling to source more water and building storage tanks for it across the development area.

Provincial authorities have also created remote control systems to make water management more efficient across

Almeria. They are designed to detect breakdowns and leaks so that workers can take immediate action.

Cuevas del Almanzora is set to see works under the latest plans. Other towns set to benefit are Albanchez, Antas, Bedar, Fines, Huerca-Overa, Laroya, Macael, Mojacar,

Pulpi, Sierro, Somontin, Sufli Taberno, Tijola and Turre.

Towns in the Almanzora Valley and across Almeria Province have been included in Galasa's Infrastructure Renewal Plan since 2016. The Plan incorporates the works on the Integrated Water Cycle Network.

Fun of the fair

A CHARITY which helps the elderly has organised a Family Fun Day which is set to go ahead on Wednesday August 22 in Arboleas.

The event, organised by Age Support, will be hosted by Smooth FM radio DJs Jack Savage and Rod Oxley and feature music, craft stalls and fair-ground classics such as hoopla. It is due to start at 4pm at Kubatin at tickets cost €1, the organisers said in a statement.

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IT was a good-looking, low-key, high-impact gesture when the former president of the Spanish government, Mariano Rajoy, packed his bags after the vote of no confidence.

As a high-ranking civil servant, the post of Property Registrar in Santa Pola (Alicante) had been kept open for him for 28 years and was his to return to whenever he wished.

"I've come to Santa Pola to stay," he said in June, but less than two months later he announced a transfer to the Property Register in Madrid's Paseo de la Castellana, a stone's throw from the Partido Popular's party headquarters in Calle Genova.

Earlier the PP's new leader Pablo Casado drew attention to Rajoy's Santa Pola connection and commented that his wife's family always spent the summer there. No doubt he would prefer his former boss to spend the entire year there, reassur-



Photo credit: YouTube

END OF AN ERA: Ex-prime minister Mariano Rajoy congratulates Pablo Casado on his appointment as Partido Popular leader.

ingly distant from Calle Genova. After all, Casado is an Aznar man.

Mr Bumble gets it right

THE Manada - the five men convicted of gang-raping an 18-year-old girl - are still free while appealing their sentences for what a Pamplona court classed as 'sexual abuse.'

Meanwhile, Juana Rivas risks

five years in jail and loss of custody rights over her children for six years because she tried to snatch her children from her abusive Italian husband and return to Spain.

The law is the law, the judges say, and must be obeyed to the letter regardless of sentiments. All of which brings to mind - to an English-speaker at least - Mr Bumble.

Remember what he said in Oliver Twist? 'If the law supposes that, the law is an ass - an idiot.'

And before I get done for con-

tempt of court, 'it was Dickens wot said it, not me, m'lud.'

Biding her time

SORAYA SAENZ DE SANTA-MARIA, the former vice-president and Rajoy's right hand woman, has just suffered the biggest setback of her political life.

She lost the Partido Popular primaries to Pablo Casado and now has the indignity of seeing her eternal rival, Dolores de Cospedal - who was knocked out in the first round - in a more promising position than her own. But although she has never before been so publicly tested or rejected, Saenz de Santamaria is tough enough to survive and revive, not least because Casado still has the little matter of his curiously-acquired Master's Degree in Autonomic Law to explain away.

In the meantime, the ex-vice president has declared, "I shall, as always, be loyal," which is never a good sign.

Loyalty should be a given, not a promise.

Nice little earner

CARMEN CALVO, vice-president and also Minister for Equality, would like to see the Spanish Constitution written so that it is 'bi-gender.'

This has nothing to do with sexual orientation but is a newspeak way of banishing the old grammatical preference for masculine plurals. So niños can include a niña or two, and likewise female ministers can be lurking amongst the males referred to in ministros.

It's been pointed out that this might be unfair and belittling but doctoring the constitution as Calvo wants - niñas y niños and ministras y ministros each time - will make for grim and clumsy reading, while depriving the 1978 document of most of its literary punch.

The formula is already peppering politicians' speeches and is noticeable in the written media, but possibly this is one instance where it's welcome - by the hacks who get paid by the word.

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Greed and power

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



READ an interesting item this week that there is just one Blockbuster video store left in the world. In their prime they had 9,000 stores worldwide and employed over 84,000 employees. The amazing thing is that it took about 25 years from start to finish and what is even more amazing is that most 20 year olds don't even know what a video is.

They have never had the fun of going into a video store and renting a great movie. Or of making sure you booked it for whatever night you wanted to see it or going round the shop picking up the boxes and finding a night's entertainment. Video was a revolution.

Everything since is evolution and it was the pure greed of the Hollywood Studios that killed video. They hated the fact that individuals were, in their opinion, earning too much money out of their product. So they put obstacle after obstacle in the way to try and control the business. They used copywrite laws in the end to stop the renting out of VHS and then DVD. They wanted all the control.

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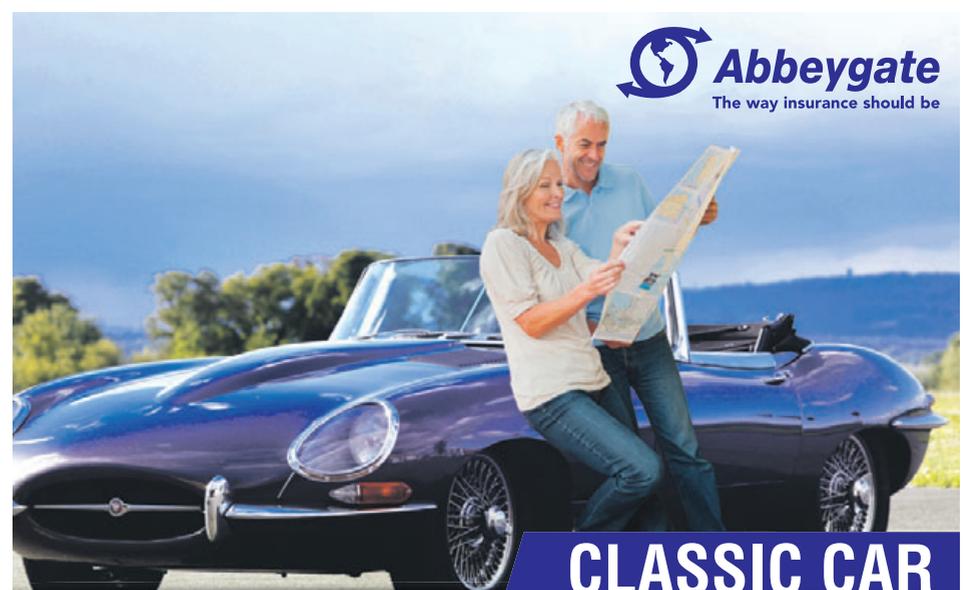
dio and cut out the middle man. Well, they finally won, or thought they had. All the video stores went out of business and everybody started downloading movies. But instead of the studios getting paid for every movie watched, the punters found a way of by passing the system and are downloading them for free. Is it legal? No, it isn't. Can they stop it?

No, but it was their greed that caused it. I sold my video stores in 2001 as I just couldn't fight with the film companies any more. It was unbelievable how much the studios hated video and DVD even though, in its heyday, it represented 57 per cent of all returns of a movie. Greed and power - that's the problem.

I think the same will happen with Facebook. I reckon in a few years that will disappear too. Kids are already using other forms of social media. They don't want to be bombarded with adverts and stuff. Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, Microsoft and a few others want to control our lives. What we watch, what news we are fed and what we buy.

I think people will get wise eventually and do something about it. The biggest taxi company in the world doesn't own one taxi. The biggest food takeaway company doesn't own a burger van never mind a restaurant. I'm getting fed up with it all. I don't know about you but in my own grumpy way I'll try and fight it.

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Planning gardens to survive the summer

DICK HANDSCOMBE



I AM now enjoying my 30th summer in Spain without expensive air conditioning and with fresh ecological salad vegetables daily from the garden.

The solution was to: live in an inland valley that had a breeze most days; retain and train natural trees for maximum shade in the summer and maximum sun in the winter; keep windows and shutters closed in the summer until shaded after 5pm and open windows and shutters 9am to 5pm in the winter; recognise that only early and late sun is required for salad vegetables but the roots need to be kept constantly damp - to help this a five kilo box of handy Terra-Cottem has been kept and used whenever planting new plants.

That is just a brain dump of things that come to mind first. This list is increased and expanded on to several hundred in the booklet *How to Use Less Water in your Garden* - a practical guide to water-wise Mediterranean-style gardening worldwide.



SOOTHING: The sound of water in a garden.

This is available inexpensively from Amazon in English and Spanish.

Luckily many plants have a defence mechanism when the weather is very hot and slow down their activity with growth and flowering being reduced, except for true tropical and semi-tropical flowering plants and trees.

But even then most plants wel-

come shelter from the hottest suns in semi- or full shade for at least part of the day. Likewise so do humans, pets, insects and garden wildlife such as geckoes and frogs.

When we purchased our house we kept old trees and planted more, we maximised the use of the natural shade for part of the day on the north side and for much of the day on the western side. Likewise we now take

maximum advantage of large trees on the eastern southern and western boundaries, trailing climbers over pergolas or wires from trees to the house wall. With very few spots in the garden that are not in at least dappled shade for at least part of the day there is always somewhere to rest, read or work in the shade and one can stroll the entire perimeter of the plot largely in the shade.

Thinking about planting-up some areas of the garden, especially those which you see when resting or taking a siesta, with cooling plantings that are predominantly white, grey, blue and mauve as suggested in chapter 2.6 in 'Your Garden in Spain - from planning to planting and maintenance.' This was chapter 4.17 in the earlier version of the book.

Possible plants include white and blue agapanthus, mauve tulbaghias, white flowering petunias, begonias, solanum, jasmine and roses, the grey foliage of echiums, lavenders, some gazanias and sages.

Likewise white walls, white plant pots, rocks in rockeries, areas of white stone chippings, light versus dark coloured paths and terraces and whitewashed trunks of citrus trees - which also helps to prevent them from splitting in the sun - can help cool down the garden.

Lastly but not least, the sight and sound of water can be stimulating, soothing and cooling. A fountain can be purchased and immediately installed, but a pond with a fountain or cascading waterfall is a project for the winter - to be ready for next year.

How to design a home

DECORATING a house can be difficult, but here are some tips on how to do it well, regardless of its size.

Establishing a colour scheme is the first step towards the perfect home. Choosing favourite colours and matching various items really makes it work. Orange and blue, purple and pink, yellow and lime green or grey, complemented by any

colour, are good combinations.

Painting the walls different colours - for example, a dark orange and a light orange - will make the room look brighter and bigger.

Another way to warm a room up is with mirrors. A pattern of mirrors will make it look personal and enlarge the space. Hand-made home decor is also a good addition to any home.

Keeping your garden hydrated

WITH the arrival in the hot summer months of temperatures of up to 40 Celcius, keeping your garden maintained is extremely difficult.

Here are some tips on how to keep your garden hydrated,

even in the hottest summer months.

Container gardens and potted plants will suffer most during the heat. Potted plants in direct sunlight may need to be watered twice a day.

However here are some tips on how to deal with it without having worry about gardening every day:

Use plant trays placed in saucer trays filled with water, so the plants soak the water in from the bottom.

Moving plants to shady areas during the heat will prevent them from drying out too quickly.

Putting potted plants in areas near sprinklers is a good option. Drip-irrigation is also an idea for plotted plants - ensuring plants get watered constantly.

If you have a vegetable garden it is important to water it consistently. Inconsistent watering can cause vegetables like root crops and tomatoes to crack, and leafy crops to bolt.

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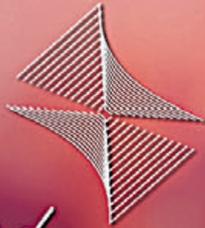
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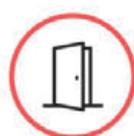
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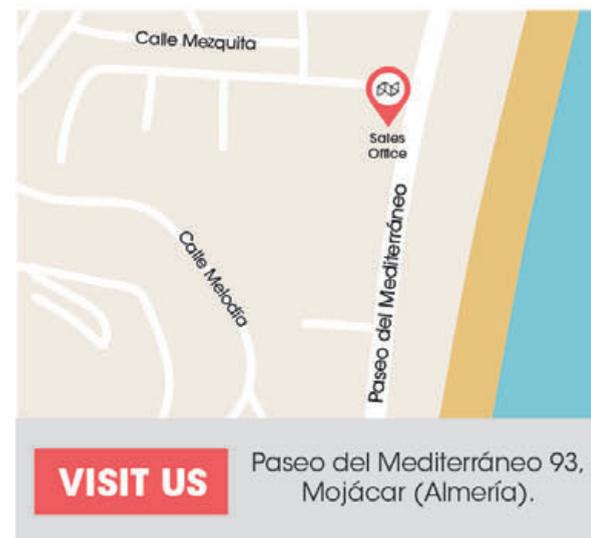
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Volkswagen Touareg has star power

WITH its starship looks and when fully kitted out with Volkswagen's InnoVision Cockpit, the new Touareg is unlike anything else currently on sale.

It was always going to need to make a statement to grab the attention of buyers, its predecessor has been under siege from rivals for 15 years.

This new model shares its underpinnings with the Audi Q7, Bentley Bentayga and Lamborghini Urus, among others.

Longer and wider than before, albeit a fraction lower, this new Touareg looks like a beast on the road, with a grille that appears to stretch across its entire front.

Despite its size, the Touareg remains a five-seater, meaning it lacks the versatility of a Q7 or Volvo XC90.

However, the five seats you do get are generously proportioned, with easily enough room for three adults to sit across the back,



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BEAST MODE: The Touareg combines power with style.

and ample headroom even with the enormous panoramic sunroof installed.

As with the smaller Tiguan, these rear seats slide fore and aft, and have adjustable backrests, all allowing you to trade some rear legroom for additional boot space.

The quality of the interior surpasses any other VW to date - with soft, smooth leather

and absurdly comfortable seats.

At night the ambient lighting emits a gentle glow, and that the Touareg does all of this without any of the bling so often associated with these enormous SUVs is to VW's credit.

The 12-inch digital dials can display a full satnav map as well as the usual trip computer and audio controls, leading to an almost endless range of possible configurations.

Despite all the usual range of driving modes, the Touareg is at its best if you just leave everything in the default, normal setting.

It may be a two-ton SUV but if you put your foot down the 282bhp Touareg really goes, and the engine is well matched to the gearbox.

Volkswagen thinks it's got a class leader in its hands and if you value comfort and technology over a sporty drive or a posh logo, you may well agree.



LOOKING SPRITE: Iconic 2 GTO first registered to Austin Healey.

A licence to sell

THE '2 GTO' licence plate could potentially be the most expensive ever to be sold in the UK. The registration plate could end up on a Ferrari 250 GTO, the most expensive car ever sold.

Once licensed to an Austin Healey 'Frogeye' Sprite, the '2 GTO' plate has belonged to the same owner since 1970. The iconic number plate has now been put up for auction with an official estimate of €225,000 to €337,000, however it may fetch much more.

Now retired, the owner prefers to remain anony-

mous but admits that the coveted plate has previously been used on ordinary, run of the mill cars.

At the moment the most expensive plate ever sold in the UK is '25 O,' registered to a €11.25 million Ferrari 250 GT SWB in 2014, costing €656,000.

The world's most expensive classic car to date is a 1963 model sold for €58 million last month.

Currently on sale for an asking price of €16million is the 'F1' registration plate, licensed to a 2013 Bugatti Veyron, having been bought for €422,000 from Essex Council in 2008.

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Mazda Cosmo is a real star

INTEREST in Japanese classic cars of the 1960's and 1970's is on the up and one of the undoubted stars at the moment is the Mazda Cosmo Sport.



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CLASSY COSMO: The car deserves its iconic reputation.

It was an innovative and diminutive coupé which set the company on a path to perfecting rotary engines for its road and racing cars, and the 1967 Cosmo is the one which started it all.

A willingness to confront technical challenges head-on has been a defining Mazda trait for decades, ever since the firm bought into the rotary concept with NSU in the early 1960's.

There were many technical issues to overcome, not least the scraping of the combustion chambers by the tips of the rotors.

Mazda's engineers referred to this as the 'devil's nail marks' but after extensive testing they developed a new apex seal which solved the problem.

Known as the Mazda 110S in export markets, 343 of the first series were built before an updated car was introduced in 1968 with a bit more

power, along with a longer wheelbase and a five-speed gearbox.

Only 833 of the latter were built: a total production of less than 1,200 cars underlining quite how rare the Cosmo Sport really is.

It is a delightful little car to drive and the characteristic rotary buzz and free-revving nature are both hallmarks of the Wankel engine.

The beautiful design is an odd mix of European and American styling influences, and the name reflects space-race inspired optimism.

Mazda's enthusiasm for proving rotary technology in racing started with the 1968 Marathon de la Routes, continuing through the next two decades, culminating with a win at the 1991 Le Mans 24 Hours for the ear-splitting 787B.



ELECTRIC LIVEWIRE: Harley Davidson hoping for wheel progress.

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Harley Davidson reinvents itself

MOTORBIKE makers Harley Davidson are reportedly hoping to broaden their appeal with a series of new models including a new electric bike.

The models, which include the LiveWire bike, are set for release in 2019. They come as the company has faced declining US sales in recent years.

Matt Levatich, the company's CEO, said Harley Davidson wanted to inspire future riders with the new models.

"We want to inspire those who haven't yet even thought about the thrill of riding, alongside our existing loyal riders, with the next revolution of two-wheeled freedom," he said.

Harley Davidson, whose motorbikes are known for their roaring, rumbling en-

gines, said it plans to introduce the electric LiveWire bike to make riding easier. It is set to feature no clutch and no gears, the company added.

The firm said it planned to release 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years and that it wanted to win over two million new riders to combat falling sales.

The LiveWire will be followed by more 'twist and go' electric two-wheelers over the next few years which will be lighter and smaller.

The company is set to continue making big bikes and its new models will include a more technology-advanced touring and cruiser motorcycle.

Harley-Davidson is developing smaller bikes with 250-500cc engines to make them

more accessible to customers in Asia and India, where sales are rising.

US President Donald Trump recently criticised the company over their plans to move production abroad to avoid newly imposed European Union tariffs.

Sales in the US have fallen by around 8.7 per cent in the first six months of this year. They fell in Canada by 4.9 per cent during the same period.

The company also faces the aging of their traditional customers. The Motorcycle Industry Council said the average age of American motorcycle owners has gone up from 32 to 47 since 1990.

Around 46 per cent of riders are over 50 and about 10 per cent are aged 30-34.

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ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

Honda Civic Sport Plus

HONDA'S Civic hatchback has been a strong seller over the years and the latest version, with a lighter chassis and a more sporty look is likely to attract a lot of new buyers to the brand.

Honda says the new Civic - lower, longer and wider than its predecessor - has been 're-imagined,' delivering a more engaging driving position, upgraded technology, a more spacious cabin and introducing two new turbo-petrol engines, alongside a diesel unit.

Prices start at €21,200 (£18,895) and there are three main trim levels - Sport, Sport Plus and Prestige. My test model was the mid-range Sport Plus with a 180 hp turbo-petrol engine and six-speed manual gearbox. With extra equipment, this version costs €28,970 (£25,820).

Features include sunroof, wireless charging, adaptive dampers, heated front seats and cross-traffic monitor, in addition to the extensive kit

on the standard versions which includes alloy wheels, dual-zone climate control, auto lights and wipers, satnav, front and rear parking sensors and reversing camera, and connectivity including Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

The 1.5-litre engine is smooth and re-

sponsive, with a quick 0-100 kph time of just 8.3 seconds, a top speed of 220 kph (137 mph) and fuel econ-

omy of 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg). Emissions are 133 g/km.

The Civic is well-mannered, with good ride quality and crisp handling, aided

by its adaptive damper system and Agile Handling Assist function which fine-tunes the responses and gives reassuring grip and balance.

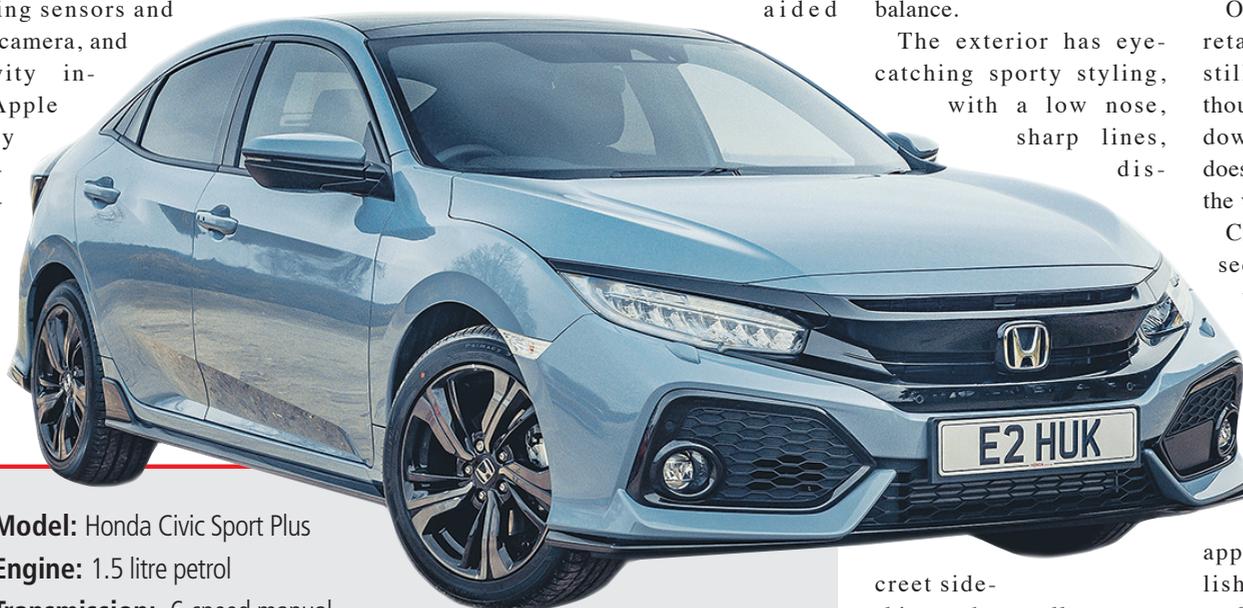
The exterior has eye-catching sporty styling, with a low nose, sharp lines, dis-

passengers. A wide tailgate gives good access to a large 420 litre boot, expandable to 770 litres by folding the rear seats.

One Civic quirk has been retained - the rear screen still has a dividing bar, though it has been slimmed down to the point where it doesn't significantly impede the view.

Civic competes in a tough sector which includes rivals such as the Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and Volkswagen Golf but in my view Honda need not be concerned.

The new Civic is going to widen the appeal of this well-established model. Its potent styling and eager driving feel should attract younger more image-conscious buyers, and its practicality and the brand's near legendary dependability should retain the more traditional Honda enthusiasts.

**STATS PANEL**

- **Model:** Honda Civic Sport Plus
- **Engine:** 1.5 litre petrol
- **Transmission:** 6-speed manual
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 8.3 seconds, top speed 220 kph (137 mph)
- **Economy:** 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 133 g/km

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

creet side-skirts and centrally-mounted twin exhausts, yet it is a car that doesn't compromise when it comes to everyday practicality. The redesigned cabin offers more occupant space and headroom in the rear is good even for taller

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Aguero gives Chelsea the Blues

SERGIO AGUERO scored both Manchester City's goals as the Premier League champions beat Chelsea to win the Community Shield on a sweltering day at Wembley.

Aguero's first - his 200th goal for the club - came after 13 minutes, when he collected the ball on the edge of the area after Phil Foden surged forward, and fired into the bottom corner.

His second came after the break, when he latched on to Bernardo Silva's pass and beat Willy Caballero with another precise low finish.

Chelsea lacked a presence in attack and managed only one shot on target, a long range strike by 17-year-old Callum Hudson-Odoi.

Some of their lethargy going forward



HEAR TO STAY: Aguero's first goal was his 200th for City.

could be put down to the heat, which made it difficult for both sides to sustain any sort of tempo.

Players were allowed water breaks during the game and some substitutes had wet towels over their heads.

The Blues missed the creativity of Eden Hazard, but City were also without Kevin de Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and David Silva.

City's controlled performance secured their third piece of silverware in the past six months, and manager Pep Guardiola has emphasised that they are hungry for more.

Chelsea will face Huddersfield on Saturday, while City begin the defence of their Premier League crown at Arsenal on Sunday.

Women's Hockey World Cup

NETHERLANDS were crowned Women's Hockey World Cup winners for a record eighth as they overwhelmed Ireland 6-0 to end their fairytale tournament.

Four goals in a seven-minute spell around the half-time break earned the Dutch a commanding victory.

Minnows Ireland had won a raft of new fans on their unlikely road to the final, but had no answer to their opponents' intensity and class.

Their reward for reaching the final is an expected climb into the top of the world rankings for the first time.

The Dutch extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 32 matches, and Kitty van Male finished as the tournament's top scorer.

Ramos gets extra holiday

REAL MADRID'S galaxy of stars are annoyed at the special treatment club captain Sergio Ramos has received this summer, according to Spanish sources.

Fellow Spain teammates Isco, Marco Asensio, Lucas Vazquez and Nacho returned from their holidays on July 25 and 26, with Dani Carvajal back by July 29.

Ramos however, has been holidaying with fiancée Pilar Rubio and did not return until the day after the pre-season friendly against

Manchester United.

It is believed this has irritated the other players who were on international duty, who feel the captain should be leading by example, not swanning in at a time of his own choosing.

There is a different look to Los Blancos this season with Cristiano Ronaldo sold to Juventus and Julen Lopetegui replacing Zinedine Zidane.

Real Madrid's first competitive match is against Atletico Madrid on August 15 in the UEFA Super Cup final.

Hall claims Women's Open

ENGLAND'S Georgia Hall hopes she can encourage more young girls to take up golf after winning the Women's British Open at Royal Lytham & St Annes.

The 22-year-old is only the third British winner since the event became a major championship in 2001.

Hall, who won by two shots at 17 under par, also hopes to help attract new sponsors to the Ladies European Tour.

"I want to be a good role model for young girls in Britain and hopefully I can encourage a lot of them to take up the game," she said.

Victory meant the 2013 British ladies' amateur champion emulated compatriot Karen Stupples and

Scot Catriona Matthew, the other two British winners since this event became a major.

It also secured the Bournemouth-based golfer a €429,000

prize.

, with Hall admitting she had previously missed majors because of the cost.

Trailing Pornanong Phatlum by a shot overnight, Hall moved clear of the Thai on Sunday with two holes remaining, and held her nerve on the 18th to secure victory.

Hall also says she is just as superstitious as her father and caddie, Wayne, who refused to change his socks for four days.

"I am quite superstitious as well, I have to touch every golf club before I tee off to make sure there are 14," she added.



TROPHY GIRL: Georgia Hall celebrates a wonderful Open victory.

Transfer rumours

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

Chelsea are favourites to sign €84 million rated Crystal Palace and Ivory Coast winger Wilfred Zaha, after Tottenham pulled out. (*Mirror*)



WANTED WILFRED: The winger could be the subject of a hefty bid from Chelsea.

Everton have reached an agreement to sign Colombia defender Yerry Mina, 23, for €32 million, on a five-year deal. (*GOAL*)

Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba is in negotiations with the club in the wake of keen interest from Barcelona and Juventus. (*Daily Mail*)

Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois, 26, has been heavily linked with Real Madrid and has told manager Maurizio Sarri that he wants to leave the club. (*ESPN*)

Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino is interested in Celta Vigo midfielder Stanislav Lobotka, who has a €35 million release clause in his contract. (*Mirror*)

Manchester United are closing in on a €67 million deal to sign Tottenham's Belgium defender Toby Alderweireld, 29. (*Metro*)

Rayo Vallecano are in talks to sign former Newcastle midfielder Hatem Ben Arfa, 31, on a free transfer. (*Sun*)

Real Madrid have been told to pay the €120 million release clause if they want to sign Valencia and Spain forward Rodrigo, 27. (*BBC*)

Manchester United are preparing a bid for Leicester centre-back Harry Maguire, 25, and know they will have to pay a world record fee for the England international. (*Sky Sports*)

Arsenal boss Unai Emery is plotting a €28 million move for Besiktas' Croatian defender Domagoj Vida, 29. (*Sun*)

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