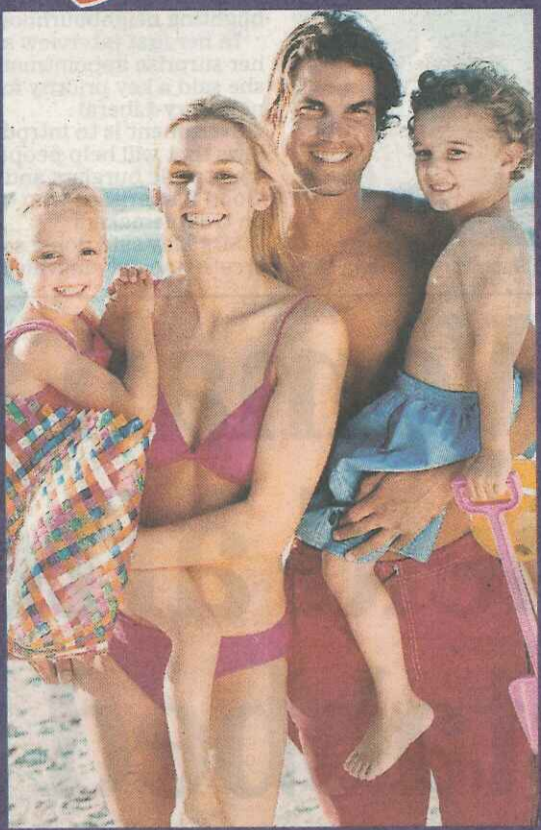




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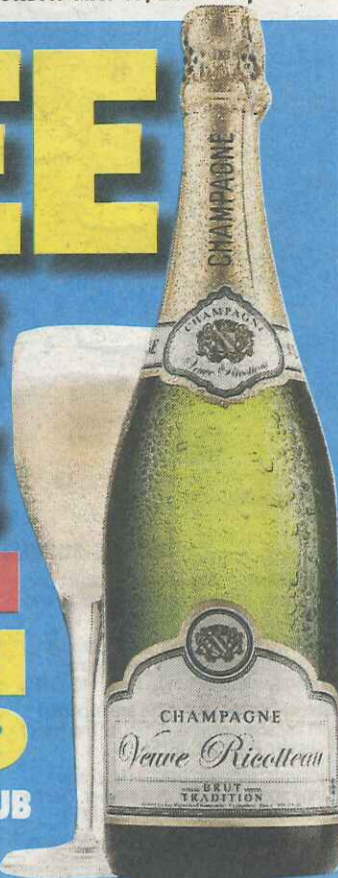


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Prices are going down in Europe but up here

By Louise Barnett Consumer Editor

MOTORISTS face a relentless rise in petrol prices while European drivers enjoy falling fuel costs.

Unleaded soared to a record average high of 121.6p a litre this week and experts warn that it could rocket to 130p within months in Britain's great petrol pump rip-off.

Recent crippling hikes are already hitting millions of drivers now paying prices never seen before on our forecourts - despite a dip in wholesale costs and the falling price of unleaded across much of Europe.

Only the UK, along with Greece, Portugal and France, has suffered petrol price climbs this month while nine other European countries have benefited from static or falling prices, official figures from the European Commission show.

Luke Bosdet, spokesman for motoring group
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Still outrageous, Basse aged 73

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Brummell who introduced the suit and tie into Britain in the early 1800s and the British then spread it around the world.

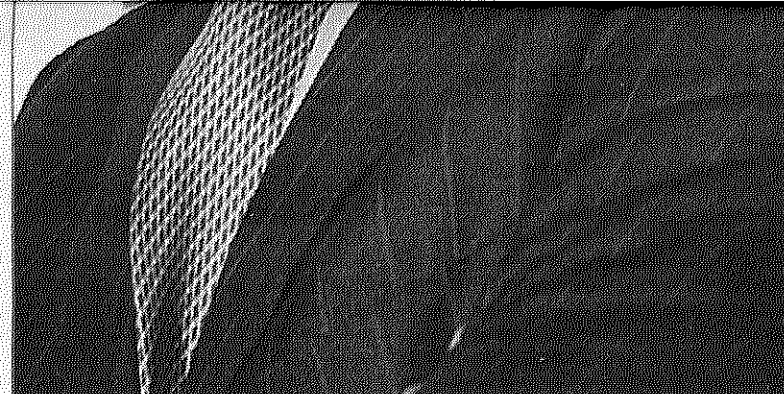
Q A NEW Asda advertisement has aired on TV. Do you know the title and composer of the music that accompanies it?

*Doris Parlane,
Bracknell, Berks*

A IF it's what I think you mean, it's the Humming Chorus from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

Q I AM trying to discover the name of an old black-and-white movie based on the William Shakespeare play *Macbeth*. However, in this version the scenes were set in America and the characters were all gangsters.

I was studying for school exams in 1970 when I saw it and found it very intriguing. It actually helped me to answer an exam question. I seem to remember George Raft being one of the main actors. Can you possibly



WINNING COMBINATION: Chelsea's Russian owner Roman Abramovich

tell me what the movie was called?

*Brian Burns,
By e-mail*

A THE film you are looking for is *Scarface: The Shame Of A Nation* directed by Howard Hawks and, as you say, starring George Raft. It was released in 1932 after a protracted battle with the movie censors who

believed that the gangsters set a bad example.

Q THE song "We're busy doing nothing" is played on TV adverts quite often. I feel sure I saw it in a film many years ago with Cedric Hardwicke and Bing Crosby and another actor whose name I can't remember.

I would love to know what the film

Q THE three stars that make up the belt in the constellation of Orion have what I believe are Arabic names: Mintaka, Alnilam and Alnitak. What do these names mean in English?

*Albert Wilkinson,
Hanwell, West London*

A MINTAKA, the westernmost star (actually a star system) in the belt, comes from the Arabic for belt. Alnilam, the centre star, means "a belt of pearls" and Alnitak, in the east, means "the girdle".

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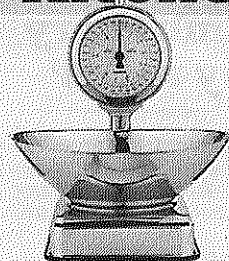
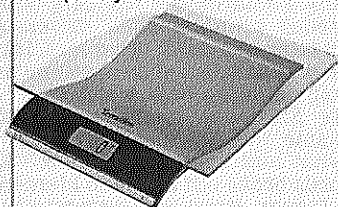


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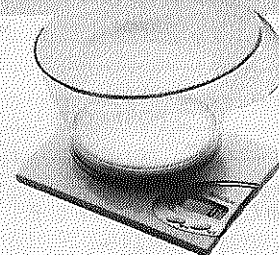
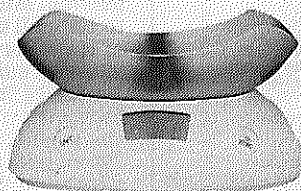


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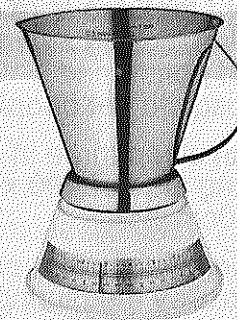
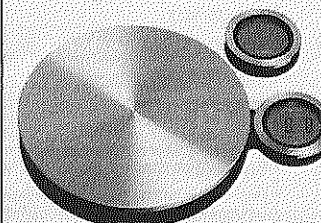


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