

We're so over aubergines

TOP 10 HATED FRUIT AND VEG

- 1 Aubergine
- 2 Grapefruit
- 3 Avocado
- 4 Gooseberries
- 5 Pumpkin
- 6 Brussels sprouts
- 7 Marrow
- 8 Celery
- 9 Butternut squash
- 10 Rhubarb

BY RUKI SAYID Consumer Editor

SURELY some moussaka? Aubergines have been named our most loathed vegetables.

Grapefruit also left a sour taste and trendy toast topping avocado came third on a list of the nation's least favourite fruit and veg.

Sprouts, marrow and celery were also hated but a poll of 1,500 people found strawberries topped the chart of our favourite fruit

Eggplant named nation's most hated vegetable

and veg, followed by apples, spuds, bananas and grapes.

Drinks maker innocent found a quarter of people hated aubergines, a fifth avoided pumpkin, gooseberries and marrow, and

one in 10 were not keen on leeks, parsnips and apricots.

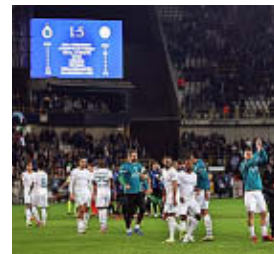
Many confessed to having to bin produce, or finding "forgotten" buys at the back of the fridge. Jad



Marie, UK marketing manager for innocent, said: "The importance of fruit and veg as part of a balanced diet isn't something that can be overlooked."

French chef Raymond Blanc is leading a campaign to save British pears and apples by calling on the Government to boost numbers of seasonal pickers from abroad.

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Man City fan left in coma after attack

BY PAUL BYRNE and DAVID ANDERSON in Bruges

A MANCHESTER City fan is fighting for life after being attacked by rival supporters in Belgium.

Guido De Pauw, 63, was struck and left for dead after his team's 5-1 Champions League victory over Club Brugge. He is now in a coma in hospital.

Police, who arrested five people, said yesterday he is in "mortal danger".

Mr De Pauw, from Ninove, near Brussels, is a member of the Blue Moon Belgium supporters' club.

His son Jurgen said his father was attacked after his scarf was stolen at a motorway service station following Tuesday's match.

He said: "When my dad asked for his scarf back, he received a heavy blow to the head, after which the perpetrators fled."



LOOKALIKES John & Paul You look like Chuckle Paul to me, to you

BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

A BUS driver who is the spitting image of one of the Chuckle Brothers has become a local celebrity.

John Simpson's passengers never fail to mention the striking likeness as he drives Arriva buses on routes across the North East of England.

Now he has been asked to switch on a Christmas light display in Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham.

Married John, 56, from nearby Gainford, said: "It was the passengers that started to say it - there's not a day that goes by that somebody does not mention something."

"I always get the catchphrase 'to me, to you' when they get on. It's brilliant."

He has even changed his Facebook name to John Chuckles Simpson to reflect the likeness.



Roar talents

A LION cub snarls his defiance at the strange object in his territory - a remotely operated camera.

The brave beast was filmed in Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve by Priyanshi Nahata, 34.

She said: "He was trying to shush the camera."

Meanwhile, The Big Cat Sanctuary, in Smarden, Kent, is holding a competition to name the 3.9lb baby snow leopard just born there.

CUTE Cub at Smarden is nameless



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