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Italians propose giant cable car linking Sicily and Calabria

Italy has never realized its 2000 year-old dream of linking Sicily with the mainland, but a team of architects and engineers might have found the answer: a giant cable car.

The 3.3 kilometre-wide strait of Messina has separated Sicily from Calabria since the last Ice Age and with controversial plans to build the world's largest suspension bridge between the two shores seemingly dead in the water, Italian architects and engineers are proposing an aerial tramway.

The plans would enable people to complete the 37.5 kilometre journey between the airport of Reggio Calabria and Messina in less than 30 minutes and were drawn up by Bologna-based architect Massimo Majowiecki.

Majowiecki has worked on some of Italy's most iconic building projects of recent years, including the new Juventus stadium and Milan's 2015 Expo.

"What makes the project attractive is that it would be far cheaper than building a bridge," architect Giambattista Gherzi, who's on the team, told The Local.

With an estimated cost of just €700 million, the project requires only a fraction of the €8.5 billion that was mooted for the divisive bridge planned over the strait.

If the money can be found, the cable car will have three distinct sections – one running 19.5 kilometres along the coast of Calabria, one travelling 3.5 kilometres over the strait, and a final section travelling 13.5 from the Sicilian coast to Messina.

Its cars would travel over the sea at a height of 70 metres, while running 20 metres over land where their cables would be supported by disused electricity pylons. A series of stations would link up some forty different towns on both sides of the water.

Plans for bridge over the strait were put on hold three years ago after decades of promises from the government - but its designers are certain they can succeed where the infamous ponte sullo stretto failed

"The tramway could put an end to years of arguments over the bridge," Majowiecki told press as the project was unveiled last month.

"It would create countless jobs for the local community and help relaunch the Italian economy."

The dream of linking Italy to Sicily is nothing new.

The Romans dreamt of crossing the water with a floating bridge made of boats and barrels. A thousand years later, 11th century Normans of Sicily considered building a similar structure.

In the late 1800s a series of plans were drawn up for bridges and tunnels, but nothing materialized.

It was only in 1990 that the Italian government settled on a design which they hoped would see the country build the world's longest suspension bridge.

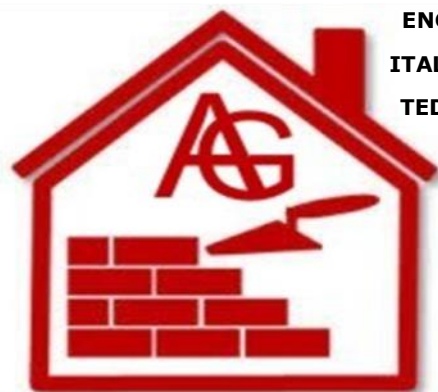
In 2005, construction company Impreglio S.p.A was hired to build the bridge but the project was abandoned as opponents questioned its huge cost and usefulness.

"The project is still in its embryonic phases," Gherzi said. "Italy's track record on this front is not good - but let's see what happens."

People can currently cross to Messina, Sicily, from Reggio Calabria by ferry, which also carries cars and trains.



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- 116 - A.C.I. (Italian Automobile Club) road assistance.
- 118 - Medical Emergencies

Fight against fraud without quarter (2)

Stop controls on tiny sums, formal errors

(ANSA) - Rome, April 28 - Italy's internal revenue agency Agenzia delle Entrate on Thursday announced a "fight without quarter against all forms of tax fraud". It also said it would call a halt to controls on "tiny sums" or "formal errors". The agency also said that it would stop using "presumptive" estimates of how much tax businesses and people owe, and look towards forging "greater collaboration with the taxpayer".

The bizarre way Italy's single ladies still find love



Anti-terror security at May Day concert (2)

Metal detectors at entrances

(ANSA) - Rome, April 29 - Tight anti-terrorism security will be on hand at Rome's traditional May Day 'concertone', or big Labor Day concert, authorities said Friday. The concert now in its 26th edition will take place in front of Saint John's Basilica in a fenced-off area with metal detectors at the four entrances. The San Giovanni metro stop will be shut down as of 15:00. The Re di Roma and Manzoni stops will remain open. Further security measures will be defined at a meeting at police headquarters later in the day.



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In Italy, one in three pizza makers isn't Italian

Written by Annalisa Merelli April 27, 2016

Pizza might be the most Italian of foods—so much so that the country has nominated it for UNESCO heritage protection.

Making a good pizza is an art. A whole academy is dedicated to it. It's also a good place to find a job: With 100,000 employed as pizzaioli (pizza chefs) full time, at least 50,000 more weekend workers, and at least 6,000 vacant spots, according to data from Accademia Pizzaioli (pizza chefs' academy, link in Italian), the field is uncommonly healthy in Italy's difficult job market.



But making pizza is hard work, too, especially when it involves hours standing by a wooden fire as hot as 400° C, or about 750° F, quickly preparing sometimes hundreds of pizzas per night. Between eat-in and takeaway, 1.6 billion pizzas are eaten in Italy every year, says the academy.

This might be why more Italians are giving up pizza making and handing it over to immigrants. According to data from Coldiretti, Italy's main agricultural organization, at least 35% of all pizzaioli (link in Italian) aren't from Italy. In Milan, further data shows, half the pizza shops (link in Italian) are owned and run by foreigners.

Egyptians, in particular, are big on the business. Like many Mediterranean cultures, Egypt has a long tradition of bread-making, which translates pretty perfectly to making pizza dough. An estimated 20%, or 20,000, of all pizzaioli in Italy are Egyptian. In Milan, in 2010, there were 119 pizza chefs from Egypt and only 31 pizza makers from Campania, the region surrounding Naples.

While pizza is a food of choice for many immigrants, it's also true that the food industry tends to create entry level job opportunities for many immigrants. The number of foreign entrepreneurs in the food industry has grown 30.9% between 2010 to 2015 (pdf in Italian, p. 2). Some 10.7% of entrepreneurs in Italy's food industry are foreigners.

Fiorentina munching contest

3.4 kg to beat

(ANSA) - Florence, June 16 - Lovers of the Tuscan 'Fiorentina' steak are gathering in the village of Mercatale Val di Pesa Friday to see who can get through the most of the prized T-bones in an hour. The record to beat was set last year at 3.442 kilogrammes by former farm labourer Maurizio Burroni, aka 'Fragolino', 50.



Long-term Brit in Italy barred from EU vote vows to fight on

A long-term Briton in Italy has said he is "disappointed and saddened" after losing a High Court bid to get the right to vote in the upcoming EU referendum.

Harry Shindler, a 94-year-old war veteran, and Jacquelyn MacLennan, a Belgium-based expat, fought to change a British law that bars British expats who have lived abroad for more than 15 years from voting in the crucial referendum on June 23rd.

The judgement means some two million British expats living in the EU are barred from casting their vote.

"I'm disappointed but more than that, I'm saddened that after hundreds of years there are still people fighting for the right to vote in democratic Britain," Shindler, who has lived in Italy since 1982, told The Local.

"The people who are so violently opposed to us having a vote are the same ones who want Britain to leave the EU.

"The MPs who pontificate about Britain leaving the EU have never asked their electors about the vote – they're all talking for themselves."

Despite the setback, he vowed that "the battle is not over".

He said he would appeal directly to British Prime Minister David Cameron to push through an amendment to the referendum bill allowing long-term expats to vote, and that campaigners will also appeal the latest judgement at the Supreme Court, the UK's highest court.

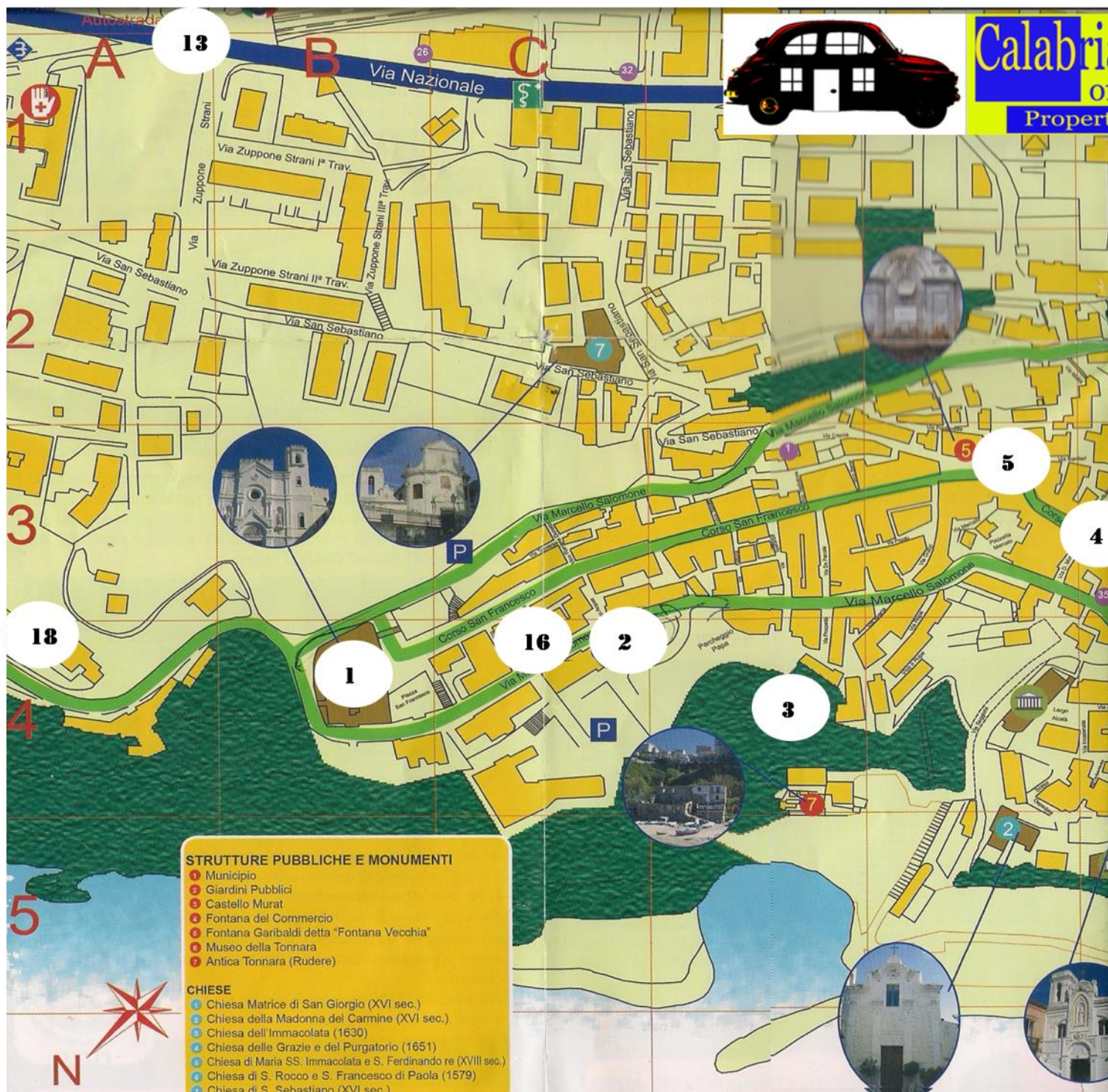
Shindler argues that rules governing the UK general elections, the basis for the referendum vote, are not being equally applied.

For example, members appointed to the House of Lords, the upper house of the UK parliament, who alongside British people overseas for more than 15 years are not allowed to vote in a general election, will be able to cast their vote in the upcoming referendum.

Following the judgment Richard Stein, the lawyer from Leigh Day representing the claimants, said: "We are obviously disappointed that the High Court has denied us the opportunity to challenge the decision by the government to exclude British citizens from the EU referendum.

"We now intend to take the legal battle to the Supreme Court, the highest Court in the country, so that all British citizens living elsewhere in the EU can be part of the democratic process to vote in this referendum which will have a very real impact on their lives.

"We believe that there is precedent for fast track legislation being put through parliament in a matter of days in response to the court judgment, so there would be no need for the referendum to be delayed if the Supreme Court rules in our favour.



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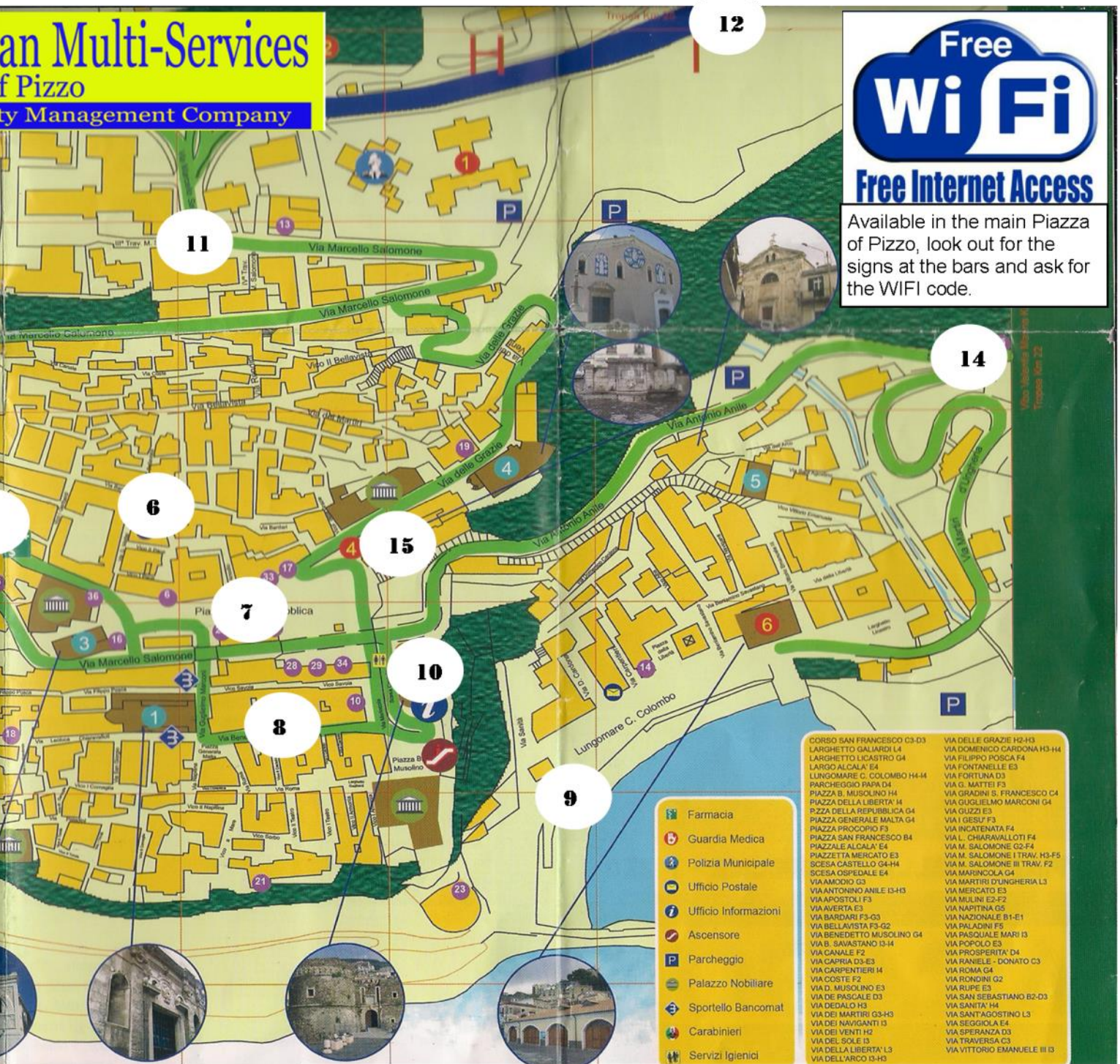
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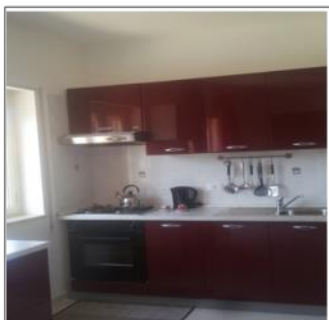
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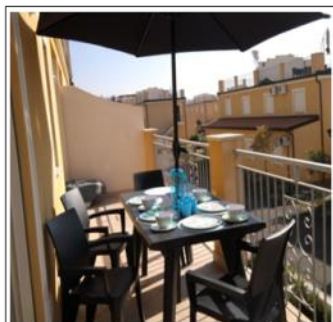
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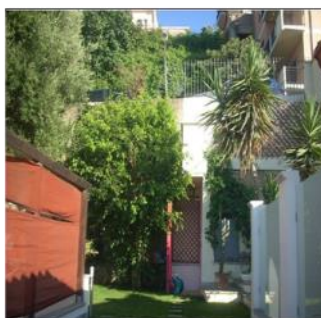
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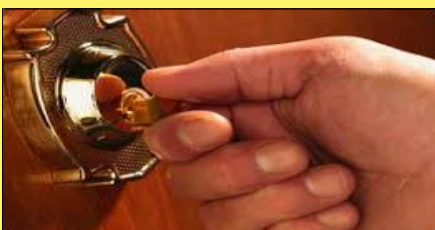


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1 small onion, chopped
1 teaspoon all-purpose
flour
1 1/2 cups dry white wine
1 (19 ounce) can fava
beans, drained

"This is a typical dish of southern Italy. Swordfish is marinated in a lemon and oil mixture, then fried and cooked with fava (broad) beans and white wine."

In a medium bowl, mix together 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Add the fish and stir enough to get it coated. Let it marinate for about 15 minutes. Remove fish from the marinade, and pat dry.
Heat the remaining olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Fry the onion until golden, then add the fish. Brown the chunks of fish on all sides, then remove from the pan, and set aside.
Stir the flour into the skillet; cook and stir until lightly browned.
Gradually stir in the white wine. Return the fish to the pan, and add the fava beans. Sprinkle with fresh parsley, cover, and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve hot.

. "IN ITALY, ancient traditions still come to the rescue for single ladies looking for a man.

Each year a Spinster Festival takes place in two picturesque towns near Rome where "old maids" dressed in medieval clothes get to show-off in a peculiar procession, walking across a maze of ancient Etruscan tombs while they pray a saint to find a partner.

Their fate depends on fortune. The names of all single girls are cast in a spinning lottery box but only one is drawn out: Miss Spinster.

The lucky maiden gets a double treat. Together with a dowry of 800 euros, she also wins the chance of having all the village boys at her feet with various dating proposals.

Then it's her choice. Italians have a saying: "If they're roses they'll bloom". If it's true love, it will find its way.

In Ponzano Romano this regularly happens. The men queue up to place their eyes on the cutest bachelorettes, hoping that at least one of them will turn out to be the winner.

"The boys are just as excited as the girls to see who wins, they crowd the public council room when the name is drawn and go utterly crazy. It's great fun and such a success that disco clubs in Rome invite us over to celebrate our misses," says deputy mayor Umberto Mascioli.

The outcome has so far been positive. "All our Miss Spinster winners have tied the knot. The festival is a good-luck charm and that's our goal: showcase our ladies still looking for a husband and shake sleepy single men to step forward".

A lot of preparation goes into the day, with the girls parading around town in ancient dress. Picture: Francesco Biganzoli

Once the miss is drawn, a religious procession unwinds through the cobbled alleys in honour of patron St. Nicholas — Santa Claus — protector of "old maids". Legend has it that the saint once defended three sisters from the wrath of their desperate father who wanted to force them into prostitution for lack of money, and for having failed to marry. Since then, all spinsters prey to Father Christmas for a "gift-husband".

"It was hilarious when I won the title: the entire town came to my balcony with trumpets and drums to announce that I had been selected Miss Spinster. It felt like a serenade or collective marriage proposal," says Oriana Pace.

She made the best out of it: "I was in the spotlight for a whole year and, boy, I gave my best and exploited the situation. Television networks and clubs invited me to give advice to singles. I still brag about my victory, which brought me luck: now I'm happy and settled down with a nice guy".

The Spinster Festival is an old tradition, launched by the church ages ago to reward humble and god-fearing maidens with an appealing fortune. It then fell into oblivion until the local authorities decided to bring it back to life by investing public money in the dowry.

But things have changed a little. The bag of coins once granted by the clergy to a few selected unmarried women who needed it as a "magnet" to lure a husband has undergone a "makeover" though its objective remains the same. Oriana spent her prize having fun, clubbing and holidaying in Tunisia — that is, raising the odds of finding a man.

Another former winner Fabiana Grizzi used it to change her wardrobe — a valuable asset for attracting suiters. She has the Miss Spinster genes running through her family. "My grandmother won the title 70 years ago, but back then without a dowry no man would even set an eye upon you. You simply had no chance of getting married. The war had left people poor and hungry".

Modern times have allowed women to build a future without a man, obviously, but before, a dowry was crucial. No money, no man. Now, it lends a hand in what can be almost mission impossible, money or no money.

Women's independence might have come a long way, but some things never change in Italy. Picture: Francesco Biganzoli

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However, there are sacred rules still today. Participating girls must be natives of the town, aged between 18 and 30, single and childless. In the past they also had to be chaste and pure: virgins. A requirement which has dropped across centuries for many obvious reasons.

Thanks to the festival the shame of starting-off manless has turned into pride, especially considering the outcome. "Being a spinster can be cool, we need to overcome the stereotype that it's a loser thing for ugly, fussy and undesirable women. We're all beautiful", says Oriana.

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Father ordered to pay for upkeep of his 28-year-old son in Italy

Civil court in Modena rules man cannot force his son to get a job while at university

The case over the terms of the divorce was heard in a civil court in Modena REX Features

An Italian court has ordered a man to continue supporting his 28-year-old son through university after he tried to get the courts to force him to get a job.

The unnamed father went to a civil court in Modena, northern Italy, to challenge one of the conditions of his divorce settlement which ruled he must pay for his youngest son's university education.

His son completed a degree in literature - taking several years longer than expected - and then began a post-graduate course in Bologna.

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The man, who is a freelance writer, argued it was time his son got a part-time job and started contributing towards his upkeep, according to the Daily Telegraph.

He told the court his son did not "deserve" any further support because he had made no effort to find work himself.

But the court ruled the post-graduate course was in keeping with the son's "personal aspirations" and must be paid for by his father.

The case is one of 8,000 similar family disputes that end up in Italian courts every year where parents try to force their adult children to fly the nest.

Adult children being unable or unwilling to move out is a well known phenomenon across Europe with the "Peter Pan" generation of young people in the UK estimated to cost their parents £1.2bn altogether every year.

The phenomenon is known as "bamboccioni" - or "big babies" - in Italy and has increased since the country was hit by the financial crisis and youth unemployment reached 40 per cent.

Around 65 per cent of Italians between the age of 18 to 34 live with their parents - compared to 34 per cent in France and Britain and 42 per cent in Germany.

Cultural factors are often also blamed. Family plays an important role in Italian society and young men especially are said to be attached to their "Mamma" who cooks and cleans for them everyday.

