

# There's life in these sly old dogs yet



Grey power : From left, Harrison Ford, Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson arriving in Cannes yesterday

YOU are never too old to get in on the action – as these Hollywood stars are proving.

Sylvester Stallone, Harrison Ford and Mel Gibson of *The Expendables 3* – combined age 196 – landed at the Cannes Film Festival in two tanks and a Humvee.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Kelsey Grammer, Dolph Lundgren, Antonio Banderas and Wesley Snipes joined

From **Baz Bamigboye** in Cannes

the stunt, which stopped traffic on the French Riviera for two hours. Stallone, 67, Ford, 71, and Gibson, 58, have famously played many action roles in their long careers, bringing such characters as Rambo, Indiana Jones and Mad Max to the screen.

But *The Expendables 3* is the first time Stallone and Ford have worked

together. Stallone, who co-wrote the movie, explained why they refuse to take it easy despite the aches and pains that come with age.

'We're like children with arthritis. But we're having too much fun to give it up,' he said.

The *Expendables* veterans were outshone by an even older star, Joan Collins – who celebrates her 81st birthday on Friday. She showed off her slender figure at a photocall to promote *The Time Of Their Lives*.



Ageless star: Joan Collins

## 'Homophobic bouncers choked me till I passed out'

By Eamon Donoghue

AN Irish woman has claimed she was choked until she passed out in a Spanish nightclub, in what she alleges was a homophobic attack by bouncers.

Stacie Duncan was on a night out with her Catalan girlfriend and an Irish friend at the popular Razzmatazz club when she said things turned violent.

Ms Duncan, from Straid, Co. Antrim, has lived in Barcelona for two years. The Facebook employee claimed she was choked by the nightclub bouncers, while she says her Cork-born friend, David O'Leary, was subjected to an allegedly unprovoked physical and verbal attack after intervening in a row.

She said she has lodged a complaint with police and submitted medical reports which detail her injuries caused by the alleged attack. But the venue has denied that any assault took place, saying: 'Stacie and her two companions were expelled from the venue because they were having a violent attitude. At all times the security guards acted properly and the images recorded by the security cameras guarantee it.'

Ms Duncan claimed her partner was pushed by a bouncer, who she said was not in uniform. She said the bouncer 'slapped' her girlfriend, prompting herself and Mr O'Leary to intervene.

Her story has led to a barrage of online complaints aimed at the firm, demanding a boycott of the venue.

But a statement from the club said: 'Given the accusations that we are receiving through our social networks, we want to reiterate that... we have never, nor will we ever allow any homophobic, lesbophobic, transphobic, sexist, xenophobic or racist behaviours from our staff or within in the venue.'

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