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The local basketball side made a triumphant return to Malaga after beating Valencia in the third leg of the final **P55-56**



Syrian fortune seized in Puerto Banús money laundering raids

Rifaat al-Assad, an uncle of the current Syrian president, used eleven relatives to hide more than 500 properties in Spain

Guardia Civil officers swarmed Puerto Banús on Tuesday when they raided 15 properties belonging to the former vice-president of Syria, Rifaat al-Assad. The uncle of current president Bashar al-Assad is at the centre of a money-laundering investigation carried out by Spanish and French authorities. Numerous assets were seized, including luxury vehicles and antiques, and bank accounts frozen.

Al-Assad used seven of his children, two wives and two daughters-

in-law to conceal his business activities and more than 500 properties he owned in Spain, valued at 690 million euros. He acquired the properties over the years from 1988, using a web of companies linked to his relatives and avoiding putting any of the assets in his own name, according to the order issued by a national court judge. One of the properties involved is La Máquina, an enormous estate that occupies almost a third of the entire municipal area of Benahavís. **P3**

ANTONIO BANDERAS

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"MY HEART TOLD ME TO SLOW DOWN"

The actor on his roof terrace with its own version of the Pompidou cube. :: FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ

Hopes of a train to Marbella dashed again this week as Costa rail project gains little from the general state budget **P2**

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THE PRINCIPAL FUNDING FOR MALAGA UNDER THE STATE GENERAL BUDGET

Ministry of Public Works

Northern access to the airport from the super-bypass: 6.5 million.

A-7 link road in Fuengirola: 500,000 euros.

A-7 link road in Arroyo de la Miel: 422,000 euros.

Coastal railway (to Marbella): 350,000 euros.

Bobadilla-Algeciras freight train: 20 million promised at Cadiz end.

Ministry of Industry

Digital Content Pole: 1.7 million.

Ministry of Environment

Regeneration of the beach at Los Baños del Carmen: 500,000 euros. Replacement of sand, coastal recovery and control of erosion

M. of Education and Culture

Creation of the San Agustín State Public Library: 100,000 euros.



The suburban railway. :: SUR

Ministry of Economy

Works on a new Oceanography Centre in the Port: 2.15 millones.

Penitentiary Institutions

Opening of Archidona prison: 21.4 million (the largest sum allocated for the province in the Budget).

Adif

High speed Antequera-Granada rail service: 27.8 million (for the

stretches still outstanding in Granada province).

Acuamed

Energy improvements at the Marbella desalination plant: 141,000 euros.

Waste water recycling plants at Cerro del Águila, La Víbora and Arroyo de la Miel: 1.7 million.

Enaire

No funding to extend the railway line to Marbella despite previous promises

The largest sums have been allocated to the new prison in Archidona and to start the northern access to the airport

:: IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. The funding for Malaga in the 2017 State Budget has now been announced, and it is the lowest so far this century. The province is due to receive approximately 138 million euros, which is about 40 per cent less than last year. Not only will this make it impossible to progress some long-awaited infrastructure improvements, but it will also stifle new projects. This is a far cry from 2008, when investment funding in Malaga totalled 1.2 billion euros.

The train to Marbella will have to be put on hold yet again, even in the format proposed by the former Minister for Public Works, Ana Pastor, by extending the suburban line from Fuengirola, and despite promises during the last legislature that it would be given priority. It appears that those in charge of investment funding are once again evaluating a completely new railway route from the airport,

which would link up with the high speed line. The government has only allocated 350,000 euros for the coastal railway project, barely enough to pay for the studies carried out by the state-owned Cedex company.

The only noteworthy funding from the Ministry of Public Works this year is the northern access to the airport from the second bypass, which will receive 6.5 million euros. There will also be money for the A-7 link road in Fuengirola (500,000 euros). Improvements to the exit from the A-7 at Benalmádena-Arroyo de la Miel, one of the busiest and most dangerous on the provincial road network, will receive 422,000 euros.

On the other hand, hardly any funding has been allocated for the Bobadilla-Ronda-Algeciras freight railway line, which is key for the development of this logistical area, at least for the Malaga stretch.

At the Cadiz end, minister Íñigo de la Serna has announced an insufficient 20 million euros to remodel the stretch in Algeciras. There are still plans to carry out a study into a new bypass in the metropolitan area.

Baños del Carmen to benefit

The Ministry of Industry will pay 1.7

million euros for the Digital Content Pole (a training centre in new technologies in the audio-visual sector) in Malaga city. The Ministry of the Environment has allocated 500,000 euros to start regeneration works at the beach at Los Baños del Carmen, with specific amounts for replacing the sand, recovering coastal systems, accesses and controlling erosion of the coast. The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport will only be providing 100,000 for the long-awaited State Public Library at San Agustín, while the Ministry of the Economy plans to continue work on the Oceanography Centre in Malaga Port, which have currently been suspended due to a problem with the foundations (2.15 million).

From public companies, most of the funds allocated to Malaga by Adif will be used on the Antequera-Granada high speed railway line (27.8 million), although all the works will be in Granada province because those in Malaga have already been completed. Aguas de las Cuencas Mediterráneas (Acuamed) will be provid-



Archidona's new prison will receive most funding. :: SUR

ing 141,000 euros towards energy improvement at the Marbella desalination plant and funds for re-use of waste water at the treatment plants at Cerro del Águila, La Víbora and Arroyo de la Miel, all of which are on the Costa del Sol (1.7 million altogether). The pipes in Campanillas will also be improved.

The plans to improve roads and parking at the airport will be allocated 3.2 million euros from the State budget, while State ports will be providing 165,000 euros for a study into moving the freight train underground. Archidona's new prison, which is due to open this year, will receive 21.4 million, the largest amount of funding in Malaga province this year. One million euros are also earmarked for remodelling the Parador hotel in Nerja, a project which will cost eight million.

The four political parties which represent Malaga in parliament had different reactions to the news. PSOE and Podemos were the most critical. Socialist MP Miguel Ángel Heredia complained that Mariano Rajoy's government had once again placed the

The government has been accused of placing Malaga at the back of the queue for investment



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Improvements to roads and parking at the airport: 3.2 million.

State Ports
Study into moving freight train underground: 165,000 euros.

Others
Remodelling the Parador hotel in Nerja: One million euros (the project will cost eight million in total).

province at the back of the queue for investment. "Malaga is only going to receive a miserable one per cent of the investment in Spain. This will mean that major projects cannot be carried out," he said. Alberto Montero from Podemos said the budget represents the general tone of a government "which questions the bases of recovery" by not increasing the amount of investment in Malaga, and agreed that progress is being jeopardised. "The coastal train continues to be nothing more than a wish. These budgets anchor us in a past of tourism and construction to which we do not want to return," he said.

PP's Carolina España, however, said that the government is maintaining its "strong commitment" to Malaga with budgets which are "realistic, focus on giving continuity to projects which the province needs, as well as ensuring economy recovery, creating employment and greater social protection," while Guillermo Díaz, of Ciudadanos, pointed out that there had been larger budgets "on paper" in the past, but these had not been fulfilled. He said his group will be closely watching to make sure that the northern airport access, the Baños del Carmen and access to Arroyo de la Miel projects are carried out.

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Rifaat al-Assad, the Syrian president's uncle, under investigation in Puerto Banús

The Guardia Civil raided the reclusive millionaire's properties on Tuesday as part of an international money-laundering operation

:: HÉCTOR BARBOTA / JUAN CANO

MARBELLA / MÁLAGA. It isn't a palace, it's a luxury apartment block at the entrance to Puerto Banús, but locals call it the 'Syrians' palace' rather than by its name, Gray d'Albion. The building, with its pink marble façade and golden domes, is the height of ostentation. On Tuesday, however, people were gazing at it for a different reason. Early that morning 30 Guardia Civil officers arrived to search the homes and offices of Rifaat al-Assad, the brother of former Syrian president Hafez al-Assad and uncle of present leader Bashar al-Assad.

Rifaat al-Assad is at the centre of an investigation into money laundering by a criminal organisation. The investigation, called 'Operation Scar', is being led by judge José de la Mata and information has been obtained from French judge Renaud Van Ruymbeke, who is investigating Al-Assad's wealth in that country.

De la Mata authorised 15 raids to be carried out on Wednesday, most of them in Puerto Banús, three summonses were issued, and the bank accounts of 16 people linked to Rifaat al-Assad were frozen, as were a further 76 company accounts.

The Guardia Civil removed numerous items from the building, including jewellery, antiques, tapestries and six vehicles. The fire brigade assisted with the operation and opened several safes, which were found to contain documentation but no money. So far, nobody has been arrested.

As well as the Gray d'Albion building, where Al-Assad owns most of the



The Guardia Civil removed three luxury vehicles. **:: JOSELE-LANZA**

apartments and where some of his sons have their permanent residence, the Guardia Civil also searched other properties associated with the Syrian: the Park Banús hotel, the Benabola apartments, an underground car

park by the entrance to the port and several commercial premises.

According to judge De La Mata, Rifaat al-Assad used seven of his children, two wives and two daughters-in-law to hide his businesses and 503

properties in Spain, which are valued at 690 million euros and were acquired through 34 companies associated with his relatives. He is believed to have been investing in this country since 1988.

From the Hama massacre to a Puerto Banús hideaway

:: J. C. / H. B.

MARBELLA. There could be better places to hide than Puerto Banús, which is known as a place where people go to be seen. However, despite his aversion to photographers, that is where Rifaat al-Assad decided to call home for much of the year, when he was not in Paris or London.

Born in 1937, he moved to Marbella in 1986, two years after his

brother, then president of Syria, sent him into a comfortable exile after being informed that he was plotting against him. Rifaat enjoyed a certain prestige with the authorities, after being credited with putting down a rebellion in Hama, Syria's fourth largest city, in a massacre in which at least 10,000 people died.

When banished, Al-Assad went to Marbella with a large entourage.

When photographers tried to film him in Puerto Banús his bodyguards drew their weapons, something which has discouraged people from trying to get close to him ever since. He is reputed to be difficult to do business with, and local entrepreneurs tend to avoid him.

In June 2000, when his brother died, he made a rare public appearance to criticise his nephew and cast doubts on his ability to run the country. His name came up again last year, when the French authorities confiscated several properties as part of an investigation which has now spread to Spain.

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Four Britons arrested after a shootout outside a Fuengirola bar

The man allegedly responsible for firing the gun had been arguing with three fellow Britons who were on a golfing holiday

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MALAGA. Four Britons were arrested, two of whom with bullet wounds, after a shooting and brawl on Calle Miguel Márquez, behind the promenade in Fuengirola, at around 5am last Sunday morning.

According to witnesses, the incident had originally started inside a bar next to the scene which is popular with Britons.

Three of the men, aged between

55 and 60, believed to be friends on a golfing holiday, had become involved in a heated argument with another 42-year-old Briton.

The argument grew so fierce that staff in the bar had to force the men out into the street and lock the door while other customers sheltered inside. Shortly afterwards those trapped inside heard the argument escalate and shots were fired.

Police arriving on the scene found one semiconscious man next to a car with blood on his face after seemingly receiving blows to the face and back of the head.

Another two men were found a few metres away from the car, one of whom had suffered a gunshot wound to his ankle, while the

fourth man, who was also injured with a gunshot, was later found inside the hotel in which the three tourists were staying.

All of the wounded were treated for their injuries at the Costa del Sol Hospital, while under police custody.

Sources close to the incident said that the 42-year-old man who had been found next to the car had been trying to conceal keys to it. Inside police found a pistol, another weapon and several cartridge cases.

Police believe this man fired the gun and a judge later ordered him to be held without bail.

The three golfing tourists were later released and returned immediately to the UK.

Over 400 marijuana plants seized in raid on Pizarra drug farm

■ FERNANDO TORRES

COÍN. Officers from the Guardia Civil based in Coín and Pizarra have arrested two youths in connection with the growth and production of marijuana in the rural

Gibralmoral area near Pizarra, in the Guadalhorce valley.

The arrests were made as part of operation 'Likamar', an investigation that was first started in February, according to Guardia Civil

sources.

The officers raided two homes in the area and seized a total 402 marijuana plants that were being grown, half a kilo of the marijuana drug ready for use, a vehicle and two stun guns.

According to the Guardia Civil, the two detainees, who are from Pizarra and Benalmádena, were also involved in distribution the drug.

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Tourist loses teeth after Gibralfaro assault

MALAGA

■ J. CANO / A. FRÍAS. A 60-year-old British woman lost several teeth and suffered a small skull fracture after falling on the steps going up to Malaga's Gibralfaro castle during a violent assault.

The woman, who was visiting the city, had her handbag stolen from her last Friday afternoon

and fell on the steps in the immediate aftermath of the incident while the perpetrators fled the scene.

National and Local Police forces found the bloodied woman in a state of shock but managed to find out what had happened before she was transferred to the city's Clínico Universitario Hospital with serious injuries.

National Police are hunting two women and a man in connection with the assault.




The incident occurred on the way up to the Gibralfaro. ■ A.C.

Man held for allowing dogs to kill a pregnant cat in front of neighbours

ANTEQUERA

■ SUR. A man has been held on suspicion of encouraging his dogs to kill a stray cat. During the incident that allegedly took place on 31 March in Antequera, the

pregnant cat, which was hiding from the baying dogs under a crane, was forced out by the dogs' owners with a stick and left to its fate in full view of local people. After the incident, witnesses said that the man put the dogs back in his house and threw the remains of the cat in a rubbish bin. A neighbour reported him to police.



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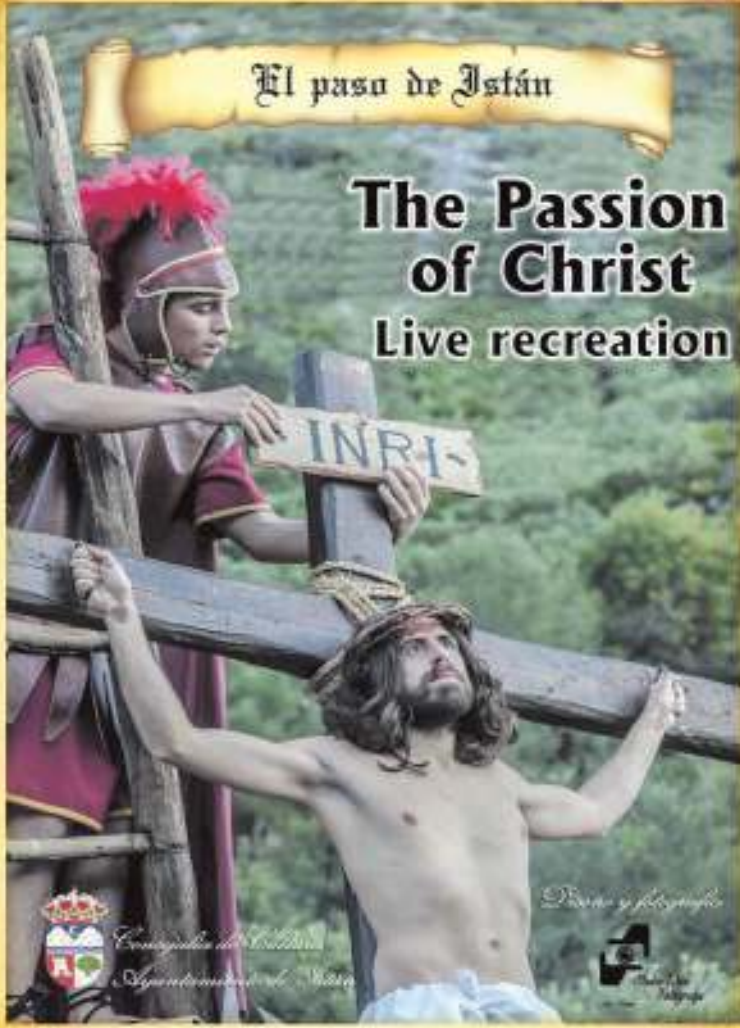
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Work on seafront walkway in Torrequebrada restarts after storms change plan

ALBERTO GÓMEZ

BENALMÁDENA. Workers in Benalmádena have this week restarted building work on the new seaside promenade in the Torrequebrada area of the resort.

Work was well advanced on the 450,000-euro project before recent storm damage. The rain caused shifting in earth behind containing walls, forcing engineers to pause construction and rethink the plan.

So far some 330,000 euros of the plan has been spent. This second phase has a budget of 114,000 euros, covering mostly landscaping and other finishing touches. Workers will surface the path, install benches and other wooden features, lighting, watering systems, final landscaping and a protective railing on the viewpoint which is part of the work.

The contract for this project, which is funded by the Diputación provincial authority, was originally awarded in late 2014 and was due to be finished in May 2015. However delays in getting government planning permission postponed the start of construction until late last year.

Mijas finalises plans for coastal path from La Cala to Fuengirola

The cost of this section of the 'Senda Litoral', which will cover a distance of 5.3 kilometres, is expected to be around two million euros

IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. The dream of building a 5.3-kilometre coastal walkway in Mijas Costa between La Cala and Fuengirola is a step closer to becoming reality after the local council announced that it has submitted a master plan for carrying out the works.

Mayor of Mijas, Juan Carlos Maldonado, along with the town councillors for Planning and Infrastructure, Andrés Ruiz and José Carlos Martín, explained that project details have already been sent to the national government and the Junta de Andalucía for them to carry out their analysis of the proposals.

Maldonado stated that the path is one of the most called-for improvements by residents to Mijas Costa, following the success of the path running from La Cala towards Calahonda.

The project is part of a wider scheme, promoted by the Diputación provincial council, to provide a coastal path, or 'Senda Litoral',



Ruiz (l), Maldonado (c) and Martín (r) on the route by the A-7. :: I.G.

along the entire length of the Costa del Sol from Nerja to Manilva.

Maldonado said that Mijas was aiming to be the first municipality on the Costa to finish its part of the walkway.

The national and regional governments will now report back to the town on the project, with councillors hopeful of a quick decision, given

that the relevant authorities were involved while it was being drawn up. Once permission is given, the project can be put out for tender.

Councillor for Infrastructure, José Carlos Martín, added that their aim is to get approval before the end of the year and claim government funding, adding money from council funds as well if needed.

Walkway link built as plans begin to join Malaga and Torremolinos

NURIA TRIGUERO

MALAGA. Malaga city hall is in the process of finishing a temporary wooden boardwalk which runs nearly 1.5 kilometres along the beach between Guadalmar and Los Alamos, near the Parador hotel and golf course.

It aims to make access to the area easier for sunbathers and other beach users. This is a temporary measure while the Diputación, the provincial council, draws up plans for a permanent path along this stretch as part of its 'Senda Litoral' coastal walkway project.



Provisional walkway. :: Ñ.SALAS

HERE AND THERE

CIO Mijas hotel training staff unpaid since 2014

MIJAS

Five remaining staff at the closed CIO Mijas hospitality training college in La Cala de Mijas are still going to work every day despite not being paid since November 2014. The public consortium that runs the centre, now closed to the public, which includes the Junta de Andalucía and Mijas council has been awaiting dissolution since then. However these partners are in dispute over money. One worker, Virginia, saw some light at the end of



The centre in La Cala. :: SUR

the tunnel this week when a court ordered her to be paid a third of what was owed. Her colleagues are now hoping for the same treatment.

Axarquía villages hit by nighttime earthquake

ALCAUCÍN

Several Axarquía villages were hit by an earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale early on Wednesday morning. The tremor struck at 1.53am with an epicentre between the villages of Alcaucín, Periana and Ventas de Zafarraya

(Granada).

It wasn't felt by residents in the local area as it occurred 55 kilometres below ground, scientists said. It is normal for this area to experience earth tremors between 50 and 70 kilometres below ground level. No emergency calls were received afterwards and villagers woke up on Wednesday morning oblivious to what had happened.



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MAKING A MEAL OF IT

If Article 50's triggering meant "Now We're Cooking!" then the menu certainly isn't a smorgasbord. While the exit deal will be complicated, it will use more basic ingredients than everything that's been stirring in the UK political cauldron. It is supposed to do no more than fill the gaps left by giving up the treaties on financial, legal, territorial and institutional obligations.

There will need to be arrangements in a number of areas including Pan-European projects; international commitments; commercial contracts under EU law; pending European court cases; UK's Cyprus base, Gibraltar and Northern Ireland; Britain's EU officials, MEPs and court judges; and regulatory bodies, which alone provide much for the UK to digest.

As advertised, the first serving is citizens' rights and the only item to really fight over, the budget settlement (the final bill). Trade will come later because, as my Nan always said, "You can't have pudding if you don't eat your greens."

Also, trade will be separate because such deals are for non-EU countries, come under a different treaty basis and are agreed unanimously, unlike Article 50's majority vote.

The complexity, including UK ambitions and WTO processes, always meant that instead of completion in 2019 this will be one of several later deals bridged by some transitional arrangements. These could include foreign policy/security cooperation, and shared markets for energy, transport etc.

The Article 50 withdrawal agreement won't set out the future UK-EU relationship,

though it will be guided by a "framework" for that. Even so, allowing time for voting on the final deal, they have under 12 months of actual working days to prepare it after the EU agrees objectives (expected in May), not counting holidays and weekends.

This all means three possible dishes: an exit deal only; an exit deal plus an accord on key future partnership issues; or no deal. The first is possible and the second challenging. The UK government admitted that it has done no impact assessment on the third even though it would be messy, leaving people and businesses with just legal crumbs to use if court cases arise. Inevitably the UK needs some deal or else much of what follows, including trade, will be put at risk.

Having set the timer the UK is in the pressure cooker. It needs to manage the British public's expectations, as well as all EU 27 cooks (who are actually head chefs) and mainly, the Westminster parliament, which must authorise the UK's EU withdrawal. The exit deal will also require some separate bills, besides the Great Repeal Bill (on which a white paper was published 30 March, giving us - and lawyers - more to chew on).

Therefore, the government should heed the old cookery adage: "First catch your hare." In other words, plan to deliver with only what you've got to use. Hopefully, the EU comes to the table united around the same approach, or it'll be thin gruel all round.

The writer is a former EU policy advisor to the UK Government and also chaired the UK Employment Committee.



Fabian Picardo (left) says he has been reassured of Britain's "full support". :: SUR

European Council draft Brexit guidelines come as a shock to the UK and Gibraltar

The EC said that after Brexit, Spain must have a say in whether agreements with the UK should apply to Gibraltar

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. For many who voted for Brexit in last year's EU referendum, Wednesday 29 March was a long-awaited day of celebration. Triggering Article 50 was like firing a party gun and releasing colourful streamers to add to the fun and festivities. A few days later, however, those festive strips of paper were limp and tangled and some of the British media even began talking about sending warships to Spain, after the content of the European Council's draft guidelines for the Brexit negotiations became known.

Clause 22

The draft guidelines were issued on Friday 31 March. They took a firm line, and made it clear that the EU

"will act as one" in negotiations over Britain's withdrawal, but will be "constructive throughout". They reiterated the EU's wish to have the United Kingdom as a close partner in the future. However, Clause 22 appeared to come as a shock to both the UK and Gibraltar:

"After the United Kingdom leaves the Union, no agreement between the EU and the United Kingdom may apply to the territory of Gibraltar without the agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom," it stated.

Like the other member countries of the EU, Spain will have an automatic veto over any of the UK's Brexit negotiations, but the wording of this clause appears to mean that Gibraltar could be excluded from future trade agreements between the UK and EU. Its inclusion, however, is important for several other reasons:

Firstly, it appears to acknowledge that Spain has a claim to Gibraltar, which it ceded in perpetuity to Britain over 300 years ago; secondly, it indicates that bilateral discussions

between the UK and Spain would be in order. This is something upon which Spain has been insisting in the past, refusing to take part in trilateral talks in which Gibraltar was involved; thirdly, it places Gibraltar as a bargaining chip in the Brexit negotiations.

"Disgraceful attempt"

A statement issued by the Gibraltar government on Friday afternoon said that "Gibraltar has shamefully been singled out [...] for unfavourable treatment by the Council, at the behest of Spain," and quoted chief minister Fabian Picardo as saying "This is a disgraceful attempt by Spain to manipulate the European Council for its own, narrow, political interests. Brexit is already complicated enough without Spain trying to complicate it further."

Amid general belief that the British prime minister appeared to have forgotten about Gibraltar in her Brexit negotiations, Picardo appeared on the BBC's Andrew Marr show on Sunday, where he stressed to interviewer Edie Mair that these were only draft

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guidelines, and that they did not mention sovereignty over Gibraltar.

He insisted that Gibraltar is fully involved in the discussions about Brexit, and said it wasn't important that Theresa May hadn't mentioned it in her letter to European Council president Donald Tusk because Gibraltar is referred to "tangentially" in the Brexit White Paper.

The UK's defence secretary, Michael Fallon, confirmed this when he appeared later on the same show, saying that Gibraltar was referenced eight times in the White Paper. Picardo also said that any trade deals etc. agreed between the EU and the UK should automatically apply to Gibraltar.

Media explosion

By then, however, some of the British media had begun to accuse Spain of using the Brexit negotiations to make a "land grab" for Gibraltar, and matters came to a head when former Conservative Party leader Michael Howard suggested to Sky News on Sunday that Theresa May would be prepared to go to war to protect Gibraltar in the same way that Marga-

ret Thatcher did over the Falklands.

Social media exploded, with heated arguments between people who thought it would be best for Gibraltar to accept Spain's joint or sole sovereignty in order to remain in the EU and others who urged the British government to take military action against Spain to stop it "getting its hands" on the British Overseas Territory.

Such was the hostility expressed towards Spain by some elements of the UK media over the weekend, that on Monday Spanish foreign minister Alfonso Dastis said that some in the UK were losing their cool over Gibraltar unnecessarily, and that the Spanish government was "surprised" by the tone of some of the comments. However, with regard to Clause 22 of the draft EC guidelines, he insisted that as the EU is negotiating Brexit as a bloc, it is obliged to support Spain and not the UK's position with regard to Gibraltar.

Further disappointment

In general, politicians in the UK and Gibraltar are keeping calm. Fabian Picardo says he has received reassur-

ance from Theresa May and Boris Johnson that the British government continues to support Gibraltar and that it will continue to be fully involved in the Brexit negotiations. On Wednesday, Britain's minister for Brexit, David Davis, told the chief minister that the UK would not enter into any deals which did not include Gibraltar.

It had been hoped that Clause 22 could be dropped from the draft guidelines, but there was further disappointment on Wednesday when the European Parliament voted to approve the EU's negotiating parameters without any amendments.

Although 209 MEPs supported the inclusion of a reference to Gibraltar, 440 voted against as part of a pact not to allow any amendments to be tabled, something which deputy chief minister Dr Joseph García described as unfortunate.

"The government (of Gibraltar) is very grateful to the 209 MEPs who defied this intense pressure and decided to vote to include Gibraltar anyway and to the Office in Brussels for their work," he said.

New security checks could mean long border delays

:: D. B

GIBRALTAR New EU security controls are to be implemented at Schengen borders with effect from Friday 7 April and as a result it is possible that there will be delays for pedestrians and motorists entering and leaving Gibraltar.

In fact, there were queues of over

two hours to leave the Rock and cross into Spain from Wednesday afternoon until late that night, despite the fact that the new controls had not yet officially been implemented. No explanation has been given for the delays, which brought traffic on the Rock to a standstill.

As the UK is not part of the

Schengen Agreement, Gibraltar does not have to introduce any further controls but Spain is obliged to do so. This means that from today onwards Spanish officials will have to check all identity documents against national and EU data bases. Although the checks take very little time to carry out, the sheer numbers of people who cross the border between Spain and Gibraltar each day is raising fears of long delays for pedestrians and motorists, although the Spanish authorities have said they will assign extra personnel to the border to prevent this.

IN BRIEF



Kaiane Lopez, the new mayor. :: SUR

Investiture of new mayor of Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR

:: D. BARTLETT Kaiane Lopez was sworn in as the new mayor of Gibraltar at City Hall on Tuesday, the third female mayor in the Rock's history. The former Miss World, who was deputy mayor, takes over

the post from Adolfo Canepa, and the new deputy mayor is John Gonçalves.

In her speech, Mrs Lopez paid tribute to those who have held the post in the past, saying that she has seen how much hard work and dedication are required to fulfil the role. She thanked all former mayors, saying they are "truly an inspiration."

Spring Festival celebrations will begin on May 1st

GIBRALTAR

:: D.B. This year's Spring Festival was officially launched on Wednesday, with an award being presented by Culture minister Steven Linares to Anselmo Torres, the winner of the festival logo competition. Another 18 'highly commended' entries also received awards.

The festival will include numerous events, starting with the May Day celebrations on Monday, May 1st and continuing for seven weeks, until World Music Day on Saturday, June 17th. All the events share the same purpose, of promoting art and culture on the Rock.

Artificial nests installed to attract ospreys

GIBRALTAR

:: D. B. Gibraltar's Environment Department has begun installing artificial nests in the Nature Reserve, hoping to attract ospreys back to the Rock. These birds, also known as 'fish eagles', used to nest on the steep east side cliffs until the 1930s. Their overall numbers began to decline throughout western Europe due to egg collecting, hunting and habitat destruction, and in Gibraltar it is likely that quarrying and military activity during WW2 contributed to their disappearance. They do migrate across the Straits and it is hoped the nests will entice them to stay.



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HERE AND THERE

Bar licences extended despite "pantomime"

:: **E. C.** The six Nerja beach bars whose opening licences were queried by Nerja councillor Eva Fernández, have been given a further 12-month extension.

Last November, Fernández revealed that under the previous administration, six beach bars in the town had been given extensions to

existing opening licences, instead of asking them to apply for new ones, for eight years. However, with weeks to go before the start of the high season, the councillor has given the bars in question another extension on the existing licences. The bars, Moreno, José Cruz, Montemar, La Barca, Playa Sol and Ayo, have described the situation as a "pantomime designed to confuse", while Fernández says that the new applications should "be ready by September".

Lifeguards to be on beaches for Easter Week

TORRE DEL MAR

:: **J. R.** Vélez-Málaga's councillor for beaches and tourism, Jesus Pérez Atencia, announced on Tuesday that the area's beaches are to have lifeguards over Easter week for the first time. Thirteen professionals will keep watch over the Torre del Mar and Caleta beaches from 11am until 7pm from 9 until 16 April. Other beaches in the area will be observed by mobile lifeguards via boat and motorbike.



Lifeguard on the beach. :: SUR

Recognition for Torrox local police officers

TORROX

:: **E. C.** Torrox Mayor Óscar Medina announced earlier this week that three local police officers from Torrox are to be recognised for the part they played in an operation that resulted in the arrests of four people, including one Belgian who was wanted by Interpol. The arrests took place in February of this year for crimes including forgery, robbery and child abduction.



The audience watches a flamenco performance during Nerja's residents' day last Sunday. :: E. CABEZAS



The SUR in English stand. :: MARLENE WÖRNER

Councillors and residents show "indignation" over bullfight

:: E. CABEZAS / J. RHODES

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Izquierda Unida (United Left) councillors at Vélez-Málaga Town Hall have strongly opposed plans by the mayor, Jose Antonio Ferrer (PSOE), to bring back bullfighting to the town. Miguel Ángel Sánchez and Alicia Pérez, expressed their "indignation" after the town hall announced last week that a temporary bullring was to be installed on the fairground next to the El Ingenio shopping centre on 10 June, with a capacity for 3,000 spectators.

As soon as the announcement was made, animal rights groups and collectives raised awareness of the plans via social media demanding that the council cancel the event. An online petition was also started on Change.org.

The bullfighters, Manuel Díaz 'El Cordobés', Francisco Rivera 'Paquirri' and Manuel Barea 'El Arquero', are due to take part in the event, which, if it goes ahead, will be the first in the town since 2012.



Vélez hasn't seen a bullfight since 2012. :: SUR

Sunshine on Residents' Day not enough to quell Brexit concerns

Around 2,500 people attended the international event in Nerja's Plaza de España last Sunday

:: E. CABEZAS / J. RHODES

NERJA. The 18th Nerja Residents' Day took place on Plaza de España on Sunday. Thirty-four stalls represented the large number of associations, companies and other organisations that are formed by, or work with, foreigners in the town.

There were music and dance performances and the American International Club presented a donation of 2,000 euros to the Almuñécar Asociación de Alcohólicos Rehabilitados, 2,000 euros to Cruz Roja and 500 euros to Solidaria de Alimentos which runs the food bank in Nerja.

A spokesperson from the Nerja foodbank organisation said, "The British have a great tradition of raising money and we have been the recipients of donations from many organisations throughout the years."

More than 2,500 people attended the event that aims to demonstrate how the different nationalities that make up Nerja's approximately 21,000-strong population live and collaborate together. Of that number, 5,970 people registered on the town hall 'padrón' are not Spanish, 2,173 being from the UK.

Brexit

However, not even the glorious sunshine and light-hearted festive atmosphere could quell concerns over Brexit among the Brits, with

last Wednesday's official triggering of Article 50 still fresh in many people's minds.

"There are a lot of interests at stake for things to change radically and we trust that everything will remain as normal after Brexit," 72-year-old Anthony I. Foster, who has lived in Nerja since 1981 told SUR.

The Axarquía association of international interpreters who work at the local health centres confirmed the concerns of many patients over the future of healthcare. "If we leave the EU, what is going to happen to our European health cards?" the president, Christopher Cluderay, asked.

Representatives from SUR were also at the event, distributing copies of SUR in English as well as this newspaper's Spanish, German and Russian sister publications.

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'Falcons at the ready' - Malaga airport's bird patrols gear up to protect flights in high season

The airport's wildlife committee has met to discuss safety measures to prevent a buildup of birds interfering with planes

■ PILAR MARTÍNEZ

MALAGA. The group of falcons at Malaga airport, used to keep other birds from interfering in the take-off and landing of planes, is gearing up for high season. Birds on or near the runway or approach routes can pose a risk to flights.

The falcons were just one of the measures to control the movement of birds in the area which were explained in a recent meeting held by the airport's wildlife committee. The amount of flights a day at the airport is due to rise significantly in the coming weeks as the summer season starts.

The wildlife committee consists of representatives from the local councils of Malaga, Alhaurin de la Torre, Torremolinos and Cártama, among others. Representatives from the provincial government and the department of the environment of the Junta de Andalucía were also present at the meeting.

These were joined by members



Members of the falconry team at Malaga airport. ■ SUR

of Aena, the airport authority, and the UK's Civil Aviation Authority.

Problems such as how to stop unauthorised landfill sites, which could attract flocks of birds, in the Guadalhorce valley area surrounding the airport were also discussed.

The committee also recognised the need to focus their efforts on

identifying and controlling the amount of unauthorised pigeon coups and removing ponds, pools and other types of surface water which could attract the attention of birds.

They also cited Malaga's geographical location as a migration route between Europe and Africa,

the favourable weather conditions in the area and the food available to the birds as reasons why there is a strong presence of birds in the Guadalhorce valley.

The committee agreed to carry out several studies to improve knowledge of the population of birds, the typology of the species present and their movements throughout the valley.

The Aena airport authority emphasised the importance of working together with local government in reducing the number of birds "that could pose a danger to air transport, which is of vital socio-economic importance to the region."

The airport has been working on this issue for thirty years, using falconers who are part of the wildlife control service and responsible for the training of several falcons that provide a 24-hour service.

The falconers train the birds of prey to fly around different parts of the airport at various times of the day to make it clear to other birds that this is a zone that they control.

The meeting comes as high season starts, during which planes will fly to 126 different destinations with 15.5 million seats available.

Norwegian Airlines offers three new routes to keep pace with competitors

■ P. MARTÍNEZ

MALAGA. Low-cost airline, Norwegian, will start three new routes from Malaga airport next month as well as increasing their onboard capacity by just over 20 per cent for the summer period, adding nearly 230,000 extra seats for passengers in total.

The airline will now fly to the German cities of Düsseldorf and Hanover as well as Rome Fiumicino airport in Italy.

One of the new routes involves the use of the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, the largest aeroplane using Malaga airport, with capacity for 344 passengers.

Altogether, the company will be offering 23 routes to and from Malaga this summer, three more than last year, with five Norwegian and German destinations and four UK airports included.

Other companies have also increased the number of flights from Malaga, with Ryanair now running flights to Amsterdam and Frankfurt, while Jet2 have increased their links with UK airports with flights now landing at Birmingham and London Stansted Airport.

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A passionate reason to grow a beard

El Paso often attracts foreign residents to take part and this year is no exception

by JENNIE RHODEES

RIOGORDO. El Paso, Riogordo's famous Passion Play, has been performed at Easter in the town since 1951. It is as popular with tourists as it is with locals, regularly attracting around 10,000 people.

The event has been designated by the provincial government as a festival of special tourist interest, having being given the 'Medalla de Oro' (gold medal), among other awards. It has also been ranked among the top 90 Passion Plays in Europe and it has even been taken to 'Europassion', a European-wide conference of Passion Play organisers.

The play, which covers the life of Jesus Christ as an adult and focuses on his arrest and death, is performed in the open air on the side of a hill which is known in Riogordo as El Calvario and has a permanent, hand-painted and lovingly-crafted theatrical set.

Getting involved

Each year, among the 500-strong cast of the Passion Play (El Paso), a handful of expatriates get involved too. Their reason for doing so is generally to, "become more



A scene from Riogordo's El Paso. :: SUR

integrated," in the life of the village, or at least so say Richard Weale and Stephen Bishop.

The two men, both originally from England, have recently retired to Riogordo and have been growing their hair and beards in preparation for this year's El Paso, which will take place on 14 and 15 April.

"I'm normally cropped and

clean-shaven," says Stephen Bishop, 63, a former transport planner from Worcestershire. Stephen adds laughing; "to be honest I'll be glad to get rid of it." While Richard says that, although he's never had a full beard before, he'll "wait for feedback," before he decides to shave it all off after Easter.

He and Richard, along with Richard's partner, Carole, 56, have

THE ACTORS

Stephen Bishop Villager

"I'm normally cropped and clean-shaven. To be honest I'll be glad to get rid of it"



Richard Weale Villager

"I'm going to wait for feedback before I decide whether to keep it or shave it off"



been told that they will play villagers. "I think there is a long waiting list to get a bigger part," jokes Richard, 57, who volunteers for the Red Cross here in Spain and is learning Spanish.

"We bought a house here in 2003 but only recently started living here permanently," he says. "We have seen El Paso a number of times but this is the first year we have been here at the right time for the rehearsals."

Stephen and his wife, Caroline, are also relative newcomers to Ri-

ogordo and have a base in the UK as Caroline is still working.

Plans to stay

The pair plan to stay in the village permanently once Caroline retires within the next year or so. "We love it here," admits Caroline who is defiant that Brexit has not put them off making the decision to move. "Nobody knows what is going to happen and decisions won't be taken for another two years. For us, we don't want to waste those two years. It's no good worrying," she says.

For now the focus is on rehearsals and hair-growing for El Paso. Rehearsals start this week and, as the new cast members say, they are looking forward to taking part in the, "biggest annual event in Riogordo."

INFORMATION

► **When:** Friday 14, Saturday 15 April, 4.30pm

► **Where:** Riogordo

► **Tickets:** 10€ Adults, 7€ children

► **Further information:** www.elpasoderiogordo.es/en/ Tickets sold on the day or at specified outlets in advance.

► **Other plays:** You can see other Passion plays in several villages including Istán, Alhaurín el Grande, Casarabonela, Cajiz and Alozaina.





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Hotel Incosol set to reopen after purchase by Banco Sabadell subsidiary HI Partners

The Marbella hotel, closed since 2012 after its owners went into administration, will now have its facilities rebuilt to revive the iconic brand

::MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA. Hotel Incosol, a feature of Marbella since 1973, is set to be relaunched after it was bought by HI Partners. The company is a subsidiary of the Banco Sabadell banking group.

The hotel was a pioneer in health tourism before it was forced to close in 2012 after Grupo Jale, which owned and managed the property at

the time, went into administration.

After several failed attempts to buy the hotel, largely due to problems stemming from the ongoing bankruptcy proceedings, HI Partners finally acquired the emblematic building last December for around 20 million euros.

Work has now begun on renovating the facilities, although it has been acknowledged that it will be a long process given that most of the rooms and equipment in the hotel have been unused for around five years.

HI Partners have also taken official, legal steps to inform the 170 workers who lost their jobs during the bankruptcy in 2012 that it will be reopened, although this may not be for some time.



The Hotel Incosol has been closed since 2012. :: JOSELE-LANZA

Ilunion takes control of four-star Hotel Hacienda Puerta del Sol in Mijas

::IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. The hotel chain Ilunion has acquired its third establishment in the province after it was confirmed that it has taken control of the Hotel Hacienda Puerta del Sol.

The hotel chain, which now runs 26 hotels in the country, will rename the hotel the Ilunion Hacienda del Sol, but it will remain a four-star hotel. The move involves the rental management of the hotel by Ilunion, and it will be open all year round.

The chain's other hotels in the province include one in Malaga city and one in Fuengirola.

This particular hotel consists of 136 rooms and its facilities include open air and heated swimming pools, outside gardens, saunas, tennis courts, minigolf and a children's play area. All of the 29 members of staff will keep their jobs under the new owners, although it is unknown whether there are any plans to increase the number of workers at the hotel.



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Lane closures on A-357 aim to reduce Parque Tecnológico bottleneck chaos

The measure has been welcomed by drivers used to long delays, but more investment, such as the extension of the local train service, is called for

::IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. So far the relief measures started this week to take pressure off the routes leaving Malaga's Parque Tecnológico appear to be working. The A-7056 road leaving the high-tech complex regularly used to fill up during evening rush hours and cause delays on the A-357 motorway from Malaga to Cártama as well.

From now on, every day during the evening rush hour, Guardia Civil officers will reduce the A-357 motorway heading to Malaga from two to

one lane where traffic from the A-7056 filters in. This allows cars joining the motorway from the park to filter in continuously along the spare lane. Previously, traffic entering from the A-7056 had to come to a virtual stop before joining the A-357, creating holdups on both roads.

The lane restriction will take effect from Monday to Thursday between 5pm and 8pm. On Fridays, as many companies finish at 3pm, there will be no special control.

Motorists have given a cautious welcome to the move that helps reduce a daily delay for the some fifteen thousand workers when they head home. Over 600 companies are based on the technology campus, located in open countryside some ten kilometres west of Malaga city.

"It's true that the traffic is much more fluid. Of all the measures they have tried, this is the one that has

worked the best, but even so you can still spend 15 minutes getting out," said one driver. Others have complained that there are still significant delays on the roundabout at the gate to the park near Campanillas village.

Demands for train link

The head of the Parque Tecnológico, Felipe Romero, praised the move but said it didn't go far enough. "We need more measures like this," he said.

Adrián García, spokesperson for workers' groups in the complex, claimed that, as well as turning the internal exit road into a dual carriageway, the real long-term solution lies in the construction of a local 'Cercanías' rail link from the C-2 Álora line. "The priority has to be the train that's been talked about for years," he explained.

HERE AND THERE

Cudeca is looking for more volunteers

MIJAS

::IVÁN GELIBTER. The cancer hospice charity, Cudeca, is looking for volunteers to assist in their Fuengirola shop in the afternoons.

Last Friday, the charity and the Mijas councillor for Volunteering, Laura Moreno, appealed to residents in Mijas and Fuengirola.

"We need volunteers to assist in the shop in Fuengirola so that we can keep it open later," Moreno explained. The shop hopes to recruit around 20 volunteers. Those interested can enlist via the charity's facebook page, website, or call 952 564 910.



Cudeca donation tins. :: SUR

Cudeca's donation tins are a huge success

COSTA DEL SOL

::SUR. Cudeca's donation tins, which were placed in bars, restaurants and shops from Nerja to Sotogrande as well as in Malaga airport raised a total of 55,197 euros in 2016.

All the funds raised in the tins, which are sponsored by SUR in English, will help fund free, specialised care for cancer sufferers in the final stages of their illness.

The charity's coordinator for fundraising, Natalia Aparicio, has expressed her appreciation of residents' generosity and of the efforts of volunteers who worked hard to collect such an impressive sum of donations.

Allen Row, a volunteer who has been responsible for carefully counting the donations, has also been praised for his dedication.

The charity has a fundraising target from the tins of 60,000 euros and hopes to reach it soon. They are currently appealing to residents to place a tin in their home or workplace in order for them to reach this target more quickly.

Anyone who would like to have a Cudeca donation tin in their home or workplace should send an email to huchas@cudeca.org or call 952 564 910. For information about Cudeca's 25th anniversary events see page 47.

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MARCH FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS IN MALAGA

Some two hundred people, many of them with their pets, took to the streets of Malaga last Sunday to demand that the law be toughened to stop domestic animals being abused. The demonstration, organised by the Protectora, Malaga's animal welfare centre, had the support of several other groups. Protesters claimed that animals' rights aren't sufficiently protected but said support for reform was growing.

Police say firm bought property from Mijas council at 15 times below market rate

by IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. A Guardia Civil judicial report has claimed that Mijas council sold off property at auction at prices significantly below market rates between 2011 and 2015.

The study puts further pressure on ex-mayor of Mijas, Ángel Nozal, and the municipality's treasurer, who are under investigation for their role in the so-called 'express auction' scandal.

During this period, Mijas was supposedly selling off properties that it had gained control of, after owners did not pay taxes. Allegations suggest that instead of selling them off at real market or even rateable value, officials allowed the property to go quickly at significant discounts, thereby breaking strict rules.

In one case, the report claims that a farm, with a rateable value of over 1.3 million euros, and a real value significantly higher, was given to a company called Inmonautic Alfa Sierra SL for 34,000 euros. In total, nine pieces of real estate were adjudicated to that company with rateable value of almost two million euros for a total of just 130,000 euros, some 15 times less.

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FRIGILIANA. Javier León is the new foreigners-department officer at Frigiliana town hall. He has been in the job since 1 March this year, after successfully passing the 'oposiciones', or civil service exams in January.

Javier, 48, is already a well-known figure in the town, as he and his wife have lived there since 2012 and own the Axarcá beer company, which has its distribution centre in Frigiliana.

Born in Switzerland to Spanish immigrants, Javier speaks five languages. He puts his multilingualism down to his country of birth. "Switzerland is a mix of languages and cultures. From an early age kids are encouraged to learn the languages spoken in the country and English," he explains.

He adds that children of immigrants in Switzerland must also learn their parents' mother tongue. "It's in case for some reason you have to, or decide to, return to your own country," Javier explains. "Imagine not having any sense of the language or culture if you suddenly have to go back for some reason."

Multilingual

Being able to speak Spanish, English, French, Italian and Portuguese,



Javier León, Frigiliana's new foreign-department officer. ✶ J. RHODES

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Javier is able to help many of the 1,000 foreigners that make up a big part of Frigiliana's 3,000 population. While Britons make up the majority of the foreigners in the local population, there are many other nationalities registered on the 'padrón', or town hall register.

Javier says that the effects of Brexit are already being felt in Frigiliana and he knows of expatriates who are either already trying to sell their properties or are not sure what to do. "Frigiliana is a very small town and the foreign residents know each other. I know that there are people who have decided to leave" he says. "The problem is that there is no information and people can't be in this limbo for long. They need to make decisions."

Information

In fact lack of information is a problem in general for foreigners that move to another country, says Javier and his aim is to make that transition as easy as possible, at least for people who come to Frigiliana. "There is very little information readily available and in other languages," the foreigners' officer says. "People often don't know what they have to do and why things like registering on the 'padrón' are important and what it involves."

Javier describes his new role as, "solving problems for foreigners," and working closely with the other departments in the town hall. Javier is supported by Councillor Carmen Cerezo, who is responsible for foreigners, tourism and culture.

Javier works at the town hall from Monday to Friday, but on Mondays helps out at Frigiliana's health centre as a translator. His current contract is for 12 months, until 28 February 2018. After then it is unclear whether Javier will continue or the job will go to someone else who also passed the oposiciones exams for the job in January.

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Family visit Malaga on 17-year world tour

After seeing 70 countries across five continents, the Zapp's arrived by car on the Costa

by JUAN SOTO

MALAGA. When Herman and Candelaria Zapp began their journey in Buenos Aires on 25 January 2000 with just 4,000 euros in their pocket, they had planned to travel for just six months, with their final destination being Alaska. They also didn't expect to get very far in their 1928 Graham-Piase car which they had bought three months earlier.

However, 17 years later, the Zapps have notched up more than 300,000 thousand miles on the clock and conceived four children along the way. Last week the family added Malaga to their lengthy list of visited destinations.

Herman and Candelaria, and their children, Pampa, Tehue, Paloma and Wallaby, first arrived in the province last Wednesday, where they were hosted by friends in Coin. The following day they visited the city's car museum, (Museo Automovilístico), after discovering the museum also had a Graham-Piase from a different year.

The museum's staff were thrilled to have the Zapps there. After photos with the assistants, the family



The Zapps arriving at the city's car museum in their trademark car. by SALVADOR SALAS

gave a talk on how they have survived on the road all these years, describing their car as "a tiny home with a huge garden."

Painting pays for epic trip

Herman added that it was thanks to his wife, who has painted

and sold canvases along the way to fund the journey, that the family have been able to reach their target of 70 countries. It was revealed that Candelaria had never previously tried to sell any of her paintings before travelling, but when the couple found themselves

struggling for money in Ecuador, with not even enough funds to fly home, they had no choice but to get creative in order to survive.

The family then signed copies of their hugely successful book, 'Atrapa un sueño', (Catch a Dream), which is already on its eighth edi-

tion, and has also been a huge help in covering the costs of the adventure.

The Zapps are currently travelling around Europe in what is supposedly the final stages of their 17-year trip, before they return home to begin a new adventure.

Children on the way

Herman and Candelaria began their adventure just after they married in 2000, and rather than waiting until they returned home, they had their four children during their epic journey.

Each of the children was named after the place in which they were born. Pampa was born in North California in June 2002, Tehue in Buenos Aires in March 2005, Paloma in Vancouver in November 2007 and Wallaby in Australia in March 2009.

Despite the fact the children have never attended school, they have still received an education and have been examined via an Argentinian online long-distance-learning programme. In fact, Pampa, the eldest, explained that travelling has been the best way to learn about geography, having visited the Himalayas, North Cape in Norway, and the Atacama desert in Chile.

After their trip to Malaga, the children will tour the rest of Spain with their parents, including the Canary Islands. They will then move on to the rest of Europe, before finally heading back to Buenos Aires.

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Youth held after three die in cave-fire tragedy

The victims, aged 12, 14 and 21 years, were allegedly trapped in the popular teenage hillside haunt in Almería by a burning sofa at the door

■ SUR

ALMERÍA. The neighbourhood of Los Angeles in Almería was in mourning this week after three young people, aged 12, 14 and 21 years, died trapped by fire in a cave.

The cave, a popular place for teen-

agers to meet, was only three metres deep. Local residents were alerted to the unfolding tragedy when flames were seen shooting from the hillside and an explosion was heard at about 8pm on Monday evening.

Although the exact cause of the fire was still unclear this week, local speculation suggested that a sofa had been ignited at the entrance to the small cavern, preventing the victims from escaping.

Police are investigating four underage youths, and a 17-year-old man is still under arrest as possible instigator of the fire.



A photographer records the cave where the victims died. ■ EFE



ROYAL VISIT TO PICASSO'S GUERNICA

Former King and Queen of Spain, Juan Carlos and Sofia, opened the exhibition marking the 80th anniversary of Pablo Picasso's iconic Guernica on Tuesday. The huge but fragile work, which has been at Madrid's Reina Sofia museum for exactly 25 years, was painted after the bombing of the Basque town of Guernica in the Spanish Civil War. The special exhibition also includes 180 of Picasso's other works.

Regional head of Murcia finally steps down after pressure over investigation

■ SUR

MURCIA. The president of the Murcia region, Pedro Antonio Sánchez, stepped down from his role on Wednesday after a month and a half of pressure. Sánchez, who is also leader of the Partido Popular in Murcia, had faced growing pressure after formal investigations began into his role in an alleged corruption scandal in the town of Puerto Lumbreras, where he was once mayor. Investigators want to know what happened to six million euros of investment money for the town's new auditorium, a building that was never finished.

Despite Sánchez protesting his innocence and enjoying the continued support of his party, it seems that the final straw came this week when it became clear that the local Ciudadanos party would probably support opposition PSOE and Podemos parties in a vote of no confidence in Sánchez in the regional parliament.

Yesterday, anti-corruption investigators added an extra possible offence to the four already on the table.

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Mariano Rajoy has finally presented 2017's budget, over half a year late. The political deadlock of 2016 is largely responsible for this delay, as is the fact that Rajoy now only commands a minority government. As a reflection of the prime minister's compromised position, this year's budget is his least controversial to date: nowhere to be seen are the austerity measures that made Rajoy so unpopular throughout his first term and that many feared EU pressure would render necessary again. But the veteran Popular Party leader still has some way to go before he can consider the 2017 budget a done deal.

The belated 2017 spending plan shows that the PP is being positively influenced by its dependence on other parties' votes for passing legislation. Rajoy and Spanish



budget minister Cristóbal Montoro knew, for example, that further austerity measures would never gain approval in parliament - not even with centrist Ciudadanos, the party's closest ally.

Rajoy has also been under considerable pressure to increase welfare spending. The signs are that he's been listening to his many critics - although probably now only because he has no choice but to. He has promised to channel more

funds into helping the unemployed and to fighting child poverty, to lower VAT on theatre and concert tickets (in part reversing a deeply unpopular 2012 increase) and has given civil servants a pay increase of 1%. The latter move will in fact infuriate many Spaniards, even though inflation of about 1.5% will effectively wipe out the raise: civil servants have some of the cushiest, best-paid jobs in the country.

Rajoy's real Everest is Spain's un-

employment problem. His PP government has been creating jobs at its promised rate of about 500,000 a year over the last few years; but because the majority of these are temporary contracts, some just for a day's work, they're hardly worth the paper they're written on.

What's changed this year? Rajoy has reiterated his promise to create a further half a million employment contracts in 2017, but has announced that 250,000 permanent positions will be given to employees in the public sector. He's also pledged a further 8,000 jobs in the police force and in teaching. According to the Ministry of Economy, the aim in 2017 is to get unemployment down to its lowest level since 2008. For such a target to be hit, though, the long term unemployed need to be helped back to work, and exactly how the PP

plans to do that remains vague, as does the amount of extra money they are prepared to set aside for it.

Although no explicit austerity measures feature in the new budget, Rajoy is still under considerable pressure from Brussels to reduce Spain's deficit to 3.1% of GDP this year, down from 4.5% last year. As a result, the PP will not increase overall public spending throughout 2017 - a fact that his leftist opponents are likely to seize upon in the forthcoming weeks, as the proposed budget undergoes parliamentary tweaks and votes.

Indeed, it is Rajoy's enemies in the parliament who pose the biggest obstacle to his passing of legislation, not the EU. Despite his 2017 budget being closer to what his opponents want, the PSOE and Podemos immediately stated their intention to vote against it.

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Bank of Spain admits real wages may decrease in 2017 due to inflation

DAVID VALERA

MADRID. In economic-forecast data released this week by the Bank of Spain, officials admitted that salaries in Spain this year were unlikely to keep pace with inflation and urged companies not to react to recent higher inflation figures by increasing wages.

Inflation rose to 3 per cent at the start of 2017, however the bank expects this to fall back to an average of 2.2 per cent over the year. If wage settlements are restrained, this should decrease to 1.6 per cent per year by 2019, officials said. The forecast report also increased projections for Spain's economic growth upwards to 2.8 per cent year on year.

Period to complete annual tax return starts with usual fanfare

DAVID VALERA

MADRID. Wednesday this week marked the day from which people in Spain can start to fill in their tax returns for 2016. With a flurry of publicity, the key dates for the tax-form-completion process were announced.

From 5 April, a tax return can be completed online, but if someone prefers to go in person to hand in a declaration, appointments can be made from 11 May. All forms must be completed and submitted by 30 June. Many people with lower incomes or incomes from just one source are exempt from the form as usual. The well-known PADRE computer programme to calculate returns has been retired and the new 'Renta Web' online platform must now be used.

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Good weather forecasts over the Easter week look promising for hotels that are expecting 90 per cent room occupancy this year

■ DENISE BUSH

MÁLAGA. There's no other time of year when visitors and foreign residents have their eyes opened as much to the pomp and ceremony of religious tradition in Spain than Semana Santa (Holy Week). Across the country finishing touches are being made

to this year's events.

From Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday traffic through major towns and cities will be cut off to allow the solemn processions to pass through, sometimes up to seven times a day. The pungent aroma of incense and hot wax, the mournful melody of the trumpets and the spectacle of the swaying 'tronos', icons of tearful virgins and hooded brotherhoods are all part of the unique experience that is Semana Santa.

All small towns and villages have scaled-down versions of the bigger processions. However these still man-

age to demonstrate the strong religious convictions that are present throughout Spain but not always on view.

What will be on view, besides the processions, will be the increased security presence over Easter. As Spain is currently on level four alert for a terrorist attack, many towns and cities have had to bring in more officers to work alongside the Local and National Police and civil protection teams to ensure that everything goes smoothly over the Easter period. Marbella alone will have 250 officers on duty to cope with the influx of visitors to the town and is coordinating with taxis and bus companies to ensure minimum disruption. The police are also operating a campaign to monitor cars and their drivers during the processions.

Hotel owners are expecting a good Semana Santa with around 90 per cent room occupancy, up on last year, providing the weather forecast stays sunny. The weather is a big concern not only the hotels, but also for other tourist businesses such as the restaurants and bars. The beach bars along the coast are in preparation for a bumper Easter as is Estepona council which has rushed to top up the sand on the beaches that were eroded in the recent storms.



Police presence will be increased this year. ■ JOSELE LANZA

UK campaign; 'Is there space in your heart for Spain?'

■ P. MARTÍNEZ

MÁLAGA. While some British newspapers such as the Sun appear to be encouraging tourists to boycott Spain because of the conflict over Gibraltar, the Spanish tourism ministry has started a social media campaign to promote Spain as a tourist destination through Turespaña in the UK.

They have devised a motto:

'SpaininMYheart Is there a space in your heart for Spain?' designed to minimise the impact of Britain's withdrawal from the European Union.

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Brexit phrases

There are four Brexit phrases that are particularly vexatious.

The first is "I am British not European." Apart from being geographically inaccurate it is an obvious denigration of Johnny Foreigner. It infers that distance must be kept from the Frogs, the Krauts, the Itis and the Spics. Is the intention that with Brexit a new continent Britannia be proposed?

The second: "We must have the best deal for the UK" is rather unjust as surely the best deal must be for the EU who are the injured party and so, should be the least prejudiced by the outcome.

The third: "We are leaving the EU not Europe" is at least geographically exact but still difficult to interpret. Does it mean that the UK will still sing in the Eurovision song contest and play

in the UEFA Champion's league so that the hooligans can continue to vomit and fight on European streets?

The last is "The EU must not punish the UK." Here, again, I beg to differ; there surely must be some punishment to a government that has taken such an irresponsible step. To weaken and destabilise the world power which at present stands alone in the defence of democracy, civil rights, human rights, labour legislation and the environment, to name but a few, is for me a punishable offence and one which has made the world a far more uncertain place to live in. This has been proven by the particular interest the other powers have shown in the debilitation of our unique Union.

N. BARKER
BY EMAIL

Good people

We're used to talking only about the negative things we see in life, but no, it's not all bad.

I have just witnessed the following episode in the supermarket: the gentleman in front of me handed over a five-euro note to pay for some bottles of water and the cashier gave him change for fifty. The man, surprised to see so much cash in his hand, said: "Excuse me, I only gave you five euros, have the 45 extra back. Pili, the cashier, thanked him for

the gesture, which clearly had saved her day. I also congratulated the man, who left without giving the matter a second thought, but, I'm sure, with a clear conscience.

Fortunately there are still more honest people in this society than the opposite. We all ought to preserve the virtue of not wanting what isn't our own, especially those politicians who enjoy lining their pockets.

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Anyway, I suppose it is quite possible that future generations will visit history museums to gawp at displays of crinkled fivers in glass cases, before walking away shaking their heads chortling to themselves, no doubt heading off to enjoy a game of tennis with a hologram of the latest Wimbledon Champion - who

still won't be English, obviously.

This would be a shame. Cash is a comforting commodity.

It's well-documented that drug dealers would be adversely affected if they can't do cash deals but drug takers wouldn't be too happy either; after all, you can't roll your mobile phone into a tube and stick it up your nose. Miserly people, by contrast, would be delighted because they could easily avoid tipping in bars and restaurants with the minimum of embarrassment safe in the knowledge that phrase "Keep the change, love" would, by then, be classified as ancient dialect.

Another thing. What would happen to children's pocket money? Any parent worth their salt knows that the little blighters shouldn't be allowed to have a mobile phone until they're at least twenty-six years old and so the gobstopper and lollipop industries would bite the dust overnight. Actually, anything that costs less than 20 cents would be-

come extinct because electronic transactions wouldn't be worthwhile and, consequently, all of those brilliant Spanish kiosks which, as far as I can tell, only sell stuff that costs less than 20 cents would die out slowly like neglected dinosaurs.

Gambling dens would just look ridiculous. Nobody would be smoking because Big Len's wife doesn't allow it and now there'd be no cash on the table to gather up in triumphant heaps. Big Len and his chums would just be left staring inanely at their screens trying to work out their winnings and why they're even there. Similarly, Monopoly would become even more boring than it already is and that's saying something.

No, for the sake of the criminal fraternity, the Spanish kiosk industry and schoolchildren everywhere we simply can't afford to let cash become obsolete.

Anyway, I'm partial to the odd gobstopper myself from time to time.

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Mariano Rajoy's government was smug this week after approving its 2017 state budget which it will push through thanks to the inestimable support of Ciudadanos. And it's good news. However you can't help but notice how once again the political parties have completely forgotten the self-employed, who in the province of Malaga number 110,000 and in Spain 3.2 million.

You only have to talk for five minutes to someone who runs their own business to become aware of the absurd system in Spain, which expels many into the black economy, if not into bankruptcy or unemployment.

The measure to extend to 12

Nobody thinks of the self-employed

MANUEL CASTILLO

months the flat rate for new 'autónomos', which will cost around 480 million euros, is no more than a positive headline, a good excuse to ease the conscience of Ciudadanos, who were full of promises for the self-employed during the election campaigns, but when it comes to decision time, they

left them stranded just as the PP and PSOE have done in the past.

Does it make sense for someone who makes 600 euros to pay the same contribution every month as someone whose invoices add up to several hundred thousand? Or for them to have to pay income tax in advance?

Or for them to pay VAT on invoices sent out but not paid?

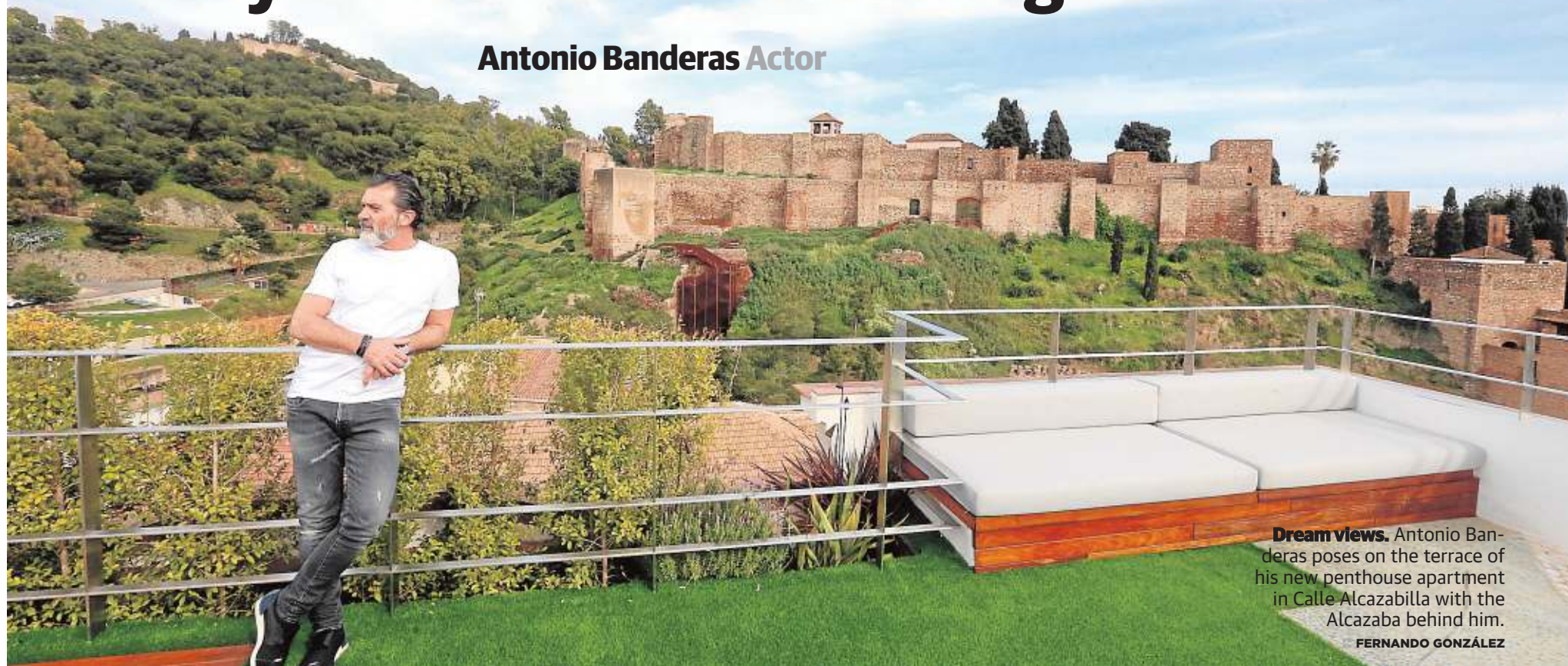
The government's accounts people and many top economists don't like talking about the subject; they even deny it or criminalise the self-employed worker. The truth is, though, the State itself is fuelling the black economy because for so many it is literally impossible to keep afloat with a system that is incapable of applying fair criteria. Today being self-employed is heroic. As simple as that.

Is it so complicated for the 'autónomos' to pay according to their incomes, especially when they are just starting out? Is it so difficult to establish a benefits system for the recruitment of the first employees?

We see millions of public schemes (training, subsidies for large firms, etc.) and imagine the impotence of all those honest 'autónomos' - who are the majority. All those suits in the tax and social security offices, in the government and the Congreso, who watch the world from their comfortable office chairs, ought to pay a visit to the workshops, bakeries, corner shops and greengrocer's; they ought to experience what it's like to go cold calling or do piecework. Perhaps then they would understand the indignation at so much disdain and empty discourse from politicians who only remember them when they want to win their votes or steal their wallets.

"I was working at a pace that wasn't normal and my heart said: that's enough!"

Antonio Banderas Actor



Dream views. Antonio Banderas poses on the terrace of his new penthouse apartment in Calle Alcazabilla with the Alcazaba behind him.

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Antonio Banderas, starting a new, less hectic stage in his life after the "warning" his heart gave him recently, opens the doors of his new penthouse in Malaga

MALAGA. He welcomes us in a white T-shirt and jeans that he designed himself and Balenciaga trainers, sporting a grey beard ("my age, friend, my age") as demanded by the script of a new film. Nicole (Kempel, his Dutch investment consultant girl-

friend) leaves to go to the supermarket. It's four in the afternoon and Antonio Banderas takes a seat in his spacious living room. The actor's new home in Malaga is at the heart of the cultures that gave life and soul to the city: the Phoenician salting vats, the Moorish Alcazaba, the Roman theatre, the Jewish quarter and the Christian cathedral. Above, at the top of the hill is the Gibralfaro castle. The San Juan church tower almost comes through the window. Opposite is Picasso and his museum. Surveys carried out in February revealed that Banderas is the best known living Andalusian in the world today. There's little doubt about it. In his apartment that is one big tribute to the city, Antonio Banderas appears relaxed. Very much so.

-How do you feel after your fright? [Banderas suffered a minor heart attack in January.]

-I feel fine. What all this has started [he points to his heart, a gesture he repeats several times throughout the interview] is a time for reflection. I know why this happened to me. In

the last few years I've been working on adrenaline, and when I slowed down, it hit me like a train... It happened due to an excess of everything, mainly work, because I don't drink. I did smoke, but I don't anymore. If something good has come out of this it's that I've given up smoking just like that, without needing pills or anything. Last year I would say that my natural state was one of fatigue, I couldn't remember what it was like to rest and when I did, my body got scared and my heart said, that's that. Now I have to think about how I'm going to carry on... My life has not been a normal one.

-And how is Antonio Banderas going to carry on?

-Well, I'm still going to work, but at a slower pace. I'm going to give myself some space, take a break between productions, and above all I'm going to take the step I've been wanting to take for some time and put myself behind the camera, write screenplays, and that will take time. Make a film, for example every one or two years. And you can make great films from

Malaga, from Madrid, from Hollywood or from anywhere. I really feel like telling the stories I've lived through, my stories. I think that will calm me down: being able to say, I'm coming to Malaga or to my house in Marbella and spend several months preparing one thing or another. Of course I'll still keep my commitments, but cutting everything down, not going around as I have until now at full throttle.

That will mean a significant change of attitude...

Yes, of course. A big Hollywood agent I worked with for two years once told me: "You know what the most important word is in Hollywood? Well it's 'no' and that's true in life as well." I haven't learned how to say no, and I have to. You want to please everyone, but that's impossible.

-Do you regret anything you've done so far?

-No, not at all. I carry the good and the bad of my life in the sack on my back and that's what's taught me to live as I am; I can't get away from what I am, because I also come from my

mistakes, it's logical. I'm human.

-At a press conference you said you were foolish...

-You see there's a point of foolishness in things I've done in my life. I set my sights on things that made people say "This guy's crazy - he'll never be able to do that." It's a bit like someone who does dangerous sports - even if they know the technique, the truth is they could kill themselves. I jumped off a cliff one night without knowing whether there were rocks or water below. There was water, but...

-The first interview you ever gave was in SUR. Can you remember?

-I remember that interview as if it were yesterday - perfectly in fact. It was just before I left for Madrid.

-You said then, "I must be mad, I'm going to Madrid with nothing, if it works out I'll stay, if not I'll come home."

-It's true. I got together a few pesetas from my relatives and left for Madrid on 3 August 1980, on the Costa del Sol train. I remember it perfectly.

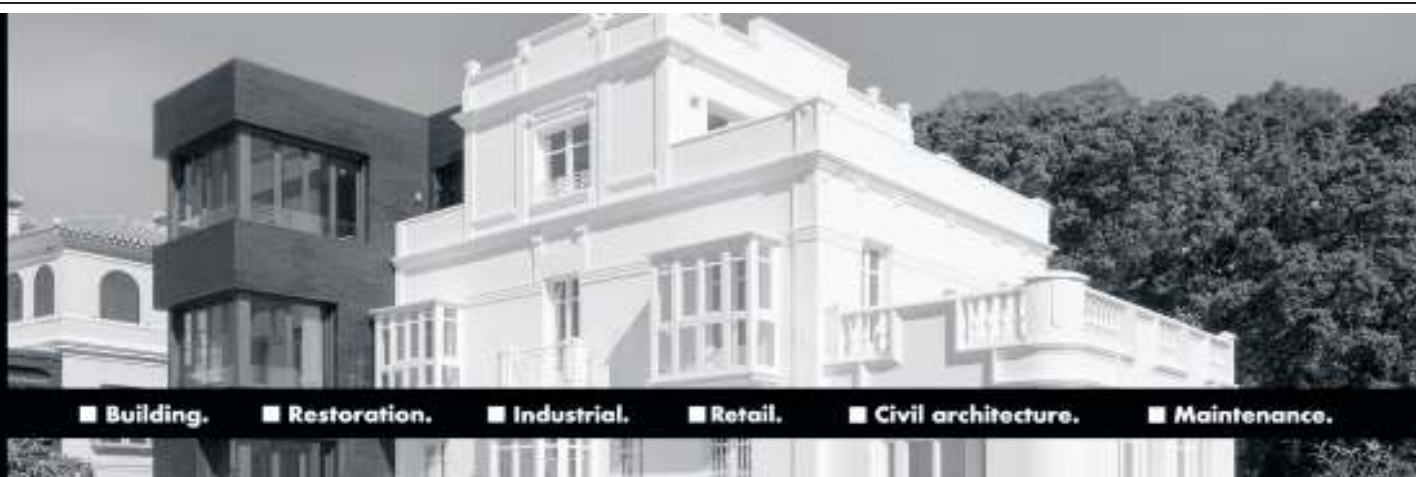
-And did that kid who said goodbye to his parents and friends that day

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think that he would go as far as he did?

No, no, I couldn't have imagined it. It would have been crazy. In the late 70s it was inconceivable that a Spanish actor could make films regularly in Hollywood, rather than just a one-off chance, and have a star in Hollywood Boulevard. The American president [Obama] came to visit me because he thought that was essential to convince the Hispanics that they had to vote for him again. All these things are incredible if you look at them from a child's perspective, because I was just a kid, only 19, when I got on that train with 10,000 pesetas in my pocket.

-And when did you decide, and why, to go to the States?

It was an accident.

You couldn't speak any English.

The first time I went to Los Angeles was when [the Almodóvar film] *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* was nominated for an Oscar. The film had been a hit in the States. There was a party organised by Jane Fonda and even the Hollywood actors were expectant to see those crazy Spaniards who were capable of making films so extraordinarily different to theirs. They wanted to meet us and then the companies wanted to interview us to see who was best at English to work in films over there, but I couldn't speak a word. -When you were offered the part in *The Mambo Kings* you must have thought you were a fantastic actor to be picked when you couldn't even speak the language.

-No, no. One thing I noticed was that in Spain we are still naïve in the sense that we don't realise the immense strength we have. There was a great impasse in Spanish culture during the dictatorship when we completely lost all faith in ourselves, especially internationally. People like Dalí and Picasso didn't suffer from this complex, for example, because they were self-confident, but that was lost in our country for many years. I discovered the value of being different, of respecting your origins because that was what gave you your individuality. They saw me as exotic. They weren't used to European Latinos. That was an added value.

-What did Melanie Griffith mean for your professional career?

-In my personal life she meant a lot,

but professionally-speaking practically nothing. She still means a lot today. Since this happened [he points to his heart] she calls me every day and we still have a good relationship, and she adores Nicole.

-And Nicole came into your life like a gift?

-Nicole has given me a lot. She's complete and very different from me, as she doesn't come from the movie world. She was like a glass of cool water in the middle of the desert.

-How's Stella del Carmen, your daughter with Melanie?

-Fine, she's studying film.

-Like your nephew Javier - the Banderas saga continues...

-They're both on the same course at the same university, but I think Stella is more interested in directing.

-Does her grandmother, Tippi Hendren, influence her?

-Of course. And her sister Dakota [daughter of Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson]. They both came to London to see me when I had the heart attack. I'm happy that Stella has experienced Malaga since she was a child. I couldn't go with her but my brother Javier took her around all the streets in Semana Santa so she's experienced all the smells, the colours that are so typical.

-Your film festival speech was the announcement of a longed-for homecoming? Am I right?

-There are projects that don't necessarily have to be done elsewhere and others that need to be done in Malaga, such as one related to theatre.

-To direct a theatre here with your name.

-Well, with my name... that's for others to decide.

-When will you come back for good?

-If I have to go and make a film in Rome or London - where I live now - I'll go. This homecoming doesn't have a timeline. If we have to construct [the theatre] it could take two or three years, and that's when I'll think about leaving London, about whether Stella comes here...

-And would Antonio Banderas like to be mayor of Malaga?

-Not at all! (He laughs.) Me? Why? What would I do messed up in that? I don't want public funding for my theatre project. No that's never entered my head.

-And to buy Malaga football club?

-I haven't got enough money for that - I'd like to.

BANDERAS SHOWS HIS NEW HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME



The dove of his admired Picasso, on one of the walls of the roof terrace. :: DANIEL DE JORGE



Verses by Malaga poet Manuel Alcántara, adorn the wall of his small pool. :: F. GONZÁLEZ



Antonio and Nicole kiss on the roof terrace. :: DANIEL DE JORGE



Banderas on the sofa in the living room. :: F. GONZÁLEZ

A Malaga-themed penthouse

:: P. L. G.

MALAGA. Antonio Banderas sits on a fashionable and comfortable couch, next to a round table which displays a magazine, his book of poems and photographs with its prologue by local poet Manuel Alcántara and a novel, *Malacitanus* by Cristóbal Romero. The living room is separated from the kitchen by a bar and at the other end of the room is one of his desks, with a computer and some *Semana Santa* souvenirs. Large pictures hang on the walls, there are two standing sculptures and a spiral staircase covered in sculptures by Chema Lumberras representing *El Zorro*, *Puss*

in *Boots* and *Viberti*. Upstairs is a terrace that I would say is unique in Malaga, and downstairs there are more rooms, a gym and a recording studio. This is a penthouse apartment to dream of with its location and excellent taste, where simplicity is complemented by great style. It is a tribute to Malaga. On the wonderful terrace, with views of all Malaga's famous monuments, the small pool is inscribed with verses

by Malaga poet Manuel Alcántara.

The Pompidou cube is there in the form of the door to and from the roof terrace. To the right we find the pergola from the *Palmeral de las Sorpresas* in the city's port and written on a table made to look like a bar is a chalked sum, the traditional way of working out the bill in Malaga's famous wine bar *Antigua Casa de la Guardia*: it comes to 36, the addition of the date when he bought the property. Meanwhile *King Kong* hangs from *La Equitativa* (the building at the end of *Calle Larios*) and Picasso's dove also makes an appearance in the apartment that also has a study with a corner devoted to *Holy Week*.



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"Together, we can beat cancer"

Luisandro Moreno Cancer campaigner and fundraiser

After his successful bone marrow transplant, Luisandro wants to encourage others to donate

Five years ago, Luisandro Moreno had everything going for him. A professional model and personal trainer, enjoying life in his native Gibraltar with his family, this 31 year old had everything to live for. And then he was diagnosed with leukaemia.

"In January 2012 I had really bad flu. It was the worst flu ever, and I couldn't seem to get over it. I lost weight and was permanently tired, but I thought if I carried on training and forced myself to do things, I'd get better," he says. "Then my stomach started to swell, so I changed my diet. People told me I should see a doctor, but I didn't want to. I was sure I'd be OK eventually," he says.

In June, Luisandro was due to attend a cousin's wedding but that morning he discovered his toes had swollen up like melons so, under pressure from his family, he did go to the doctor. He was immediately put on a plane to the UK for tests. That was the start of a long and painful personal ordeal, one which has made him determined to help others fight cancer.

Luisandro was diagnosed with myeloid leukaemia. "I didn't really know what leukaemia was. It was only when someone told me the hospital I was going to was the best cancer hospital in England, that I realised. I thought: Oh my God, I've got cancer. I'm going to die."

The chemotherapy sessions he needed made him go temporarily blind from blood clots on the eyes; he was in severe pain because his intestines were swollen, his im-



Luisandro, enjoying life with his daughters again. :: SUR

Fashion show for the Bosom Buddies Trust

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR On April 21 Luisandro, who as well as being a successful businessman is also a professional model and personal trainer, will be taking part in a Gala Fashion Show for the Bosom Buddies breast cancer association. The event will begin

with a cocktail at 7.30pm at Grand Battery House in Casemates, Gibraltar, and the show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £15 and can be bought by phoning (00350) 56449000. All the money raised from the show will be donated to the charity.

mune system wasn't working and he had to spend four months in isolation because of an infection. He lost 20 kilos in weight. His temperature kept rising, sometimes to 46°. His doctors were really worried about whether he could survive.

"I could feel death around me. I could see my sister, who had died four years earlier. I could see my Dad, who passed away two years before I became ill. The only thing that kept me going was being able to look at photos of my daughters. I refused to leave them without a

father," he says. "I could hear my own dad telling me, 'You're strong, lad. You can't give up.' Many people might have given up the fight, but not Luisandro. He decided he was going to 'beat the beast,' as he describes it.

"Cancer is like a beast standing on top of you, pushing you down and not letting you get up. I cried every day," he says. "I wanted to know why this was happening to me. I had never taken drugs, never been a drinker, never even smoked. Why? And then I thought, I know



why. God has given me this so I can help others. So I can give hope to others!" And to do that, he needed to be strong so there, in the hospital, Luisandro went into training. He ran, did press-ups, cycled, and made sure he ate extra food to build up his strength.

He was also overwhelmed by the support he received from people in Gibraltar. "People I didn't even know were praying for me, sending me messages, fundraising; the support was incredible. When you are so ill, it is really important to know that people are on your side. Now that I have beaten cancer, I

want to give something back to them, to the community, and to cancer sufferers everywhere."

Luisandro survived thanks to a bone marrow transplant from his sister, who proved to be 100 per cent compatible. He deeply regrets never having been able to meet Pablo Ráez, the 20-year-old from Marbella who did so much to encourage people to become bone marrow donors, but who lost his own battle against the disease just a few weeks ago.

"What Pablo did was incredible. He was so brave and did so much to raise awareness about how a bone marrow transplant can save lives," says Luisandro. Sadly, Pablo's transplant (from his father) failed. "I intend to carry on where he left off, to try to get one million people to become bone marrow donors. I will continue passing on his message: together, we can beat cancer," he says. Being the fighter that he is, however, Luisandro Moreno is not content with 'just' campaigning for bone marrow donors. He is also an active supporter and fundraiser for cancer charities.

So, how is Luisandro now? "I go to the UK every month for checkups and treatment. When you have survived five years you are deemed to be normal, but I still have some medical problems from all the chemotherapy. Sometimes, it can be the chemo that kills you, not the cancer. It is really, really strong and the effects are very long-lasting," he says.

The indomitable spirit which helped him through his own ordeal and pledge to carry on Pablo Ráez's legacy is still very much to the fore. Luisandro has a new tattoo on his arm. It shows the date of his bone marrow transplant, 12 June 2013, and a picture of an archangel stepping on the devil. The significance is clear: beating the beast. Luisandro Moreno has beaten his, and now he is determined to do everything in his power to help others beat theirs.

Last week we were talking about the smallest planet in our solar system, this week it is the turn of the biggest planet, Jupiter. Tonight (7 April) Jupiter will be at opposition i.e directly opposite the Sun and therefore at its closest point to the Earth. If you could look down on the solar system the Sun, Earth and Jupiter would be in a direct line with the Earth in the middle. At opposition Jupiter will rise in the east at sunset in the constellation of Virgo, it will be at its highest point in the sky around midnight and will set in the west at sun-

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rise. It will be the brightest object in the night sky after the Moon.

Jupiter is the 5th planet out from the Sun and it is huge, you could fit over 1,300 Earths inside Jupiter. But unlike the Earth, Jupiter is nothing more than a huge ball of gases. It has no rocky core so when we talk about seeing details on the 'surface' of Jupiter we are talking about the upper layers of the cloud belts created by the swirling gases as they travel around the planet. The gases form belts of various shades of brown and orange streaking across the planet parallel to the

equator. And because the planet spins so fast on its axis (a day lasts 10 hours) it is flattened at the poles and bulges at the equator, looking like a squashed tangerine.

Jupiter has at least 62 moons circling around it. Four of the moons, Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto, are large enough to be seen through binoculars, appearing as tiny 'stars' at the planet's equator. They orbit very quickly and change their positions night by night. It was by observing these moons that prompted Galileo to state that the Earth was not the centre of the solar system

but instead just a planet in orbit around the Sun.

The most mysterious object on Jupiter is of course the Great Red Spot. The GRS is a swirling area of gas located in the Southern belt that has been observed for over 400 years. It is about 3 times bigger than the earth and is thought to be a storm, but why it is red in colour and why it has remained in the same position for all this time is still a mystery.

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INNOVATION Marco Toro, the Director and CEO of Nissan Iberia, who attended the event, expressed his support for this new step forward for Concesol and gave his views on the mobility of the future

CONCESOL, THE OFFICIAL NISSAN DEALER, PRESENTS ITS NEW SHOWROOM IN MARBELLA

MARBELLA

Concesol, the official Nissan dealer, together with representatives of the car manufacturing company, have officially presented their latest showroom in Marbella. The event was attended by Marbella councillor Ana Leschiera and all the Executive Committee members of Nissan Iberia, and it attracted a large crowd who were interested in learning about the latest from this leading motor company. Nissan wanted to share its view of the future for intelligent mobility and to explain the opportunities for the brand to grow in this region. Marco Toro, Director and CEO of Nissan Iberia, said that "the vehicle stock in Marbella is still very old, which means there is a clear opportunity for Nissan to grow in this area. Modernising the stock, and introducing safer vehicles with more technology, is a necessity in Marbella, Malaga and Andalucía as a whole.

"The average age of vehicles in Marbella and Malaga is over 12 years, much older than the European average. Older vehicles mean more emissions and less safety on the roads. In 2016, the number of new vehicle registrations in Malaga grew by 11 per cent, which was almost the same as in the rest of Andalucía, but in Marbella it went up by 26 per cent. For that reason there is still an opportunity to



increase the market in this town, because more cars are being bought here than elsewhere in the area."

In his speech, Marco Toro explained his vision of the future for Nissan's intelligent mobility, and said that the dealers, and Concesol in particular, will play a very important role. "With Concesol's experience and professionalism, we are convinced that we will be able to bring new technology and the new intelligent mobility to car owners in Marbella. Nissan has a clear opportunity to continue growing in this region; the data and behaviour of this market make us optimistic about the future of our brand. Zero-emission electric

mobility is one of our targets, and the growth of Marbella above the market is the other."

In order to achieve this, the range of Juke, Qashquai and X-trail crossover vehicles, zero-emission 100 per cent electric vehicles and the new Micra will be key. Their advanced technologies and efficient engines will mark the difference compared with rivals. Also, Nissan's Ahora Sí and Promesa Cliente programmes are unique and will attract new clients.

José Antonio Martín, the manager of Concesol, said: "Today we are presenting an important investment in the future and a commitment to maintaining and developing a common way for-

ward. Our aim is to make this alliance even stronger, in line with the new era which Nissan is marking, and to continue to make this journey together. We are doing all this in the unbeatable area of Marbella; new challenges await us, but we are confident that we can turn them into successes, which will be not only ours but also those of all the people of Marbella.

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Marco Toro added: "For Nissan, the most important thing is our clients. Everything we do is designed to ensure their full satisfaction. Through Concesol, Nissan wants the people of Marbella to have access to many more technological advances in their vehicles. Nissan wants to help to make the world more innovative and technological, and to integrate vehicles into our way of life, our homes, our environment. We are confident that Concesol will help us to increase our results in Spain even further."

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The decorative glass exhibition is part of the Finnish 100 anniversary celebrations



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Hannu Vuori's lifelong passion for art glass began as a school boy and the main pieces of the exhibition include designs created by some of the most celebrated Finnish artists

TONY BRYANT

FUENGIROLA. An exhibition promoting the best Finnish glass designers of the last century will be on show in the Casa de la Cultura

in Fuengirola in April.

As part of a series of events to commemorate the centenary of Finland's Declaration of Independence, El Resplandor de la Aurora Boreal - the glow of Aurora - consists mostly of the collection of decorative glass belonging to Professor Hannu Vuori.

The exhibition takes its name from the Aurora Borealis, a natural light display predominantly seen in the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

Exhibits include an array of finely crafted vases, bottles and decorative objects, as well as revolutionary Modernist designs.

The intricate patterns and stripes of the glass art is complex and some of the objects contain many strands of multiple colors, creating the effect of a northern lights display.

The exhibition focuses on the great Finnish designers of the twentieth century, but it also introduces other less known designers.



Exhibits include finely crafted vases and decorative objects. :: SUR

Hannu Vuori began collecting glass as a school boy and the main pieces of the exhibition include designs by celebrated artists like Timo Sarpaneva, Heikki Orvola and Oiva Toikka.

His interest in glass was raised by several postwar pieces of Finnish glass that his parents owned, but his love affair took several years to fully flourish.

As a student during the late 1960s, he was too poor to be able to afford any major acquisitions, but a stroke of luck, or maybe intuition, instigated his lifelong obsession with decorative glass.

On his way home from university one day, Hannu spotted two unusual pieces of glassware in the window of a small souvenir shop. Although they were expensive, he could not resist the temptation.

The pieces he had purchased were the 'Lancet' and the 'Orchid', by renowned Finnish artist, Timo Sarpaneva.

Prices of Finnish glass shot

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Jaguar enthusiasts' day out

The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club in Spain is the largest Jaguar club in the world and members took their cars out for a run recently

PHILIP WRAY

MALAGA. Once again the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club enjoyed a day out in the Spanish countryside on a jaunt organised by Ian Giles. They met up at the Venta Peligrino, a few kilometres north of the La Cañada centre towards Ojen.

Twenty assorted classic and modern Jaguars filled the car park, among them a pristine red XK150 owned by Will Jackson. He had provided polishing cloths for bystanders to ensure not a speck of dust marred the gleaming surface. With dark clouds and blue sky difficult choices had to be made by some members to decide whether the convertible roof should be up or down.



The XK150 gets a dusting off by keen Jaguar enthusiasts. :: SUR

The cars departed north, past Ojen, around sweeping bends to the bar La Herradura. The Guardia Civil turned up to do random checks on passing motorists however it was suspected that they were really there to admire the club's cars.

After leaving La Herradura the convoy of Jaguars headed to Alozaina

and after a short break and a stretching of legs, it continued down to the Avanto Beach Club around more sweeping bends. The trip ended with lunch at the beach club situated between La Cala and Calahonda.

For details of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club contact Philip Wray email on JEC.CostaDelSol@gmail.com

The Art Club in San Pedro supports local charities with a sale of art work

SAN PEDRO. The Art Club in San Pedro de Alcántara sold paintings to raise funds for the Cudeca Hospice and La Campana Food Bank.

They held an open evening where paintings for sale could be viewed.

The guests were offered local wine and cheese at the event that was organised to raise funds for local charities.

Of the total, 710 euros was donated to Cudeca Hospice Care to continue their work caring for patients suffering from cancer or other advanced non-curable illnesses.

The cheque was handed to Esther Ráez at a special meeting with Anne McArthur, Addie Dargostino, Susan Seed and Christine Huckerby (from The Art Club) at their facilities in San Pedro.



The cheque presentation. :: SUR

through the roof during the 1990s and the 'Lancet' became one of the most expensive pieces of modern glass ever sold in auction.

An American decoration journal described the 'Orchid' as "The most beautiful object in the world."

By the time of his graduation in 1968, Hannu's glass collection had begun to grow.

The first pieces he collected were of clear glass, but future additions included the new trend of brightly coloured decorative items.

"I grew up with a new generation of artists and they were experimenting, as were the old masters, with new techniques. Most importantly, they introduced colour and humour into their work," Hannu says.

At this time, colour was only just beginning to find its way into art glass and Hannu became obsessed by the works of the leading glass artists.

He could not comprehend how a simple and cheap material like glass could express so much beauty, and this marked the beginning of a lifelong love affair with modern Finnish glass.

"As a young teacher, I began to have a little more money and for-

After the energy crisis, the Finnish glass industry curtailed its role in sponsoring artists

unately my work frequently took me to Helsinki. Here they held yearly exhibitions of unique pieces," he explained.

Since 1979, Hannu has lived outside of Finland, so it was difficult to find new pieces. Whenever he returned to Finland he would try to find something new, but it became increasingly difficult.

Exhibitions of unique pieces became rare because of a major change in the glass scene in Finland.

After being hit by the energy crisis, the Finnish glass industry gradually curtailed its role in sponsoring artists and encouraging the production of distinctive pieces.

Hannu's passion for collecting unique Finnish glass did not stop however, for he began searching for works of the old masters like Kaj Franck, Gunnel Nyman and Valto Kokko.

"When the number of pieces began to grow, my late wife began to

complain, but it did not deter me. A collector is usually incurable," Hannu admits.

Hannu's collection began to grow to such an extent that there was simply no space to accommodate it, so when he moved to Spain in 2007, he had an architect design a special glass exhibition area in his home.

El Resplandor de la Aurora Boreal was first displayed in the Museo del Vidrio y Cristal, Malaga's crystal and glass museum, in 2010.

The decorative glass Exhibition will be held in the Casa de Cultura in Fuengirola from Friday 7 until Wednesday 26 April.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and it can be viewed between 9am and 2pm, and from 5pm until 9pm, Monday to Friday.

The Finnish community are currently enjoying a whole year of cultural events under the banner of 'Finland 100 years on the Costa del Sol of Spain'.

Future events include classical music concerts and a Finnish baseball competition.

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AQUA MIJAS OPENS FOR EASTER

The water park in Mijas has undergone a complete refurbishment and is opening on 10 April in time for Holy Week. The first day the entry fee will be 12.50 euros for children and adults. This special price will also apply to specific days of the season which will be notified only through the Park's website: www.aquamijas.com. Residents of Malaga, Fuengirola and Mijas will also be able to obtain discounts. Fun for everyone is guaranteed with the new slides, artificial waves, the large blue lake and the jacuzzi.



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ADANA prepares for its annual Dog Walk in Estepona

Local animal charity, ADANA, will host its annual Dog Walk in Estepona this weekend to help raise awareness and funds for abandoned dogs in need

RACHEL ARMSTRONG

ESTEPONA. The walk will take place on Sunday 9 April at 11am. with registration from 10.30am. at the Palacio de Congresos in Estepona.

Volunteers will walk ADANA dogs and the public are also invited to join in with their own four-legged friends. The meeting place is in the car park at the Palacio de Congresos where each walker will be asked to donate 5€ to help the charity with their work.

From the Palacio de Congresos, the route will take participants along the Paseo Maritimo and will end at



Last year's Dog Walk attracted lots of pet lovers. **R. ARMSTRONG**

the square by the Estepona post office before returning to the Palacio.

Mary Page, ADANA President, explained that the route is shorter than in previous years as it proved too much for some dogs and older people.

This is the third Dog Walk organ-

ised by ADANA and it is hoped that the number of volunteers will enable them to take more dogs than normal. Students from Laude School in San Pedro will be there as some of them collected money for ADANA through fundraiser activities.



The gala event showcased the pupils' talents.

Broadway comes to San Pedro to raise funds for charities

MARBELLA. Laude San Pedro International College celebrated its biggest ever charity gala on Friday 31 March, raising thousands of euros for local and national charities.

The gala this year was themed on Broadway and showcased the talents of pupils and visiting acts. Over 500 people attended the show, an evening of live music, dance, a fash-

ion show, and charity auction.

Special guests included British Consul Charmaine Arbouin, the Vice-President of the British Chamber of Commerce Derek Langley, representatives from sponsors and partners, and local celebrities such as Nicole King from Marbella TV. The evening ended with a fantastic performance by Magnet Man, a reggae band from Barbados.



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GARDENING

DENISE BUSH



The sticky hopbush

A woody, evergreen shrub with insignificant flowers but with shiny green or purple foliage and pretty reddish purple winged seed capsules

Dodonaea is a genus of about 70 species in the family Sapindaceae (soap berries). It is found around the world growing in tropical, semi-tropical and temperate regions and one particular species, *D. viscosa* is recognised as one of the world's most widely dispersed transoceanic plants. Depending on the species, Dodonaea can grow up to five metres tall and its wood is extremely tough and durable. In New Zealand *D. viscosa* wood is used to make weapons, walking sticks and axe handles etc. Other countries used the slightly sticky leaves medicinally to stimulate lactation in mothers, treat dysentery, skin problems and rheumatism and as sticking plasters.

The largest numbers of species are found in Australasia where its common name, the hopbush, came from early Australian settlers who used Dodonaea as a hop substitute in order to brew beer.

Dodonaea grows rapidly and makes an ideal windbreak or hedge.

The species *D. viscosa* 'Purpurea' is particularly attractive as it has red or deep purple leaves. This variety of the hopbush was discovered in the late 1890s by gardener, Mrs Thomas Wilkins, who came across it by accident growing wild near where she lived in New Zealand. It is believed to be a colour-sport that sometimes naturally occurs in the wild. The colour of the leaves is best when grown in full sun although other species will grow in partial shade.

Insignificant greenish flowers appear in spring however they are followed by beautiful red, winged, seed capsules that stay on the plant for weeks. Propagation is by cuttings taken either in spring or summer. Once established Dodonaea is drought resistant and can be used



Dodonaea seed capsules. :: SUR

to stabilise soil in areas which suffer from erosion.

Dodonaea was named after Flemish botanist Rembert Dodoens.



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Andalucía

Food festivals and tapas routes

Easter is a good opportunity to try some of the specialities which are only eaten at this time of year

■ JAVIER ALMELLONES

Easter is a great time for food in Andalucía, and the perfect opportunity to sample dishes which, because of Lent, do not include meat; many of them contain cod instead. There are many special cakes and pastries which are only available at this time of year as well, and they are perfect to finish off a meal, or enjoy as a snack on their own. They are made with local ingredients, such as almonds.

Typical Easter gastronomy has gained numerous fans in recent years and as well as the religious processions and other traditions which take place during this week, the Andalusian calendar is filled with culinary events such as those which are being held this weekend in Castro del Río in Cordoba; Padul, in Granada; and Olvera in Cadiz.

In some places in Andalucía, the Easter processions begin this weekend and the gastronomic events are organised to coincide with them. For example Cañete de las Torres, in Cordoba province, is celebrating its third 'Ruta de la Tapa Cofrade'. About 15 bars and restaurants are taking part, and will be serving different tapas of traditional dishes which, with a drink, cost just 2.50 euros each.

Exclusive to Easter

Olvera, which is in Cadiz province but very close to the Serranía de Ronda, is also holding its Ruta Cofrade this weekend, offering different seasonal dishes in many of its bars and restaurants.

This is the second year this tapas route has taken place, and once again many of the dishes are based on cod, prepared in different ways. Many of them will be very traditional, but there is also the chance to try some very creative versions, such as cod with onions and raisins; with leek sauce; in carpaccio or brandade inside a piquillo pepper. Traditionalists need not worry, however: the most classic version, cod fritters, has not been forgotten.

Some of Olvera's restaurants and bars in Olvera are also serving main dishes which are only eaten at this time of year, such as spinach with chickpeas, and different types of stew.

For those with a sweet tooth, there is plenty of choice for dessert including 'huevos nevados', rice pudding and 'torrijas' with honey.

A third tapas route of this type is to be found in the town of Padul in Granada province where the Easter



Olvera, in Cadiz province, has many culinary traditions associated with Lent. ■ T. A.



In Ubrique a 'gañotes' competition takes place. ■ AYTO. UBRIQUE



Many dishes are made with cod instead of meat. ■ TURISMO ANDALUZ

activities include free samples of pastry and chocolate this evening.

The 'gañotes' of Ubrique

Today, Friday, is also the day when Ubrique, in Cadiz province, pays tribute to its most famous Lenten sweet, which is called 'gañote'. In the town centre this evening there is a competition to decide which version is best, and after the judging the entries can be enjoyed with a cup of hot chocolate.

Although these 'gañotes' are served in several of the establishments in the town, it is traditional for families to eat them at home. That is partly why the competition, which is called 'La Gañotada de Ubrique', has been organised.

Like other sweets in Andalucía, gañotes are made with simple ingredients which are easy to find, such as extra virgin olive oil, flour, egg, cinnamon, lemon and orange peel and aniseed. The mixture made with these is fried in spiral-shaped portions.

In Castro del Río, in Cordoba, to-

morrow (Saturday) will focus on cod. Its gastronomic event aims to showcase the benefits of combining this fish with the locally-produced extra virgin olive oil.

Events such as these are always popular with Spanish and foreign visitors, and they are not all necessarily associated with Easter food. For example, the village of Alcalá del Valle, which is in Cadiz province but is very close to the boundary with Malaga, is celebrating its Asparagus Fair this weekend.

The fair kicks off today and continues until Sunday to promote a product which is vital for the local economy. The event includes numerous activities to appeal to people of all ages, including free samples of asparagus throughout the weekend. There will also be an artisan food market, where asparagus and other local products will be on sale, live music and sports events. Several conferences about the importance of asparagus will also be taking place over the next few days.

Spring and wine

Meanwhile in Guadix, in Granada province, the 'Primavera y Vino' (Spring and Wine) festival is taking place this weekend, to promote the finest wines from the 'altiplano' area of Granada and the Sierra Nevada, together with other products from the region.

All the wines can be purchased and enjoyed with different tapas made with seasonal products. This year, more than half a dozen wineries from the Guadix area will be taking part in the event.

On the other side of Andalucía, Conil de la Frontera (Cadiz), is celebrating its locally produced vegetables this weekend, with its 'Jornadas Gastronómicas de la Huerta'.

This includes a gastronomic route around about 30 bars and restaurants which will be serving tapas made with local produce for the very reasonable price of 1.50 euros.



Sweet 'torrijas' are only eaten at Easter.



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REF. C.O.F.

I was recently victim of an attempted robbery at knifepoint when I was closing the door of my karate school. The robber was not obviously too clever and chose the wrong victim, since I am a proficient black belt and karate instructor, so I could react and repel the attack quite easily, immobilising the aggressor. However, during

the struggle, I hit the thief several times, and had to dislocate his wrist for him to drop the knife. Now, to my great surprise, the aggressor has reported me for the damages suffered. I am literally dumb-struck. Could I be sentenced, if I was the victim?

In theory, this is a clear case of self-defence. The aggressor tried to rob you, and you reacted to defend yourself, without having roused him. Nevertheless, in order to be free from responsibility, it is necessary to prove that it was impossible to use any other non-violent mean to repel the aggression, and that the defence was proportional to the attack. In this case, I do not see a great problem, and it would be extremely exceptional that a judge sentenced you.

REF. D.I.A.

Many years ago I met a beautiful Spanish woman on holiday and married her. Unfortu-

nately she passed away in 2015 after a long illness. After her demise, I moved back to the U.K., but two months later I missed Spain and all our friends so much, that I came back, since I no longer have any relatives or friends in the U.K. I would like to stay here, but with the Brexit uncertainty I want to obtain Spanish nationality. For how long it is necessary to reside in Spain in order to obtain it?

Generally speaking, obtaining Spanish nationality is not usually a simple procedure, as there exist many requirements that have to be met. However, taking into account that you have been married to a Spanish citizen, the terms to obtain nationality are shorter. Widows or widowers of Spanish citizens, as long as they were not legally or de facto separated, need one year to be eligible to obtain the nationality, therefore you can opt automatically for it.

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Guests dressed up for the event which supported local charities. :: SUR

Masquerade ball raises funds for children

:: RACHEL ARMSTRONG

MARBELLA. The Boardwalk restaurant welcomed almost 100 guests for a glamorous night of dining and dancing in aid of charity last week. In total, 3,810€ was raised towards fun days out for children at local children's homes.

There was live music from Tabitha and Laura Carter, who both gave up their time for the cause.

Kara Robertson, owner of The Boardwalk, said: "We work with the children all year around and we really wanted them all to have something to look forward to this summer."

Kara organises charity events throughout the year to help various children's homes along the coast, including Alhaurín, Álora, Antequera, Ciudad de los Niños, El Mundo and La Fontania.

At the restaurant they take some of the older children in to train them as chefs and help them develop a career. Kara also helps Amusivig charity for victims of domestic violence and her next charity event will be in aid of it with an Ascott Ladies' Day theme in June.

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

7 APRIL 1614

The death of El Greco

On 7 April 1614, an artist regarded as the precursor of both Expressionism and Cubism died at the age of 73.

El Greco, born in Crete in 1541, was a painter, sculptor and architect of the Spanish Renaissance whose nickname was a reference to his Greek origin.

His dramatic and expressionistic style caused bewilderment among his contemporaries, but it was to find great appreciation in the twentieth century.

El Greco signed many of his most famous works, like the 'Annunciation' and 'The Virgin of the Immaculate Conception', with his birth name of Doménikos Theotokópoulos.

He trained and became a master painter within his field, before travelling to Venice at the age of 26, although three years later, El Greco moved to Rome, where he executed a series of celebrated works.

He moved to Spain in 1570, setting up his workshop in Toledo,

where he received several major commissions.

El Greco immortalized Toledo in one of the most celebrated landscape scenes in Western art – 'View of Toledo'.

Toledo, known as the 'City of the Three Cultures', for having been influenced by the coexistence of Christians, Muslims and Jews, was the religious capital of Spain during this period.

Surviving rental contracts mention El Greco as the tenant of a complex consisting of three apartments comprising of 24 rooms. It was in these apartments, which also served as his workshop, that he spent the rest of his life.

He is said to have lived in considerable style, entertaining visiting artists and aristocracy with lavish parties, employing musicians and dancers to perform while they dined.

It is not known whether he lived with his Spanish female companion, Jerónima de Las Cuevas, the mother of his only son, Jorge



El Greco's work found appreciation in the 20th century. :: SUR

Manuel, who was born in 1578.

Jorge also became an artist and would assist his father for many years, eventually inheriting the workshop after his father died.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, El Greco was involved in a protracted legal dispute with the authorities of the Hospital of Charity in Illescas.

This, along with other legal disputes, contributed to the economic difficulties he experienced towards

the end of his life.



The Annunciation. :: SUR

In 1608, he received his last major commission for the Hospital of Saint John the Baptist in Toledo.

During the course of the execution of this commission, El Greco fell seriously ill and one month later, on 7 April 1614, he died.

He was buried in the Church of Santo Domingo el Antiguo in Toledo.

El Greco was one of the most well

known artists of his time and he set the groundwork for many future art forms that followed.

His expressiveness influenced numerous nineteenth and twentieth century artists and among his admirers were Cézanne, Manet and Picasso.

According to Picasso, several traits of cubism, such as the materialistic rendering of time, have their analogies in El Greco's work.

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LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Pintor	Painter
Escultor	Sculptor
Arquitecto	Architect
Apodo	Nickname
Greco / Griego	Greek
Estilo	Style
Desconcierto	Bewilderment
Reconocimiento	Appreciation
Siglo	Century
Nacimiento	Birth
Maestro	Master
Obras	Works
Taller	Workshop
Paisaje	Landscape
Influencia	Influence
Heredar	To inherit
Dificultad	Difficulty
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We speak

RUBÉN CAÑIZARES

In the past couple of years, millions of people in Spain have put on their sports shoes and set off to run for at least an hour a day. In fact, the challenge of a marathon is no longer enough for some. Those demanding 42.195 kilometres hardly count for really keen enthusiasts, who have decided to go even further. Really long distances are in fashion.

"An ultra-distance race covers at least 80 kilometres, or it can be run over several days. That is one of the two main differences between ultra-distance and marathons. The other is that ultra-distance races take place outside cities, in mountains, woods or deserts. That makes them harder and more technical, because there are areas where the paths can barely be seen," says Ryan Sandes, a South African who is one of the best ultra runners in the world and last year

The most extreme form of running

Running more than 80 kilometres in mountains, forests or deserts is common in ultra-distance racing, a sport which is becoming increasingly popular. Ryan Sandes, a world-renowned expert, explains how to cope with its challenges

published Trail Blazer, a book about his life as a distance runner.

So, how can an ordinary person, who isn't an elite athlete by any means, be able to race for six days in temperatures of up to 40 degrees? And how can anyone's legs run 160

kilometres on just one day of a competition, which takes place at more than 2,000 metres above sea level? This challenge may sound exciting to some, but it has to be taken extremely seriously. Anyone who dares to take on an ultra-distance race is

risking their life. This is not a game.

"My book doesn't aim to show people how to win an ultra-marathon. The idea is that people who love running, or who dream of doing something like this, take on the challenge, no matter how complex it may be, but it has to be done with respect and humility," says Ryan.

His parents divorced, something which was very unusual in his country, when Ryan was just 16 and he had already been diagnosed with a spinal syndrome which made it impossible for him to play rugby, South Africa's number one sport. This made him a rebel. He loved the nightlife and drinking, and took illegal substances. He used to get home in the early hours of the morning, until one day, nine years ago, he sat down, thought hard about what he was doing and decided to take up running. "It's another form of entertainment,

but it's very much healthier," he says.

In 2008, Ryan Sandes won the Sahara desert race and for him, that was when it all began.

"To tackle an ultra-distance race you have to run for between 13 and 25 hours a week, minimum, depending on the phase of training you're in. Some races are short and high-intensity, and last for about 90 minutes. Others are longer and can take up to eight hours. I also do complete strength and mobility training to keep my body healthy and enable my legs to cope with what they are going to have to do," he says.

With regard to food, he says it is best not to become a slave to it: "I'm not very strict about my diet. I just try to eat healthily. I don't eat processed products. But you have to be happy with what you're doing, including what you eat. I listen to my body and let it guide me, but always

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Ryan Sandes, during an ultra-distance race. :: S.R.

with no excesses," he explains.

In a race the mind plays an essential role. A run involves hours of effort and you need a great deal of character and a blind faith in yourself not to give up. "There are some really difficult moments when my body tells me to stop, but my mind relieves me of that pressure and I am able to work harder. You have to stay calm during the moments of weakness, and there are always times like that, and you have to be positive. Between one kilometre and the next you can go from feeling invincible to thinking of giving up altogether," he says.

Ryan's techniques

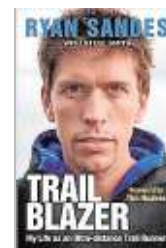
In Trail Blazer Ryan explains in great detail the different techniques for maintaining high physical and emotional energy, and how to overcome nausea, dizziness and dehydration. He also reveals small secrets which

can make all the difference, such as knowing how to urinate without stopping, or using shoes which are a size or two bigger than usual, for when your feet swell. Knowing the terrain in advance, dividing it up in your mind and letting yourself be guided by instinct are other tricks.

"I've been lucky enough to run in the Gobi Desert, the Amazon, Madagascar, Chile, Egypt, Nepal and Hong Kong, and in all those places I have learned something new. I visualise the race day before it starts and in my mind I start to think about the good and bad experiences I am going to have. I also plan the race as a form of mini-challenge. For example, if I have to run 100 kilometres, I think of it as a series of ten-kilo-

metre races. Ten challenges, in which I remind myself that the final 30 per cent of the route will be the time I need the most energy. And the most important thing is that I enjoy each and every metre I run. It doesn't matter what position I'm in, in the race. Winning isn't important. You just have to let yourself go; this is a unique experience."

Once a run is over, it is as important to recover properly as it is to prepare beforehand. "My advice is to forget about doing any sort of training for a couple of weeks, eat a lot and have a good time with family and friends. It is really important to relax. That's the best way to free up your body and mind before you start thinking about the next ultra-distance challenge," he says.



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Setting full sail towards personal achievement

Yolanda Preciados returned to Estepona this week to talk about crossing the Atlantic after recovering from cancer of the uterus

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ESTEPONA. If just two years ago anyone had told Yolanda Preciados that she would sail across the Atlantic Ocean, she wouldn't have believed them. However last autumn, after several training sessions in Estepona, Yolanda, who was born in Navarra but now lives in Mijas, took part in the Pelayo Challenge, an adventure organised by National Geographic for women who have beaten cancer.

On this occasion, it turned the five selected applicants into sailors, and they crossed the ocean from Te-



Yolanda Preciados, in Estepona Port before giving her talk the other day. ✎ L.P.

nerife to the island of Martinique.

Ten years after Yolanda was diagnosed with cancer of the uterus, she says this had been "the best experience of my life, after having my son". The challenge was to make the crossing in 15 days, and in the end the women did it in 13.

"There were some very intense moments. We laughed a lot, but we cried sometimes as well. It was like a type of astral cleansing," she says.

Earlier this week Yolanda went back to the centre where she had taken her first sailing lessons for this challenge, South Ole Sails in Estepona Port, but this time it was to talk to local sailing enthusiasts about her experience.

"The training was hard but that was because none of us knew anything about anything. The team here had to be really patient with me, especially, because I was awful at it. Bit by bit I started to get the hang of it, but by then we were al-

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Yolanda had never changed a sail or taken orders in nautical terms before but finally, under the instruction of Olympic sailors Yago López and Diego Fructuoso, she learned what she needed to know. She said the challenge had also been a type of therapy. "We spent long hours on our own, and I thought about my life during that time, but I made the most of the situation. The hours I spent talking to my companions helped, but even so there were some very intense moments," she explained.

The principal objective of these Pelayo Challenge expeditions is to bring hope. Yolanda explained that by completing the challenge, they were trying to show people with cancer that things can always be better in the future. "We want to show people that today they might

One of the aims of the challenge is to provide hope for cancer sufferers: "Tomorrow they could be sailing the Atlantic"

be feeling very bad, but tomorrow they might be climbing the Kilimanjaro [as another five cancer survivors did for the Pelayo challenge in 2015] or sailing the Atlantic," she said.

Separation from her son

Another handicap which Yolanda

had to overcome on this adventure was to be apart from her son and unable to communicate with him for nearly a month. She recalled one day when the crew were having a really bad time, because part of the sails had broken, and their families became very worried about them.

"He was very frightened, and he phoned me. He didn't care how much the call would cost. It was very emotional," she said.

"He asked me why I had to do this, because he was already very proud of me, and that he was worried something awful would happen," said Yolanda.

Her son was there at the meeting, and she was right. Just from the way he looked at his mother as she talked, you could see how proud he is of her. That's another challenge overcome, then.



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Hospital clowns association donates 1,575 euros for cancer research

by A. ESCALERA

MÁLAGA. The Payasos de Hospital Association (ACAE) has recently donated 1,575 euros for biomedical research and the fight against cancer.

The donation was handed over earlier this week to FIMABIS, the foundation which manages this type of research in Málaga.

The money was raised from the non-profit-making association's latest solidarity campaign.

The three members of Payasos de Hospital (Hospital Clowns) were welcomed by the Clínico hospital's deputy director for Customer Service and Evaluation, Lourdes Raya;

the head of the Customer Service department, Maribel González Florido; and Emilio Alba, the director of the oncology management unit of Málaga hospitals and a researcher at the Institute of Biomedical Research in Málaga (IBIMA).

The money was handed over to the foundation which manages cancer research in Málaga

The visitors were also given a guided tour of the Research Unit for Phase 1 Clinical Testing at the hospital.

Emilio Alba expressed his thanks for the association's fundraising efforts, and said it was "initiatives of this type which show an increasing sense of awareness and solidarity from the public about medicine in general, and support for research projects which are related to finding more advanced ways of preventing and treating cancer."

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Members of Payasos de Hospital with the cheque. :: SUR

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"We want to get away from the tradition of 'starter, main course and dessert' and provide a social menu which is for sharing and enjoying in company. Not only is this in fashion in some of the most modern venues in the world, but it also connects with the Spanish concept of tapas, creating moments which are completely different from traditional lunch or dinner," explains general manager Alberto Vicente.

As part of its aim to raise awareness of and promote the gastronomic heritage of Malaga province, Olivia's La Cala is now working with Sabor a Málaga



and offering a selection of dishes from the region, made with local products and reinvented under the umbrella of innovation, something which is a constant focus of this restaurant.

Those who like British-style cuisine will enjoy the emblematic combination of breakfast and lunch, known as 'Brunch' accompanied by unlimited cava, beer

and wine, on Fridays and Saturdays, and the restaurant also serves a traditional-style Sunday lunch with roast beef, lamb or chicken, among other specialties, served with a bottle of wine.

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Olivia's La Cala is the personal project of Elliot Wright, a British television personality who



loves the Costa del Sol and decided to bring his two great passions together in the same place and create, as he describes it, "a little paradise". His programme on British television about Malaga province has proven to be one of the best means of promotion for the coastal part of this region. An experienced businessman, Wright also owns several

restaurants in Alicante.

The premises are divided into different areas for clients to use, depending on the time of day and the weather. There is an interior restaurant, a bar area, two fantastic terraces with sea views and a 'gin palace' with a lovely, welcoming decor. There is also another restaurant upstairs with an open kitchen so you can watch the chef, who specialises in sushi and seafood, at work. This can be reserved for private events such as celebrations, business dinners and corporate meetings.

In addition to its food, the restaurant also has an extensive entertainment programme every day of the week, with live music, shows, sessions with the best Spanish and international DJs and themed parties, like the White Ice Party, which is sponsored by Moët & Chandon and takes place on the last Thursday of each month from May to September.

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BYE BYE BAMBI



It is not easy to change people's tastes. How often do we hear, 'I can't get on with stuff like liver and kidneys', or 'Sweet and sour flavours turn me off'? A nation's tastes are even more solidly embedded. Or are they? The British have always been thought of as being very conservative in their eating habits, and anything but experimental. So it comes as a surprise to learn that they are eating twice as much venison as they did a few years ago. Indeed, in a recent survey, 17% had eaten deer meat in the last six months.

Most deer that end up on the table are reared on Scottish farms, although the wild population is also a pool of regular supply. Even so, this is not enough, and with demand increasing 10

per cent annually, Poland, New Zealand and Spain are countries that supply the difference.

But the biggest surprise is that to anyone who ever saw the Disney film 'Bambi' all those years ago the mere idea of eating deer should be repellent. Rather like eating your own dog. Nevertheless, and against all predictions, deer meat is gaining ground over the traditional cuts of beef, lamb and pork. One reason may be the health benefits, as game meat has less fat than other types, in venison's case less than chicken breast without skin.

In Scotland the deer usually end their days in slaughterhouse, or as targets for professional sharpshooters who pick them off on the glens. In America there are so many wild deer that there is no need to breed them on farms. Once the season opens, hundreds of thousands of eager hunters turn out with their muzzle-loaders, bows and arrows, crossbows and modern rifles, to begin the slaughter. More than six million deer die this way every year, with another one and a half million killed on the roads. However much they may have loved little Bambi once upon a time, her film star status has been exchanged for a place on many family's tables.



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Ajobacalao is a traditional Easter dish. :: SUR

Easter week begins in traditional fishy style

Vélez-Málaga will be promoting its traditional Easter dish of 'ajobacalao,' or cod with garlic this Saturday

:: JENNIE RHODES

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Ajobacalao is a traditional Vélez-Málaga recipe and is a thick paste made with cod, garlic, extra virgin olive oil, bread and paprika. It is traditionally eaten with bread and washed down with the local sweet wine throughout Holy Week.

The dish used to be given to the men who had carried floats during the lengthy Holy Week processions

through the town, but this tradition has died out over the years. Nowadays, it is common to find ajobacalao being sold in bakeries, greengrocers and other shops selling local products in the area in the lead-up to Easter.

Saturday's event will take place in Plaza San Fernando in the old town from 12pm.

A competition will be held on the day with hopeful contestants competing to make the best ajobacalao, which will be chosen by a panel of judges at the end of the day. Just one prize will be up for grabs and will go to the ajobacalao with the most votes from the judges. Visitors will also have the opportunity to sample the dish.

New York rules in the kitchen

Eleven Madison Park, owned by Daniel Humm, is selected as the best restaurant in the world with the Roca brothers' El Celler in third place

:: ÁLVARO SOTO

MADRID. The dream of a young Swiss boy came true in Melbourne on Wednesday when the first half of the list of the 100 best restaurants in the world was published.

Daniel Humm's New York restaurant, Eleven Madison Park, headed the list followed by Osteria Francescana in Italy and El Celler de Can Roca in Gerona, Spain.

Spanish restaurants took three of the top ten places in this year's edition of the list published in the 'Restaurant' magazine.

Daniel Humm, (Strengelbach, 1976), is the chef of the moment, a professional with a solid vocation and iron determination which has taken him from a small Swiss town (with less than 5,000 inhabitants) to the Big Apple and the kitchen of Eleven Madison Park. Humm quit school at 14 years of age because he already knew he wanted to be a chef and at 24 he achieved his first Michelin star. In 2006 he arrived at Eleven Madison Park, first as head chef and since 2010, as owner.

Eleven Madison Park has scaled the list to the first place, a position which had been occupied in 2013 and 2015 by El Celler de Can Roca, who received the bronze medal this



Daniel Humm . :: SUR. ARCHIVO

time and the consolation prize: the business which treats its clients best.

"We have never been third before. We have been in the top five for nine years," explained Josep Roca, who was left in charge of El Celler while his brothers Joan and Jordi were attending the Australian gala.

Among the top ten are two Spanish restaurants, the Asador Etxebarri (Axpe, Vizcaya), managed by Victor Arguinzoniz in sixth place;

Mugaritz, of Andoni Luis Aduriz, in San Sebastián, ninth place. Lower down the list are: Tickets (Barcelona), owned by Albert Adrià (25th); The Arzak, by Juan Mari Arzak and Elena Arzak (30th), and the Azurmendi (Larrabetzu, Vizcaya) by Eneko Atxa (38th). Another prize-winning Spanish establishment was 'Disfrutar' in Barcelona which took the prize for the restaurant with the best prospects.



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Peter Doig with his 166 painted film posters at the CAC, Malaga. :: FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ

Peter Doig's alternative film posters at the CAC

The Contemporary Art Centre (CAC) hosts first Spanish exhibition by the critically-acclaimed Scottish painter

MALAGA. The central space of the CAC currently resembles an unusual type of cinema foyer, after the museum installed 166 alternative film posters, painted by illustrious artist Peter Doig, for its newest exhibition, Studiofilmclub.

Each of the paintings at the exhibition, which is being curated by Fernando Francés, was originally created for the film club that the artist established in 2003, which shares its title with that of the exhibition.

The idea behind the film club, which still operates from an old rum

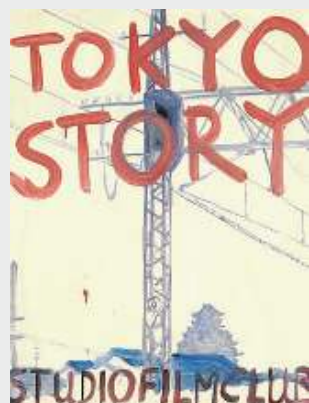
distillery on the island of Trinidad, where he was raised as a child and has returned to live and work as an adult, is to provide Trinidad audiences with the opportunity to see and discuss films that they were not able to access previously. When the film Orfeu Negro was due to be shown, Doig explains that he decided to recycle a painting he had started some time earlier, creating a depiction of a human figure reflected in water, to advertise the screening. From then on, he painted an alternative poster for every film that was screened by the Studiofilmclub.

It appears that all of the posters are based on or have been influenced by the movie they advertise. However, Doig has stated that "it's not that literal", explaining that instead "there's a lot of fiction in my paintings—they are not drawn from my own experience, but more from imaginary spaces and experiences. Being

authentic or realistic has never been an issue for me."

The curator described Doig's work as "a mixture of pop culture and art history," and "a combination of romanticism and sinister appeal."

The exhibition will be on display until 25 June.



Film: 'Tokyo Story', 2004.

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EXHIBITIONS

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Arte Mijas

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Seventeen Mijas artists will be holding a group exhibition starting on 7 April, 8pm. The show is a run-up to the "Open Studios" weekend, which will take place April 22-23. www.artemijas.weebly.com

Galería Krabbe

Frigiliana. Until 8 April. Galería Krabbe, C/Rosario La Joaquín. An exhibition of art work by Fernando de la Rosa.

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Cudeca 35th anniversary concert



Salvador Vázquez, Cristina Alba, Berna Perles and Rodrigo Orrego

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MÁLAGA. Cudeca Hospice will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a commemorative concert performed by the Provincial Symphony Orchestra of Málaga. It will take place on Tuesday, April 25th at 8pm at the Cervantes Theatre, Málaga, under the baton of Salvador Vázquez with solo performances by soprano Berna Perles; tenor Rodrigo Orrego and pianist Cristina Alba Padial.

The first half will be a selection of music by Beethoven performed by the orchestra and the second half will be operatic.

The concert has been made possible with the collaboration of Málaga town hall and the Diputación Provincial de Málaga, the Cervantes Theatre and the

INFORMATION

► **What.** A concert by the Provincial Symphony Orchestra of Málaga.

► **When.** 25 April, 8pm

► **Where.** Cervantes Theatre, Málaga

A birthday gala dinner with the Cudeca Goldies

The Cudeca Goldies are celebrating Cudeca's 25th anniversary at the Nicki Privé bar and restaurant, Marbella. Guest are welcomed with canapés and cava, followed by a message from Cudeca's founder and Honorary President Joan Hunt O.B.E. Live entertainment is provided by Mr Maph and Simone Lisa, Mel Williams, the trumpet player Rubén Hernandez as well as DJ's Antonio and Junior D'Acosta. There will also be a raffle and auction. A complimentary bus will be supplied from the Shell petrol station in Benalmádena (6.30pm) and also from the Roman archways at Fuengirola fairground entrance (6.55pm) leaving the venue at 12.30am so please book your seat: fundraiser@cudeca.org or tel: 663 083 249. Tickets are 69 euros of which 25 euros goes to Cudeca Hospice. Reservations: <https://cudecanikkiprive.eventbrite.es>.

people each year suffering from cancer or other advanced diseases and includes support to their families, completely free of charge.

Tickets cost 12 euros and can be purchased at the ticket office of the Cervantes Theatre or via online platform www.unientradas.es/janto/main.php?Nivel=Eve nto&idEvento=17Cudeca.

artists and musicians. It is sponsored by the Metro de Málaga, FYM Italcementi Group, Dinergia, SUR newspaper and Cadena SER. All proceeds from the concert will go towards the specialised care given by the Cudeca Hospice, which helps more than 1,300

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Exotic plant exhibition

■ TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. The eleventh edition of the Feria de Plantas de Colección, the plant fair, is to be held in La Paloma Park in Benalmádena next weekend. The three day event will commence on Friday 14 (Good Friday) and will continue until Sunday 16 April.

The show will present around 40 local and national horticultural specialists displaying collections of tropical and subtropical plants, cacti and succulents, as well as striking orchid displays and bonsai trees.

In addition to this colourful mixture, there will be stands offering aromatic herbs, bulbs, seeds and fertilisers, as well as information and tips concerning the cultivation and care of these and exotic plants.

The fair is organised by the parks and gardens department of Benalmádena town hall and is aimed at both amateur and professional gardeners.

The show focuses on promot-



The plant show attracts serious collectors and amateurs. ■ T. BRYANT

ing little known plants and the event attracts serious collectors, and keen amateur horticulturists looking for ways of making their gardens more attractive.

La Paloma Park currently houses a permanent collection of over 90 species of palm trees and one of the best collections of bamboo, cacti and other succulents in Europe.

INFORMATION

► **When:** Friday 14 until Sunday 16 April.

► **Where.** La Paloma Park, Benalmádena Costa.

► **Tickets:** Free entry.

CHARITY

Wedding Fashion show

San Pedro. 8 April, 4-6pm. Calle Córdoba, 25. Donations minimum 5€

There will be a runway show of wedding attire, activities, discounts and a raffle to win a dress. The money raised will go to The Duquesa Charitable Society of St. George and to orphans in Manilla. Fb: Costa del Sol Models Agency

Easter dinner

Mijas Costa. 14 April, 8pm. Tamisa Golf Hotel. 33€

A three course menu and welcome drink, live entertainment and raffle to raise money to support the Refugio del Burrito (Donkey Sanctuary) in Fuente de Piedra. Tel: Tamisa Golf reception 952 585 988 or Inga 654 513 380 email: starbies5@gmail.com

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ZZ Pub 26 years celebration

Malaga. Until 8 April, 10pm. ZZ Pub, C/Tejón y Rodríguez
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The Wall Bar

Malaga. Hotel Vincci Posada del Patio, 11pm, entry free.

7 April. Constanza & Javier. Jazz duet.

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Rob Sas Band

Fuengirola. 8 April, 10pm. The Cabaret Club
The Rob Sas band are in concert.

Coro Vivaldi

Malaga. 8 April, 8pm. Teatro Cervantes
The 'little singers from Catalunya' make up the internationally acclaimed choir 'Coro Vivaldi'. They will be in concert under the baton of Oscar Boada and accompanied by composer and pianist Albert Guinovart. Tickets: www.unientradas.es

Sacred music concert

Arroyo de la Miel. 9 April, 8.30pm. Inmaculada Concepción church.

Cómpeta's art at Easter

:: JENNIE RHODES

CÓMPETA. Cómpeta will be showing off its abundant visual art again this Easter week. From Wednesday 12th, until Sunday 16th (with the exception of Good Friday, 14th) the annual Art Walk will be taking place.

Nearly 40 new and ArtWalk regulars will be displaying their work in different galleries and houses around the town.

This year's exhibiting artists include: Jaime Anden, Alberto Tarcio and Beatriz Constan from Spain.

Anna Barbara Lenzin from Switzerland will be making a mosaic on the wall of the 'Luz de la Vida' gallery and Dutch artist Merel Holleboom is also returning. Merel calls her often-very-large works in metal 'poetic machines,' as she says, "they invite you to take part in their movement or to experience them."

A number of workshops will be on offer; in Galeria Centro de Bellas Artes you can attend the workshop 'Monoprint with Gelli and Acryl' given by Sally Hirst, while Daan van Neerven will be holding



Anna Barbara Lenzin's mosaic work. :: SUR

a course in bronze casting. Children are also encouraged to take part in a colouring workshop with German artist, Eva Maria Boehmeyer.

There will be live music starting with a performance by singer-song writer Keith James, who is back in Cómpeta for a second year to perform songs by Leonard Cohen.

INFORMATION

► **When:** 12 - 16 April (closed on Good Friday, 14)

► **Contact:** www.artcom-peta.com / Facebook: artcom-peta

Benalmádena. 16 April, 7.30pm.

Virgen de Carmen church
The choirs Coral Ciudad de Marbella and the Coral Ciudad de Benalmádena will perform religious music.

Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes
7 April, 9pm. Music for Holy week. Brahms, A German requiem with Juanita Lascarro soprano, Thomas Laske baritone, the Cármina Nova and Ópera de Málaga choirs. Conducted by

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Kempinski Easter jazz

Estepona. 12 April, Kempinski's La Cabaña del Mar.

Live jazz from the Cotton Jazz band at Kempinski's beach side restaurant. Book a table: www.Kempinski.com/estepona

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FLAMENCO

Flamenco performances

Malaga 8pm. Museo de Arte Flamenco Peña 'Juan Breva', C/Ramon Franquelo 15.€

8 April. José Lucena.

15 April. Bastián Soto.

Kempinski Easter events

Estepona. 13 April, Kempinski's

La Cabaña del Mar.

Retales flamenco group will perform while guests enjoy a Spanish meal at La Cabaña del Mar beach-front restaurant.

Flamenco 'Zanalea'

Vélez-Málaga 8 April, 9pm. Teatro del Carmen. 10€

A flamenco show.

LECTURES

Phoenix Club

Torre del Mar. Bar La Vega

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Fuengirola. 10 April, 4.30pm. Salon Varietés Theatre. Guests 10€
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A Tomb with a View, Fuengirola

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Fuengirola. Until 11 April, nightly 8pm, Sunday 7pm. *Salon Varietés Theatre*
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Final-quarter comeback seals European glory for Unicaja with victory in Valencia

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Joan Plaza's side overturned a thirteen-point deficit in the final quarter to complete a historic fight back in the EuroCup decider

by JUAN CALDERÓN

MÁLAGA. The most famous European night in Unicaja's history saw Joan Plaza's side overcome a player disqualification and a score deficit in the final quarter of the game to defeat Valencia in the deciding EuroCup final match.



Unicaja's players revel in the team's first EuroCup title in their history in Valencia. :: UNICAJA.B.PHOTO PRESS

Unicaja have now ensured that they will compete in next season's Euroleague, having suffered the injustice of not being allowed to play in the competition in May last year.

The win was in serious doubt at one stage after Alen Omić was dismissed following an altercation between Rafa Martínez and Nemanja Nedović which saw the Slovenian jump off the bench and grab the Valencia player to separate the duo.

Not only was Omić ejected at the end of the third quarter, but Valencia led 56-43 going into the final quarter as a devastating defeat seemed the likely outcome.

However, Joan Plaza's men united for one final push, squeezing the lines and defending for their lives.

Díez's three-pointer gave the visitors initial momentum in the final quarter, before Jamar Smith joined in on the act and himself began to score baskets as Unicaja began to eat away at the deficit.

The American scored from two free throws, and then from two three-point baskets in quick succession, before scoring the three-pointer that confirmed Unicaja's comeback, with the score 59-56 to Plaza's side with two-and-a-half min-

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Wednesday 12th April

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Thursday 13th April

"Pure Andalucia"

Join us for a fantastic evening of Flamenco with Retales Flamenco in La Cabaña del Mar from 20.00hrs to 22.30hrs. Restaurant open from 18.30hrs to 23.00hrs. Price of 68€pp including a 3 course Spanish dining experience including a welcome sangria. Beverages not included.

Sunday 16th April

"Easter Sunday Jazz Lunch"

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utes to go.
Another basket then sealed victory and sparked wild celebrations among the team and management alike.

Valencia's initial domination

Despite a textbook start from Unicaja, which saw them race into a 14-6 lead after Nedović's fine basket, the introduction of Bojan Dubljević saw the tide turn in favour of the hosts.

The Montenegrin's teammates immediately began firing passes into him, and inevitably the power forward began his scoring spree, contrib-

uting two, three-pointers to Valencia's four-consecutive three-point baskets as the first quarter finished 22-18 to the hosts.

Nedović's reintroduction saw a mini-fight back from the Malaga side with the score 33-30 to Valencia at half time.

But Unicaja failed to turn the situation around and conceded basket after basket before Omić's ejection, which was then compounded by further baskets to make it 56-43.

Nevertheless, it seems the dismissal inspired them to write the most incredible chapter in their history.



Fans celebrate next to the Fuente de las Tres Gracias. :: PEDRO.J.QUERO.

Historic European triumph sparks huge celebrations across Malaga city

:: SUR

MALAGA. Unicaja were welcomed back like heroes on Thursday afternoon after their EuroCup triumph.

After a night when huge celebrations took place after the game near the Fuente de las Tres Gracias, the team set out on an open-top bus parade through Malaga city centre

where supporters honoured their achievement, which came 11 years after their last success in the 2005-2006 Liga ACB season.

That was after the side went for an historic photo in Los Guindos with all of Unicaja's reserve teams.

The trophy was then presented to the fans on the bus's route to the

Plaza de la Marina, where the Unicaja bank and foundation greeted the players, before they attended an official reception organised by Malaga city hall and led by mayor Francisco de la Torre.

Having welcomed their team back, the fans would go into the Rio Natura Monbus match all smiles.

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SPORTING 4-4-2

Canella, Burgui, Babin, Carlos Castro, Cuéllar, Nacho Cases (Pablo, 82'), Sergio Alvarez, Mere, Traoré (Ndi, 61'), Lora (Victor Rodriguez, 73'), Carmona

MALAGA 4-4-2

Rosales, Keko (Ontiveros, 75'), Luis Hernández, Camacho, Sandro (Charles, 88'), Santos (Juanpi, 67'), Pablo, Llorente, Ricca, Chory Castro

Unused substitutes: Mariño (GK), Juan Rodríguez, Echiéjilé, Cristian

Unused substitutes: Boyko (GK), Demichelis, Mikel, Jony

STATISTICS

BALL POSSESSION		
51%		49%
SPORTING		MALAGA
0	Goals	1
9	Total shots	9
5	On target	3
4	Off target	6
7	Corners	1
1	Offsides	2
12	Fouls committed	18
2	Yellow cards	5
0	Red cards	0

Goals: 0-1 Sandro (40').

Referee: Sánchez Martínez. Yellows for Pablo Fornals, Sandro, Luis Hernández, Keko, Juanpi, Burgui and Meré.

Venue: Estadio El Molinón (24,503 spectators).

TABLE & FIXTURES

MATCHDAY
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LEAGUE TABLE

★ Champions League ■ Europa League ▼ Relegation

TEAM	PT	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
★ 1. R. Madrid	71	29	22	5	2	78	30
★ 2. Barcelona	69	30	21	6	3	88	26
★ 3. At. Madrid	61	30	18	7	5	55	23
★ 4. Sevilla	58	30	17	7	6	52	37
■ 5. Villarreal	51	30	14	9	7	42	23
■ 6. Athletic	50	30	15	5	10	39	33
7. Real Sociedad	49	30	15	4	11	43	41
8. Eibar	44	29	12	8	9	47	41
9. Espanyol	43	30	11	10	9	42	42
10. Celta	41	28	12	5	11	43	46
11. Alavés	40	30	10	10	10	29	37
12. Las Palmas	35	29	9	8	12	45	48
13. Valencia	33	29	9	6	14	41	51
14. Betis	31	30	8	7	15	32	47
15. MALAGA	30	30	7	9	14	34	47
16. Deportivo	28	30	6	10	14	31	46
17. Leganés	27	30	6	9	15	25	46
▼ 18. Sporting	22	30	5	7	18	31	58
▼ 19. Granada	20	30	4	8	18	26	62
▼ 20. Osasuna	14	30	2	8	20	30	69

Results

Eibar - Las Palmas THU
Valencia - Celta THU
Deportivo - Granada 0-0
Betis - Villarreal 0-1
Barcelona - Sevilla 3-0
Sporting - MALAGA 0-1
At. Madrid - Sociedad 1-0
Athletic - Espanyol 2-0
Alavés - Osasuna 0-1
Leganés - R. Madrid 2-4

Fixtures

Celta - Eibar
Osasuna - Leganés
Villarreal - Athletic
Las Palmas - Betis
Real Sociedad - Sporting
R. Madrid - At. Madrid
MALAGA - Barcelona
Sevilla - Deportivo
Espanyol - Alavés
Granada - Valencia

Sandro eases relegation fears in Michel's first win

Malaga also had keeper Carlos Kameni to thank after he produced some key saves to ensure Sandro's goal made the difference between the two sides

:: KISHAN VAGHELA

MALAGA. Malaga's first away league victory since a 1-0 win at Real Betis in March last year could not have come at a better time.

With relegation within the realms of possibility, Michel's side dug out a victory at El Molinón in which grit, determination and Sandro's quality

single goal proved to separate the sides and take the Blue and Whites eight points clear of the bottom three.

Sporting quelled Malaga's early possession game to come back into the contest, and would have taken the lead had Carlos Kameni not got down to Lacina Traoré's left-foot shot on the turn on the half-hour mark.

Carlos Carmona's curled his effort just wide of the post as the hosts' threat remained everpresent, however, somewhat against the run of play, Malaga took the lead five minutes before half time.

Keko beat Roberto Canella down the right and found Sandro, whose deflected effort had enough on it to beat Iván Cuéllar. The visitors should have doubled their lead either side of half time, but Michael Santos and Pablo Fornals both failed to keep their shots down when well-placed.

Malaga relied on their staunch defence to keep the hosts at bay as they piled the pressure on for the rest of the game, with a challenge from Federico Ricca on Traoré, as well as frequent tackles from Ignacio Camacho and Diego Llorente, demonstrating their improvement defensively under Michel.

Malaga believed that they had seen off Sporting's best efforts, but Kameni had to be on alert at the death to deny Burgui twice and seal the win.



Sandro celebrates his most important goal this season. :: AGENCIA LOF



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Plenty of endeavour but no reward for new-look Malaga side

MALAGA 0 ATLÉTICO 2

Simeone's side took the victory in last weekend's game, piling pressure on Michel in the lead-up to the Sporting fixture

:: KISHAN VAGHELA

MALAGA. Malaga began the double-game week with a defeat at the hands of Atlético Madrid at La Rosaleda.

The pre-match proceedings were dominated by an incident involving owner Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani, whose vehicle was denied access to the stadium by police who had closed off the road due to the volume of pedestrians.

The incident was followed by angry tweets in which the sheikh accused the police of racism, among other comments.

The fans also experienced frustrations inside the ground as refereeing decisions started to go against the hosts.

Michel deployed a more defensive formation which frustrated Atlético's striking pair but the pacey forward



Carlos Kameni watches on as Koke's shot trickles into the net. :: S.SALAS

pairing of Sandro and Keko failed to create anything of note in the first half for the Blue and Whites.

The visitors were as equally unconvincing until Koke poked Atlético in front after a mix-up in the hosts' defence.

The second half saw little creativity from both sides before Torres

played in Filipe Luís, who sent a delightful dink over Kameni to all-but secure the points for Atlético.

Malaga had opportunities to set up an exciting finish, but Sandro was denied by Oblak while Diego Llorrente failed to hit the target with a header, setting up the Sporting match as somewhat of a relegation scrap.

Last-gasp penalty costs Marbella third

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. Miguel Álvarez saw his team throw away two more points in the final stages of a match in a 1-1 draw at home to Murcia.

A fortnight after San Fernando's Lolo Garrido broke Marbella hearts, Sergio Guardiola delivered the same blow with a penalty which leaves Marbella fourth on goal difference.

The hosts initially relied on goalkeeper Manu Fernández to keep them in the game. He expertly prevented Guardiola's effort from finding the top right-hand corner of the net, before denying the same player's back-heel a few minutes later.

Marbella then took the lead through Añón's back-post header from a corner.

The visitors responded, but were thwarted by the heroics of Fernández. The 30-year-old got to Borja Gómez's scis-

sor kick, before he saved Juanjo's volley from Guardiola's cross.

Zé Turbo came on for Marbella to replace Pedro Mérida and made an immediate impact, forcing Simón to turn his left-footed strike behind for a corner.

He then robbed the Murcia defence of the ball before being brought down by Borja Gómez when through on goal, resulting in a straight red card for the latter.

Six minutes later however, the on-loan forward spurned a great chance to double Marbella's lead, a miss the hosts would come to regret when a clumsy challenge from Delmonte

gave Guardiola the opportunity to equalise from the spot.

The on-loan Granada forward made no mistake for Murcia and struck a crushing blow to Marbella, who have now drawn three of their previous five fixtures.



Añón and David Sánchez.

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Marbella looks to attract more teams during the winter break

Mayor José Bernal welcomes the director of Norway's professional football league to promote the town as a potential training base

by N. CASTRO

MARBELLA. Marbella's Mayor, José Bernal and the town's councillor for Tourism, Javier Porcuna have met with Jo Bergsvand in an attempt to endorse the town's training facilities and encourage professional, foreign footballers to train in Marbella.

The meeting comes after the provincial government of Malaga announced that this winter approximately 4,800 footballers trained and played matches in sports grounds around the province this winter. They revealed that the expenditure of the footballers, in addition to the money spent by the loyal fans that followed them, raised an estimated 6.5 million for the province.

Enrique Pérez, from the Marbella Football Centre, one of the proposed potential training locations, was also in attendance at the meeting.



Jo Bergsvand and José Bernal at the Marbella town hall. :: SUR

Javier Porcuna explained that there are already teams that are based in other parts of Spain but are looking to relocate to Marbella on account of its numerous assets such as its climate and wide array of hotels.

Proof of the economic advantages of hosting footballers and their fans also come from Football Impact, who have managed the

majority of the clubs that come to train on the Costa del Sol. The company points out that, collectively, footballers spend up to 46,000 nights in hotels and rented accommodation around the province. The income received from this is then compounded by the thousands of fans that also pay to watch the matches and spend a few days on the coast.

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A LOOK AT LA LIGA

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What's next for Ronaldo?

The winger has domineered the game for years but can he last much longer?

Cristiano Ronaldo will still continue to jump out at us from the pages of glossy magazines and grace us with his social media presence but I fear this is the final straight for one of the most dominant footballers on the planet.

For a decade he has been super-human, performing remarkable feats on the football field and astounding us with what can be achieved with dedication, imagination and natural talent.

The stats are still impressive, he will be Real Madrid's leading scorer for the eighth year in a row and he should lead them to their first title in five years, maybe even another Champions League success.

In the summer though he has a big decision to make, does he continue to don the number seven shirt of the Spanish giants or does he spend his autumn years spreading the gospel in one of the developing football nations?

He's still a top class talent but I would argue that his "wow factor" at the very highest level has diminished. His body may be immaculately chiselled and he works on his boyish looks but the fact is that he is 32 years of age and he's played flat out for a decade and a half.

He no longer has the turbo charge, the step-overs are kept in the closet and defenders aren't so terrified when he gets onto the ball these days. He still has presence, he seems to levitate when leaping and his shots fizzle but he is having to reinvent his game to suit his age.

He no longer has the turbo charge and the step-overs are kept in the closet

"CR7" is a boyish image, all about exuberance and extravagance, what he won't want to do is reinvent the brand. People will point to the likes of Ryan Giggs and argue that he continued well into his fourth decade but the difference is that he was happy to have a manager pick and choose the games that he starred in, I can't see Cristiano allowing that.

Ronaldo could cite Zlatan Ibrahimovic who continues to shine above all others but his game was never about speed and chicanery.

The contract at Real Madrid runs until 2021 when he will be 36. At that age he will still have his usefulness but let's face it, it's not about usefulness with him, it is all about being the centre of attention.

Crazy salaries have been paid to those willing to head to China and subscribe to their footballing revolution, few have been justified. Cristiano Ronaldo would be worth every penny of the investment as



Ronaldo takes on the Alavés defence in a fixture last Sunday. :: EFE

they would get a superstar concentrating his final few years to an emerging footballing market. David Beckham did it in the USA, Ronaldo could follow him over the Atlantic to the MLS but maybe he deserves his own part of the planet

football to dominate? He's great for the Spanish game, an absolute pleasure to commemorate on as you have to prepare for the unexpected, but that unexpected is occurring slightly less these days.



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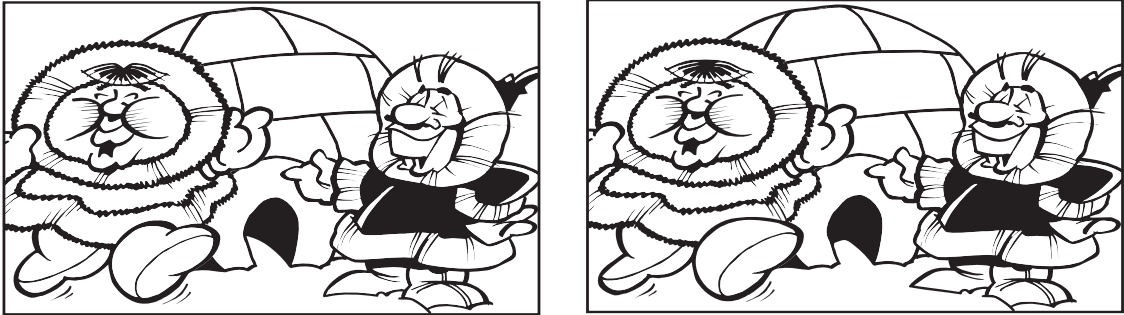
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April 21st - May 21st
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Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
Love is back on the agenda. Think of some novel ways to get the attention of anyone who interests you.




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As a great problem sorter and charmer, you should turn any situation to one of success.




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Certain lovelorn people are looking in your direction for some decisions. Well, it couldn't be avoided for ever, could it?




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Putting out feelers to see what a past love is doing is fine, but do it quietly. Could be that they are still up to their old tricks, in which case...

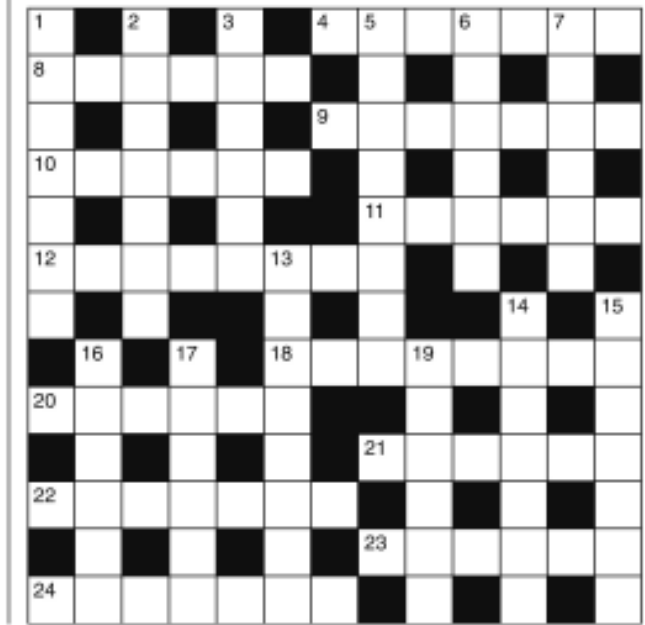


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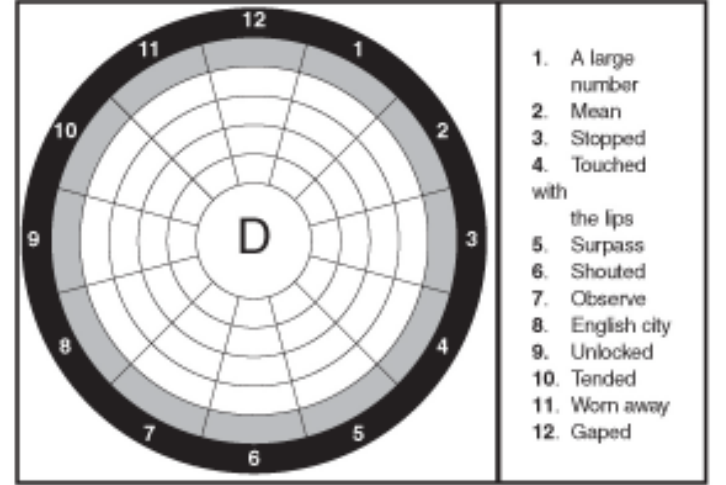
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CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter D in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a veteran U.S. actor.



THE WORDPUZZLER

H	O	M	F	E	W	L	S	A	W
E	D	E	E	F	A	M	U	P	O
D	A	R	R	E	N	O	M	L	T
P	Y	C	O	N	T	I	M	E	S
L	E	A	M	D	A	J	E	P	O
I	R	D	O	L	L	A	R	I	C
G	I	E	N	U	K	R	G	W	I
H	T	C	E	M	E	I	E	I	R
T	E	A	S	E	G	G	O	N	E
H	X	T	T	N	H	A	R	E	B

CAN you identify the words missing from the titles of the Cliff Richard songs listed below?

1. Travellin' ---

2. We Don't --- Any More

3. The Minute You're ---

4. Living ---

5. --- Holiday

6. Saviour's ---

7. The Next ---

8. The Young ---

9. Mistletoe and ---

10. Please Don't ---

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

Talk Radio Europe
105.5 Axarquía
91.5 Costa del Sol East
91.9 Costa del Sol West
98.7 Gibraltar/Sotogrande
News, interviews, lifestyle, sport and BBC World Service.

Spectrum (105.5 FM, Costa Almeria/Mojácar 92.6 FM)
24 hour music and entertainment

Radio Mijas (107.7 FM)
3 p.m. News, views and music

Radio Sol Almjara (99.1 FM)
Nerja radio in English and German and night time World Radio Network

HeartfmSpain (88.5 FM Costa, 96.1 FM inland) Music, entertainment, news

Lick FM (103.6 FM Marbella)
Urban music broadcast between Gibraltar and Calahonda

Rtv Puebla (107.7 FM)
Monday evenings, Rock music memories. 7 - 9pm. email: radiopuebla.musicmemories@yahoo.com
Fb: Radiotelevision Peubla de Cazalla

Global (93.6 and 96.4FM)
All week round the clock music and entertainment

Radio Radio Network (96 and 98.3 FM). Music 24 hours.

Central FM (98.6 FM, 103.8)
All week, classic tracks and today's music broadcast to the Costa del Sol

ACE FM (106.8 FM)
Inland radio, news and music
The Beat fm (106 FM)
24 hours, music and entertainment

QUIZ

QUESTION 1

Of what is 'silvics' the study?

1. The properties of silver

2. Deep meditation technique

3.Trees and their environment

4. Woodland fauna

QUESTION 2

Of what is myology the study?

1. Fungi

2. Muscles

3. Visual defects

4. Plants in borage family

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- Across

1. Bewilderment (12)

6. To inherit (7)

10. Signed (f) (7)

11. Painter (6)

12. The letter F (3)

14. I (2)

15. Class (5)

16. Miracle (7)

17. Master (7)

19. It (2)

20. Luxuries (5)

22. Lion (4)

24. Seriously (10)

26. I smelt (3)

29. Rivers (4)

31. Alone (4)

32. Stars (9)

34. Name (6)

36. Greek (literary) (5)

37. Hoarse (7)

41. Aunt (3)

42. Style (5)

44. Pencil (5)

45. Architect (10)

48. Nickname (5)

51. Buried (9)

52. Birth (10)
- Down

1. Difficulty (10)

2. Commission (8)

3. Chat (6)

4. Expressiveness (12)

5. Ideal (6)

7. It is (2)

8. Ill (7)

9. Appreciation (14)

13. Workshop (6)

18. Branches (5)

21. Influence (10)

23. Us (3)

25. Royal (4)

27. Traits (6)

28. South (3)

30. Elm (4)

33. Sculptor (8)

34. Negative (2)

35. Landscape (7)

38. Value (5)

39. Island (4)

40. Boy (4)

41. Touch! (pl) (5)

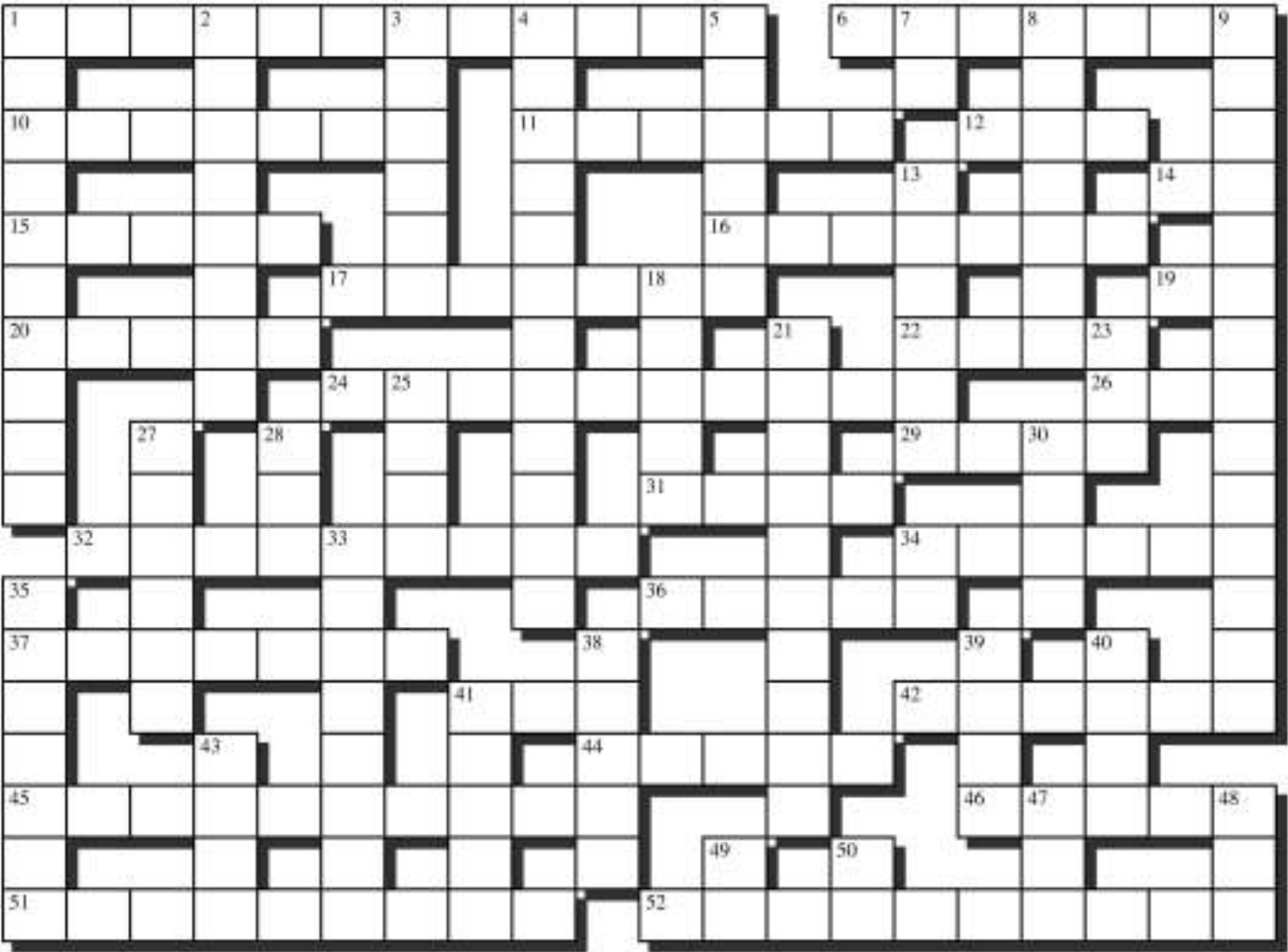
43. Cloud (4)

47. Foot (3)

48. Eye (3)

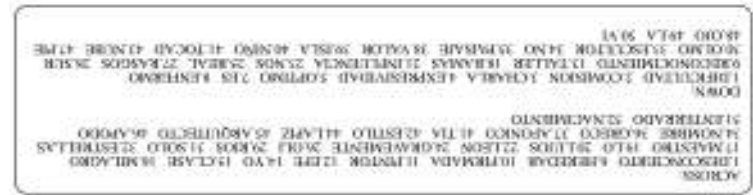
49. The (f) (2)

50. I saw (2)

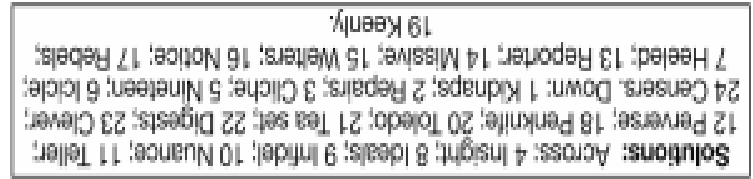


ANSWERS

Language Crossword



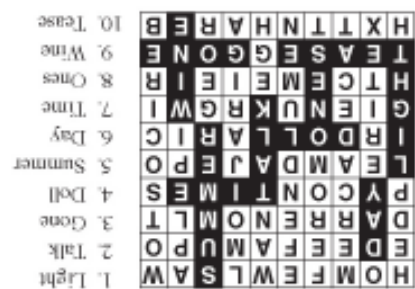
Cryptic Crossword



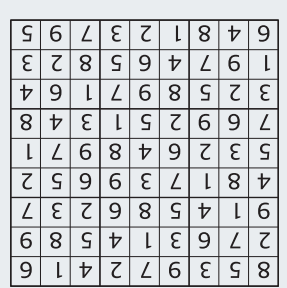
Clockword solution



Wordpuzzler solution



Sudoku solution



Quiz answers

Answer 1: J. R. R. Tolkien
Of interest: Silvics is the term used for the characteristics that define the life history, growth, behaviour and ecology of a tree species. It is often linked with silviculture, which is the application of silvics to the management of trees in order to enhance the reproduction, survival or growth of a specific tree species.
Answer 2: Muscles
Of interest: Myology is the study of the muscular system, including the study of the structure, function and diseases of muscle.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



How I became a nun
César Aira

The novel recounts each stage of growing up, the first ice-cream, first day at school, first friend etc. and develops into an almost autobiography of the life of the author. The intense and sometimes humorous story is a mixture of anecdotes, some real, some invented others from legend.
With a subtle and sometimes melancholic humour (the narrator is sometimes a girl and sometimes a boy) the author reflects on his failures, on the meaning of life and the importance of literature.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go

ANON

MALAGA PORT INFORMATION

CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENTS (SOURCE: MALAGA PORT AUTHORITY)					
Ship	Date	From	Next port	Docks	Sails
Ocean Nova	07/04	Gibraltar	-	09.00	19.00
Costa Mediterranea	08/04	-	-	07.00	19.00
Clio	08/04	Gibraltar	Cartagena	08.00	23.00
Thomson Celebration	09/04	Gibraltar	Lisbon	06.00	22.00
Horizon	09/04	Alicante	Porto Torres	10.00	16.30
Westerdam	10/04	-	-	08.00	-
Rotterdam	11/04	Cadiz	Cartagena	07.00	17.00
Koningsdam	12/04	Ponta Delgada	Alicante	07.00	17.00
Norwegian Epic	12/04	Funchal	Barcelona	08.00	18.00
MSC Orchestra	12/04	Cadiz	Palma	08.00	15.00
Costa Magica	13/04	-	-	07.00	13.00
Seabourn Quest	13/04	Tangier	Barcelona	08.00	18.00
MSC Magnifica	14/04	Funchal	Civitavecchia	08.00	14.00





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A heady mix of Cohen, Lorca and Andalucía

Keith James describes Andalucía as his "second home" and will be performing a series of four concerts here this month

== JENNIE RHODES

MALAGA. British poet, music composer and performer Keith James is back in his beloved "second home" of Andalucía to give a series of concerts dedicated to the late Leonard Cohen.

A well-known character already in towns such as Cádiz, where he took part in the 2016 Art Walk, Keith will be back on 12 April before going on to perform in Canillas de Abadía, Jete (Granada) and Cádiz.

Keith, 62, has been coming to Andalucía since 2006 when he visited the Alpujarras region to research and study the legacy and poetry of Lorca. More recently he has become part of the artistic scene in the Cádiz area, having been introduced by the artist John Barrett who has also studied Lorca and produced a series of paintings based on his poetry.

"I love many aspects of Andalucía. I'm really drawn to the fact that the area is very multicultural, particularly in the art field. Many people from all over Europe have made this



Keith James will be in concert at a number of venues this month. == SUR

area rich, diverse and very open-minded in many areas of self-expression. It is a relief from much of the closed-mindedness of the UK," says Keith. He confesses, though, that while he likes the sun, "it can be too hot for me across the high summer."

Keith started off his career as a sound technician at the BBC Maida Vale and went on to work for more than a decade as a record producer,

"I love many aspects of Andalucía. I'm drawn to the fact that the area is multicultural, particularly in the art field"

working with many British musicians and writers.

Realising he preferred performing live himself, in 2001 Keith began a UK-wide tour based entirely on his love of the songwriter, Nick Drake. Keith says, "Nick's music had never been heard live by today's music audience as he died in 1974, so these concerts soon became a huge success." Over the last 15 years, Keith has performed in the UK (including Glastonbury), Ireland, Holland, Spain, Italy and France.

Keith's influences include the poetry of Federico García Lorca, Pablo Neruda, Dylan Thomas and the late singer-songwriter, Leonard Cohen.

He says of his choice of the poem, Always, by Neruda: "The prose has such beauty and rhythm; it immediately felt like a song. It is also daringly romantic in a way that perhaps I find it difficult to be within my own writing as I often write in a less direct way with a great deal more metaphor and not in such a bare-hearted way."

Keith is about to release a new album of poetry to music including work by William Blake and Federico García Lorca as well as some of his own work. He is also currently compiling a volume of his own poetry along with what he describes as "some sporadic work on a rather surreal and somewhat comedic novel".

CONCERTS

► **Wednesday 12 April.** Luz de la Vida art gallery, Cádiz, as part of Cádiz Art Walk, 8.30pm

► **Tuesday 18 April.** Mercado Canillas-Galería Estudio, Canillas de Abadía, 6pm.

► **Saturday 22 April.** Kitty Harri's Sculpture Garden, Jete, Granada, 4pm.

► **Sunday 23 April.** El Molino de Cádiz, Calle Iglesia, Cádiz, 7pm.

For this tour of Andalucía, Keith will be performing the songs of the late Leonard Cohen. He talks passionately about his great musical heroes, saying that his music "challenges us to listen more carefully, speak more thoughtfully, think more deeply and recognise our own fragility."

The performances will include songs such as; Famous Blue Raincoat, Sisters of Mercy, Suzanne and Hallelujah, as well as songs from the album You Want it Darker released only ten days before the artist's death and produced by his son, Adam. Poems by Lorca that Keith has set to music will also be included in the sets.

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