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Demichelis (left) embraces Weligton after Wednesday's press conference. :: SALVADOR SALAS

Antonio Banderas pulls out of city arts project due to criticism

The Malaga-born actor has given up his bid to turn a corner of the city into a theatre and culture centre

Antonio Banderas said in a letter this week that he was abandoning his plans to turn the old Astoria cinema building into a centre for the performing arts. His project, in conjunction with architect José Seguí and the firm behind the Starlite festival, had won an open competition for ideas and was now expected to bid for the contract to build and manage the centre. Criticism from opposition groups and "insults and humiliating treatment" on social media have led the actor to pull out to the shock of many. **P8**

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Owners register 33 properties a day as tourist accommodation

The number of places available in rented holiday homes in the province of Malaga is catching up with the total of hotel beds

Ten months after the first regulations governing rented tourist accommodation came into force in Andalucía, properties are being added to the register at a rate of 33 a day in the province of Malaga. The volume of tourists using rented accommodation

could soon overtake hotel bookings and the industry is calling for these figures to be included in official tourism statistics. While more investors are attracted to buying tourist properties in Malaga and the Costa del Sol, hotels remain as full as ever. **P2**

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An average of 33 properties a day are registered as tourist accommodation



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By the end of this summer, there could be more places in rented holiday accommodation than in hotels on the Costa del Sol

MALAGA. It is now nearly ten months since new regulations were introduced to ensure that properties which are used as holiday accommodation are registered with the Andalusian tourism authorities, and fears that this would have a negative effect on the sector appear to have been unfounded. Recently released figures show that an average of 33 properties in Malaga are being registered every day: in other words, about 1,000 a month.

In Malaga province nearly 11,000 properties have been registered since the new regulations came into force ten months ago, providing accommodation for 54,152 tourists. That figure is even more impressive when taking into account that there are 79,029 hotel places available in the province (not including hostels).

The tourism authorities say that if the trend continues at its present rate, by the end of this summer the number of beds available in rented accommodation will equal those in hotels or even exceed them.

Internet platforms which put potential tourists in touch with the owners of holiday properties confirm the high occupancy figures and that the holiday rental business can be highly profitable.



Malaga city is becoming a popular rental destination. :: SUR

A third of owners of holiday properties in Malaga do not live in the province

Property owners are realising that this sector, which some exploited illegally in the past, can be a way of earning money with little risk involved. It is now, therefore, attracting investors: the figures show that 33 per cent of owners of registered holiday properties in Malaga province do not live in the region, and it is thought likely that more than 3,000 owners of holiday accommodation are not even in Spain. In fact, the Sunday Times recently dedicated a large part of an article to the potential of

Malaga city as a place to invest in property to rent out to tourists.

The popularity of the Costa del Sol and the increased interest in Malaga city is the key. More than half of all holiday rental properties in Andalucía are in Malaga province, and in some places such as Mijas and Nerja they already exceed the number of hotel places, by 437 per cent and 252 per cent respectively.

In comparison, Torremolinos remains primarily a destination for hotel holidays. However, the holiday rental business has not really affected hotels in general, as occupancy levels remain high and many of them are often fully booked at weekends. It is evident that each of these two sectors has a loyal following.

Earlier this week representatives of the big rentals platforms such as Airbnb and Homeaway said at a se-

Map of tourist accommodation in Andalucía



Hotel places compared with rental accommodation

Town	Hotel places	Rental places	% rentals/hotels
BENALMÁDENA	9,681	4,976	51.40 %
CASARES	200	681	340.50 %
ESTEPONA	7,334	4,648	63.38 %
FUENGIROLA	7,514	2,943	39.17 %
MALAGA	9,143	7,284	79.67 %
MARBELLA	12,276	11,166	90.96 %
MIJAS	1,638	7,171	437.79 %
NERJA	2,348	5,921	252.17 %
RINCÓN VICTORIA	551	748	135.75 %
TORREMOLINOS	19,285	2,077	10.77 %
TORROX	1,081	858	79.37 %
VÉLEZ MÁLAGA	995	1,026	103.12 %

Source: Junta de Andalucía's Ministry of Tourism

minar that rental properties ought to be included in public tourist promotion campaigns as hotels are.

Meanwhile hoteliers have called for rental property figures to be included in the region's overall tourism statistics, due to the volume of tourists choosing this type of accommodation. At present hotels are obliged to pass on their tourism figures to the National Institute of Statistics every month, but rental properties are not.

Not everybody is happy about the increase in rented holiday accommodation, however. The tourism authorities have received 82 complaints in the past ten months, but only two were from dissatisfied clients. Many were from neighbours who were disturbed by noise from the visitors during their holiday. There were also accusations of properties being rented out illegally, and not complying with the regulations.

Real estate sales at their highest since 2008, with a hundred a day in March

The construction sector on the Costa del Sol is showing clear signs of revival, with more projects approved and a 13 per cent rise in employment in the first quarter

■ NURIA TRIGUERO

MÁLAGA. Property sales in the province are at their highest since 2008, the year when the real estate bubble burst, according to statistics regarding the Transfer of Property Rights in March which were published last week.

The figures show that 2,925 properties changed hands during that month, which is almost 100 a day and the highest since the month of April nine years ago. The increase compared with March 2016 was 37 per cent, and the accumulated growth during the first quarter of this year was 19.6 per cent.

It appears that March was a spectacular month for property sales in Spain as a whole, with a 26.9 per cent year-on-year increase bringing the total to 40,461, the highest registered in the country since February 2011.

In Andalucía, the year-on-year growth was 28 per cent, which means that Málaga, with the aforementioned increase of 37 per cent, was higher than both the regional and national averages.

Coincidentally, these figures were released on the day that the Association of Constructors and Developers of Málaga (ACP) held its annual meeting, and at this year's event the atmosphere was optimistic.

"2016 was the year in which we saw a definitive reactivation of residential construction in Málaga," said the president of the association, Emilio López, pointing out that the rate



Nearly 100 properties a day were sold in March this year. ■ sur

of growth has also speeded up this year.

"During the first quarter of 2017 permission has been granted for twice as many homes as during the same period last year," he explained. In fact, from January to March a total of 1,397 new houses were approved, which is a year-on-year increase of 121 per cent.

"In Málaga the market is moving well now," he said, adding that prices are rising slightly (about four per cent a year) and employment in the construction sector rose by 13 per cent in the first quarter.

Apart from the positive figures, another sign that the property market in Málaga is improving was that the meeting, held in the theatre in the Picasso Museum, was packed:

twice as many people attended as last year. One of the speakers, José Luis Suárez, even joked about "a new method of measuring the health of the housing sector: counting the number of smiles per square metre that I see in this room."

He and others taking part in the forum - the CEO of the Valuation Society, Juan Juan Fernández-Aceytuno; the director of design management at the Intu Group, María Arboladas; property business manager of Caixabank, Ángel Salar; and the president of the Association of Developers and Constructors of Spain, Juan Antonio Gómez Pintado - described different elements of this new property cycle, from new forms of finance to the difficulties experienced by young people in accessing the

property market, because their salaries are too low.

Despite the positive ambience, Emilio López did strike a warning note, stressing that he was 'moderately' optimistic about the prospects for the sector, because many constructors are still having difficulty in obtaining finance for their projects. He also called on the authorities to start spending more money on infrastructure.

Last year the amount spent on public works in the province rose from 130 million euros in 2015 to 188 million, and in the first quarter of this year it was 68 million, twice as much as the same period last year, but this is not enough: "For a province the size of Málaga, the figures are low," he said.

The western Costa del Sol boasts 86 per cent of all luxury properties in Andalucía

■ HÉCTOR BARBOTA

MARBELLA. Before the economic crisis, 51 per cent of properties costing more than one million euros in Andalucía were in the western part of Málaga province, but since the property bubble burst and prices plunged there has been a dramatic change in the housing market: 86 per cent of luxury properties in Andalucía are now in the triangle formed by Marbella, Estepona and Benahavis.

The figures, which show the strength of this section of the market even in the most adverse conditions, were revealed recently at the annual forum of the DOM3 association, which called for new action to take advantage of the opportunities for wealth and jobs generated by this sector. It also expressed concern that Marbella is missing out on investment because of the length of time it takes Marbella council to grant licences.

Last year the average price of property in Marbella, Estepona and Benahavis was the sixth highest in Spain, but this triangle is seeing major growth and there has been a 139 per cent increase in property sales since 2010.

In 2016 the value of sales in this relatively small area reached 280 million euros, and created 3,000 direct and 9,000 indirect jobs.

The luxury sector is performing well, but could do even better. The sector is concerned that investors are choosing areas other than Marbella because the local authority is not functioning properly in terms of granting licences, and says the process needs to be speeded up as a matter of priority.

Last year, only 15 per cent of investment in luxury property was in Marbella, although the town continues to attract buyers of all types.

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Prison for teenager arrested in Fuengirola 'sexting' rape case

The 18-year-old suspect has been remanded in custody accused of sexual assault, coercion and possession of child pornography involving a 13-year-old girl

:: JUAN CANO

MALAGA. National Police have arrested an 18-year-old man in connection with the rape and blackmail of a 13-year-old girl he had contacted on social media.

The victim's parents raised the alarm last week when they reported that the minor, resident on the western Costa del Sol, had been forced into having sexual relations after the suspect allegedly threatened to post intimate images of her online.

The suspect met the 13-year-old girl on a social media site, where the two began to exchange messages. According to sources close to the case, the arrested man then persuaded the girl to send intimate photographs of herself.

The statements of both victim and suspect say that they met in person for the first time at the request of the young man in Fuengirola. At the end of this meeting, however, the victim



Police are investigating the case. :: SUR

reportedly told the suspect that she no longer wished to continue their "relationship". From that point onwards their accounts differ completely.

Blackmail claim by victim

The victim has stated that the suspect became angry with her and forced her to meet up with him a second time. He then blackmailed her into having sex, in order to prevent him from uploading her intimate photos to Instagram for the public to see. It has been suggested that he would have continued to blackmail his victim in this way if he had not been reported to the police.

The suspect, however, denies

ever meeting with the girl for a second time, and therefore also denies committing the sexual abuse he is being accused of.

The suspect has no previous convictions, however the judge ordered him to be remanded in custody accused of sexual assault, coercion and the possession of child pornography. His defence has appealed the decision.

Last week the association that helps fight addictions, Proyecto Hombre, stated in a report that one in three children aged between 12 and 14 had admitted to practising 'sexting', the exchange of intimate images via social media.

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Police officers injured by angry tourists

MALAGA

:: **JUAN CANO.** Two police officers were assaulted by British tourists at Malaga airport last week. According to police, the visitors, of African ethnicity, were unable to find their passports on departing the airport

so were asked to step aside from the queue until they found them. This resulted in them becoming aggressive, accusing the police of being racist. When one officer accidentally tripped over the four-year-old child of one of them, the two men became violent and left one officer with a black eye and the other with a deep cut to his ear. The tourists were arrested, missing their flight.

Drug mule arrested at Malaga airport

MALAGA

:: **SUR.** A 27-year-old Brazilian man was arrested at Malaga airport after he was found to be smuggling drugs. X-ray results showed that the detainee had ingested 96 pellets of cocaine, altogether weighing around one kilogramme, with the intention of excreting them and distributing the drug around Spain.

Motorcyclist dies in Benalmádena accident

BENALMÁDENA

:: **SUR.** A 42-year-old motorcyclist died on Monday morning after being involved in an accident on Avenida del Sol in Benalmádena. Emergency services were informed of the accident at 4.45am and the police and an ambulance arrived at the scene shortly afterwards. However paramedics confirmed that the man had already died.

Infamous Madrid pickpockets in Malaga

MALAGA

:: **JUAN CANO.** Three pickpockets have been arrested by police in Malaga. Officers caught the thieves red-handed with 1,300 euros in their bag after following them around Larios shopping centre where they had been carrying out

the thefts together. One of the trio would turn off the alarms in the shop with a magnet or lockpick while the others stole from the shops and their customers. The men, of Cuban, Peruvian and Mexican descent, admitted that they worked as pickpockets collectively and that they had come to Malaga from Madrid, after police in the capital became aware of their activity.

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"I'm a monster... take me to the police"

Woman accused of murdering a man and freezing his body in her ice cream shop shows remorse as trial gets under way

:: SUR

SEVILLE. The brothers of María del Carmen Q. B., the woman accused of killing a 62-year-old man then putting his body in a freezer, testified on Tuesday, saying that the accused called them after the episode, which occurred on 9 January 2016 in the Macarena area of Seville, to tell them that she was a "monster" and that they should hand her over to the police.

When they arrived, they found her drinking from a bottle of whisky, with bruises on her face and scratches on her legs. She told them there was a dead man in her ice cream shop, that there had been a



The woman (r) accused of killing and freezing a 62-year-old man. :: EFE

fight and that he touched her.

Speaking on Wednesday, she said that due to her alcoholism and frequent consumption of cocaine and sleeping pills, she couldn't remember exactly what happened, apart from a fight and her moment of panic when she put the body in the freezer. She says she cannot recall

hitting him over the head with an umbrella, nor strangling him with a cable - accusations that have the prosecution calling for 20 years behind bars.

The defence, meanwhile, is calling for a lesser sentence of five years, citing her repentance, having apologised for "destroying" the family.

Pensioner accused of killing her husband cannot recall the incident

:: ÁLVARO FRÍAS

MALAGA. The 85-year-old woman from Rincón de la Victoria, accused of killing her husband by hitting him over the head with a crutch in July 2015, denied ever doing so to the jury on Monday. "I never hit him with the crutch," she said.

However, when the public prosecution continued to stress the fact

that he had been hit 14 times with a crutch, the pensioner stated that she didn't remember the day's events very well and that if she had done it, she couldn't remember it.

The victim, then 82 and recently diagnosed with terminal cancer, had serious mobility issues and the prosecution believes that his wife took advantage of that.



The accused in court. :: SUR

IN BRIEF



Inspecting the haul of weapons. :: SUR

Guardia Civil dismantles groups responsible for 67 burglaries

MALAGA

:: **Á. FRÍAS.** The Guardia Civil have made 16 arrests of people belonging to two groups assumed responsible for at least 67 burglaries car-

ried out across Malaga, Granada, Jaén, Murcia and Burgos provinces.

Based in Roquetas de Mar, the criminals were not afraid to use violence, striking while the victims were in their homes.

They are believed to be the perpetrators of the wave of burglaries in Alhaurín el Grande, using the same modus operandi.

Toll dodger drives 4km in the wrong direction

MALAGA

:: **J. CANO.** A 46-year-old man from Catalonia had to be stopped by police after driving four kilometres in the wrong direction on the AP-7 toll road in Manilva in the early hours of Saturday morning.

According to the toll operator, the driver turned around, saying he couldn't pay the 1.95 euros. He tested negative for alcohol and drugs.

Magnitude 3.6 earthquake felt on the Costa del Sol

GRANADA

:: **E. C. / A. N.** A magnitude 3.6 earthquake, with its epicentre 12 kilometres underground close to Alhama de Granada, was felt in Malaga and across towns in the Axarquía at 12.07pm on Wednesday afternoon with reports to the emergency services of a "huge jolt" in Torrox. No damage has been recorded.

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The rail link to reduce travelling time between Malaga and Seville has now been approved

Approval of the environmental impact study has opened the way for the contract to be put to tender in 2018

IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. The 'bypass' around Almodóvar del Río (Cordoba), the cheap solution to reduce the travelling time on the AVE high-speed trains between Malaga and Seville, has now been given the green light from an environmental point of view. It is considerably cheaper than the line which was started by the Junta de Andalucía and has now been abandoned.

A declaration of environmental impact (DIA) for the project has just been published by the government, and it supports 'Alternative A', which has been the favourite since the process began at the end of 2015.

This solution will cost about 23.2 million euros (32 million including the compulsory purchase of land), but will shorten the journey between the two cities by at least 20 minutes, to one hour 35 minutes.

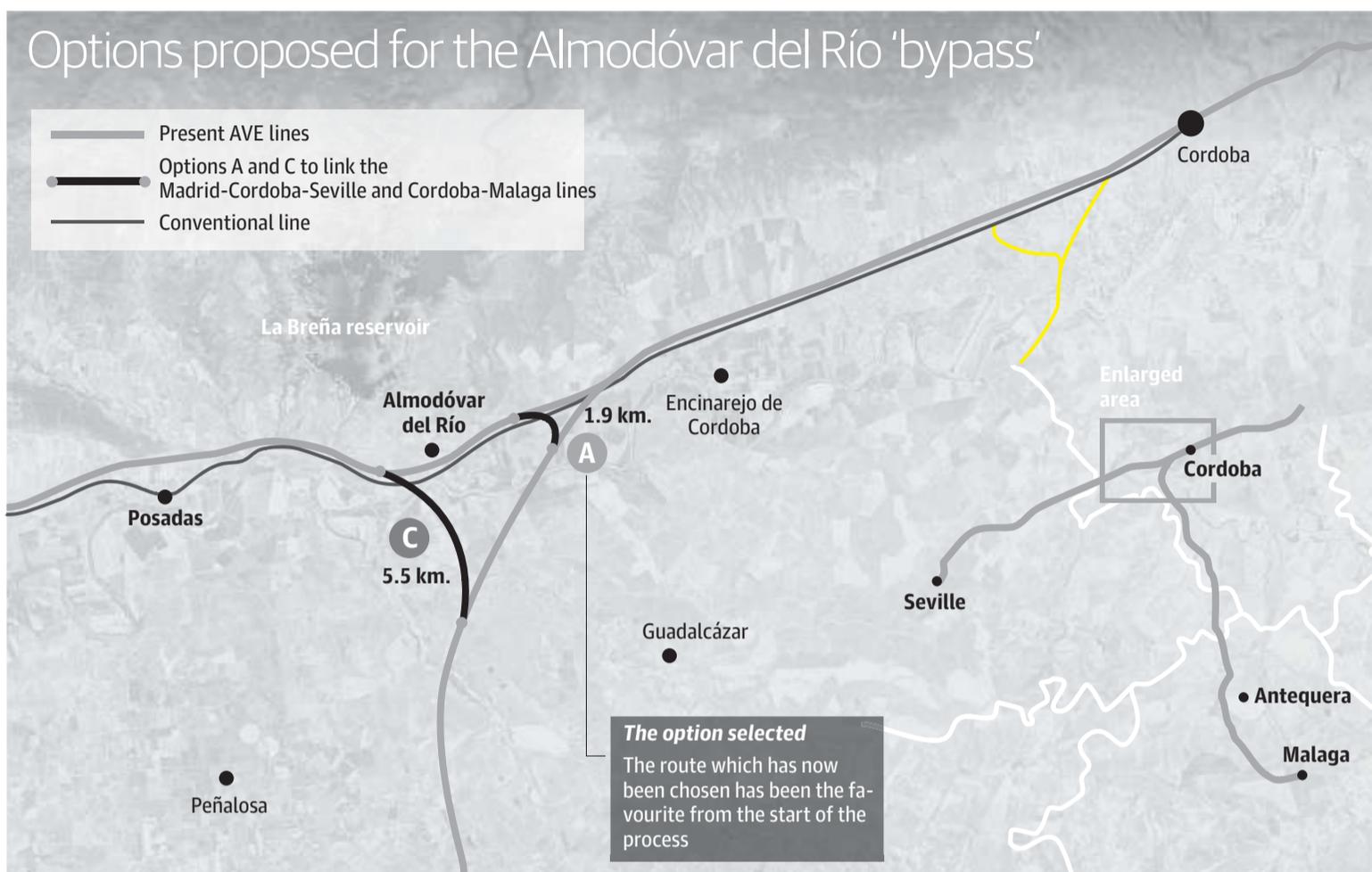
The contract can now be put to tender, and this will probably be done next year, as Spanish prime minister Mariano Rajoy indicated recently.

The document explains that the alternative which has been selected as the most favourable solution involves a new single-direction, electrified, international-width line, approximately 1.9 kms in length, with a maximum speed of 100 km/h.

It will start at kilometre point 363.239 on the high-speed Madrid-Seville line and connect with the Cordoba-Malaga line at kilometre point 5.270.

The plans also include a straightening of one kilometre of the Alcázar de San Juan-Cadiz line (on the conventional rail network), which runs parallel to the Madrid-Seville line.

"Alternative A is shorter, which means that fewer earth movement



The environmental report supports Alternative A, which was always the favourite

works will be necessary, and that in turn will minimise the impact during the works phase," says the study.

Also, although with alternative C (the other finalist) the impacts of the project would be minimised by using a viaduct to cross the Guadalquivir river, with alternative A the railway line passes further away and does not cross any protected land, so there should be no impact at all on conservation areas.

Wildlife

The land affected by the projected bypass is used for cultivation, with herbaceous and woody vegetation, and the wildlife species in that area are mainly steppe birds, hares, rabbits and field mice.

The environmental study indicated that this area is supposed to be associated with the presence of black vultures, but there was no sign of this being the case, nor did the environmentalists detect any presence of lynxes or imperial eagles in the area in question.

As a result of the study, the minister for the Environment has now decreed that the project for the high-speed railway line to bypass Almodóvar del Río is viable, because there is no visible indication of any significant adverse impacts on the area associated with the so-called Alternative A.

Hotels collect signatures to demand the coastal railway

MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA The hotel sector on the Costa del Sol says the area cannot afford to wait any longer for the railway line to be extended to Marbella and Estepona, and a petition has been organised to demand that the project be put into immediate effect.

The petition is already available in local hotels for clients to sign, and it will be presented to the government when at least half a million signatures have been collected.

Fernando Al Farkh, manager of Los Monteros hotel in Mar-

bella, one of the first to participate in the petition, says guests frequently comment on the fact that a tourist destination such as the Costa del Sol does not have better infrastructure, with no railway service west of Fuengirola and roads which become very congested, especially in the summer months.

Other sectors are also backing the demand for the long-awaited railway line to be extended as soon as possible, including business associations, tourism companies and community groups such as Rotary Clubs.

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Shock and disappointment in Malaga as Antonio Banderas pulls out of flagship cultural project

The Malaga actor was stung by the criticism over his ideas with architect José Seguí for the Astoria cinema site and plans for its future are now in chaos

:: SUR

MALAGA. It seemed a perfect marriage. The mayor of Malaga, Francisco de la Torre, had been given a winning idea for a building on the forever-controversial site of the old Astoria and Victoria cinemas in the city centre, and Antonio Banderas finally had an outlet for his dream of giving the city of his birth a major cultural centre.

However the dream very quickly turned sour this week, when the famous Hollywood actor, who has recently been spending a lot of time in Malaga, wrote a public letter in the daily Spanish SUR withdrawing his involvement in the iconic project.

It came after some opposition councillors had unsuccessfully tried to get the public competition he had won for the scheme cancelled and a storm of social media innuendo about unsubstantiated irregularities and fraud.

The site of the old Astoria cinema has been a long-standing thorn in the side of Malaga's mayor. The buildings, on the south-east side of the city's historic Plaza de la Merced, near Picasso's birthplace, have been empty and neglected since 2004. In 2010 the council bought them for 21 million euros with a view to creating a new cultural space.

Last year, a public competition was finally announced for an initial design concept for the site.

Over seventy entries were submitted and the judging panel reviewed them anonymously. When the winner's envelope was opened, to most



Seguí (left), Banderas and García (behind) with the mayor. :: S. SALAS



The Astoria site on Plaza de la Merced. :: N. SALAS

people's delight it was a scheme by architect José Seguí with the support of Antonio Banderas and Sandra García-Sanjuan, who is behind Marbella's Starlite festival.

The project focused on a venue for stage arts, including theatre, dance and music, in a mostly well-received, modernist design that some social media users nicknamed 'the glass microwave'. However, despite the euphoria, problems were already beginning. The competition was non-binding, in that the winner had the option to bid to go on and build and manage the project on a concessionary basis. Seguí and Banderas showed enthusiasm about going ahead in a further open competition.

Controversy grows

Malaga's mayor, Francisco de la Torre, courted controversy by seem-

ing to suggest that there should be no second-round open competition at all, so favouring Banderas.

He then changed the message to say that if there were to be one, it would be wise to choose people to build and run the site with "international stature".

This was perceived by many opposition councillors, most of whom supported the Banderas project, as unfair bias in favour of the actor in an open contest, some calling it "banderismo".

As the plans were two storeys higher than regulations permitted, there was also some unhappiness that the scheme was getting attention when other ideas for the site in previous years had been turned

QUOTES FROM BANDERAS' LETTER

► **Original motives.** "For a long time I've been thinking about launching a cultural project in Malaga. This city is where I was born, where I studied Dramatic Arts and where I started in the theatre, some 40 years ago." "I never thought that this project was a way for me to make money. What I've earned ... has been outside my homeland, fighting everyday in one of the most competitive places on earth, living in hotels, in airports, missing my kids growing up. I was coming here to spend it."

► **On pulling out.** "The chorus of voices that started against our project, inside and outside local politics, which didn't just criticise it, but entered into sarcasm, taking the mickey and, why not say it, nastiness, made me start to wonder if it was really worth risking so much." "Thank you to those who understand, apologies to those who don't."

down for being too high.

The vacillations of the councillors and a small but vociferous social media campaign against the plan have made the actor think again, to the shock and disappointment of the city.

People came to the defence of the project, unable to understand how the city "had wasted the opportunity". But the decision has been taken, as Banderas stated week.

The actor says he will look for another way to give Malaga a cultural legacy, but from the private sector, and the mayor will now have to look for other ideas for this eternally controversial site.



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Court to investigate allegations of criminal activity in Mijas racecourse management

A Mijas councillor reported the case after the municipal secretary spoke of “flagrant illegalities” at the racecourse

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. The management of the Mijas racecourse, the Hipódromo de la Costa del Sol, has come under further scrutiny this week after the public prosecutor sent allegations of criminal offences to a court for investigation.

After studying a report filed in February by Costa del Sol Sí Puede (CSSP, a Podemos-supported group) councillor, Francisco Martínez, the prosecution has found sufficient evidence to pass the case on to a court to investigate possible cases of “fraud, embezzlement and corrupt practice”,



Wednesday's special commission meeting in Mijas. :: I. GELIBTER

said judicial sources. In his allegations Martínez stated that he had received a report from the municipal secretary which spoke of a series of

allegedly illegal activity in connection with the management.

The report refers, among other points, to the increase of capital and

other activities carried out by the council-owned firm Recursos Turísticos Mijas, involving municipal land. The secretary's report also referred

to irregularities in the concession of the licence awarded for the construction of the racecourse due to the classification of the land in question.

The secretary's report, which used expressions such as “flagrant illegalities” said that the racecourse was “rented to the town hall”. In other words, according to the report, the local authority ended up paying the management an annual fee to have the use of a facility that it really owned.

The allegations point to 17 individuals, among them three former mayors, Agustín Moreno, Antonio Maldonado and Ángel Nozal.

Meanwhile, as the court investigates possible illegalities, on Wednesday Mijas town hall held a meeting of its own committee set up to investigate the racecourse. The members, who stressed that their committee is not a court and simply aims to shed light on the racecourse's situation, agreed to invite Agustín Moreno and Antonio Maldonado, as well as the former and current secretaries, to assist their inquiry. Their findings would then be passed on to the relevant authority, stated their president, planning councillor, Andrés Ruiz.

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Former boss of Puerto Marina 'paid himself extra 600 euros a month'

Investigator says that ex-councillor Francisco Salido ordered staff at the town-hall-owned port and that the former mayor, who he supported in coalition, approved the illegal action

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

BENALMÁDENA. An investigating judge has said that there is a case to answer against former councillors in Benalmádena for sanctioning illegal payments to the ex-boss of Puerto Marina, which the council owns.

According to court papers, in July 2011, former councillor of the Unión Centro Benalmádena party (UCB) and deputy mayor, Francisco Salido, ordered that he should be paid 600 euros expenses a month by the municipal company that runs the Puerto Marina port, a company that he was also in charge of.

The investigator's report says that he had no right to do this as the decision was made without the agreement of the shareholders of the municipal company and came on top of the 44,500 euros a month he already earned as deputy mayor and another 210 euros a month he already claimed in expenses.



Head of the Benalmádena port authorised his own expenses. :: FOTOLIA

The document goes on by explaining that eighteen months later, in December 2012, a board meeting of the Puerto Marina company allegedly waved through approval for the payments that Salido was making to himself. It claims that the mayor of Benalmádena at the time, Paloma García Gálvez, of the PP party, committed an offence by allowing the payment to be approved retrospectively by the board, when a full shareholders meeting should

have overseen the decision.

García had entered into coalition with Salido's UCB to force out the ruling PSOE party about the time the 'irregular' extra payments to him were approved by the Puerto Marina board.

A PSOE councillor on the port's board at the time said in the 2012 meeting that it was "totally illegal" to ratify the payment.

García has said that she is "calm" about the situation, claiming it was an administrative confusion.

Scandal over suspicious Mijas property auctions widens

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. Irregular property auctions carried out by officials at Mijas council could have started 37 years ago, say investigators.

The town hall commission set up to look into 'express auctions', led by Podemos's local councillor, Francisco Martínez, has asked for files going back to 1980.

"We have serious suspicions that the so-called 'express auction' case is just one part of the story," said the councillor. He added that he believes that properties bought by the council for "the people of Mijas" were given to others to use.

The problem arises as the coun-

cil has no accurate inventory of the properties it owns. "This municipality has made a real mess of this," he continued.

The case of 'express auctions' in Mijas came to light almost a year ago. Former PP mayor, Ángel Nozal, and his councillor for Finance, Mario Bravo, are being investigated over the auction of property at below market rates without following proper timescales. The council was selling the properties it had gained from people that owed it local taxes.

The investigation alleges that the two men had professional involvement in the property sector that could have influenced the sales.

Work starts on hiking path to join Torremolinos beach with the mountains

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

TORREMOLINOS. Work has started on opening up an 11-kilometre-long path stretching from Torremolinos' seafront through the town and into the mountains be-

hind. The Diputación provincial authority is funding the work.

The path, which will also allow bikes and horses on some of the route, will be called 'Camino del Agua' - the water route. It aims to link the Diputación's Senda Litoral (long-distance coastal path) with the Gran Senda, a circular route through Malaga province.

The cross-town route will be finished in June and the whole hike into the hills will take about four and a half hours to complete.

An outdoor exhibition in Plaza Costa del Sol explains the project.

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Cudeca launches second furniture outlet in Arroyo de la Miel

The shop sells second hand furniture, DVDs, books and decorative items

BY TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. The Cudeca Cancer Care Hospice opened its second charity furniture shop in Benalmádena last week. The new store, which is situated next to an existing Cudeca shop, will be the third in Arroyo de la Miel, bringing the total of Cudeca shops to 19 in the province of Malaga.

The official opening of the shop, which is in Calle Sierramar in Arroyo de la Miel, was attended by several officials from Benalmádena town hall, including Ana Scherman, councillor for foreign residents, and Irene Díaz, councillor for social welfare. Also present were Joan Hunt, founder of Cudeca, and Rafael Olalla, financial director.

The shop will sell second hand furniture, CDs and DVDs, books and decorative items.

Cudeca is happy to receive good quality furniture and has recently set up a special collection system

for furniture and household appliances that cannot be transported by the donator. The shop also offers a delivery service of items purchased in the new store. The delivery price ranges from 15 to 30 euros depending on the amount spent.

Those wishing to make use of the collection service can call 670 211 028, or arrange collection by email at muebles@cudeca.org

The shop is open from Monday to Friday from 10am until 1.30pm, and 5.30pm until 8.30pm. It will also open on Saturday morning from 10am and 1pm.



The new Cudeca furniture store in Arroyo de la Miel offers a collection and delivery service. **BY TONY BRYANT**



The new offices are situated in Plaza Andalucía. **BY TONY BRYANT**

Foreign residents can seek information and advice from new office in Torremolinos

BY T. BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. Torremolinos town hall has recently opened a new foreign residents' office in the centre of the town.

Previously, foreign residents were able to use an office housed in the town hall building in El Calvario, but the service has now been relocated to the tourist and cultural offices in Plaza de Andalucía.

The new office - which will be open Monday to Friday, from 9am until 2.30pm - provides information and assistance to foreign residents confronted with administrative paperwork.

This service will include information about the local population census (padrón), documentation and procedures for obtaining an

identification number (NIE), the processing of an opening licence for a new business, as well as information concerning taxes and social security. Residents can also request information concerning Spanish nationality, an option some British residents say they are considering following the Brexit decision.

Staff at the new office speak both Spanish and English and there are plans to expand the service into other languages later in the year. According to the official census data produced by the institute of statistics of Andalucía (IEA), more than 25 per cent of the population of Torremolinos is foreign, and more than 13 per cent of foreign residents come from the United Kingdom.



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Residents ask mayor to put wider breakwaters back to save beach

A Facebook group has attracted a lot of support for rebuilding pedestrian-access groynes on Marbella's La Fontanilla beach last seen in 1991

:: NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. Residents in Marbella have joined forces to try to get the mayor to agree to construct breakwaters on La Fontanilla beach similar to those the town had until 1991. They say it would be the perfect way to increase the amount of sand on Marbella's rapidly-eroding beaches.

The campaign comes after another winter of heavy storms has removed much of the sand from beaches near the centre of the town, including La Fontanilla, and at-

tempts to put the sand back have not been very successful.

The Espigones Transitables para Marbella - walkable breakwaters for Marbella - group has been set up and coordinated via Facebook, aiming to ask the council to build wide breakwaters with footpaths and seats on, similar to those that existed on the town's shores from the early 1970s to 1991.

Supporters claim that the substantial structures were excellent at collecting and trapping sand, as old photographs show, as well as providing much-used public space.

Spokesperson for the group, Miguel Lima said: "We don't just want our beaches back, we want those illuminated spaces with benches that went 150 to 200 metres out to sea, from where you could look back to the coast, meet



Old photograph of the breakwaters in the centre of Marbella. :: SUR

friends, fish or lie down and read a book."

The breakwaters were removed as residual effluent used to accumulate there, in a time when more raw waste used to enter the sea.

Two weeks ago, Marbella councillors met with government offi-

cials in Madrid to get more support for building breakwaters and an initial study is under way, however, for the moment, the 1970s-style structures are not being considered. With the work of the Facebook campaign, local residents hope to change the authorities' minds.

HERE AND THERE

First 'Stroll with a Hat' is a success in Marbella

MARBELLA

:: .N.C. Over 70 people took part in Marbella's first 'Stroll with a Hat' event last Sunday. Wearing their finest headgear, a group of hat lovers met to parade around the centre. The idea came from hat-designer Estibalitz Díaz de Durana and is based on New York's Easter parades. A similar event has been running in Barcelona for 13 years and this year attracted 2,000 people.



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Marbella will host an annual Ironman event until 2021

:: HÉCTOR BARBOTA

MARBELLA. The mayor of Marbella, José Bernal, has unveiled more details of the council's agreement to host an Ironman triathlon every year in the town until 2021.

Announcing plans alongside councillor for Sport, Blanca Fernán, Bernal said that each event will generate 12.5 million euros for the resort from the extra overnight stays

of the some 2,000 contestants and their families. In addition there will be a lot of extra publicity generated for Marbella.

The first event will be held on 29 April next year and will consist of a two-kilometre swim off Puerto Banús, a 90-kilometre bike race via Cártama and finally a 21-kilometre road race around the streets of Marbella.



The Mayor of Marbella and councillor for Sport. :: JOSELE-LANZA



ESTEPONA CELEBRATES SAN ISIDRO

Estepona was one of several towns and villages across Malaga province that took part in festivals and processions this week in honour of San Isidro Labrador, the patron saint of farmers. The procession through the streets of the town decorated with flowers, ferns and palm leaves stopped at the various altars on display as poems were read out and doves released into the air.

Malaga businessman named honorary consul

MALAGA

:: P. L. GÓMEZ. Malaga-born businessman Manuel Molina has been named honorary consul of Spain in Germany.

Born in Malaga in 1965, Molina moved to Frankfurt, where he took several senior management positions.

He then moved to Dresden, which is still the location of the headquarters of the TSS Group.

Big Data event returns to Malaga

MALAGA

:: SUR. Scientists and engineers from Google, Microsoft and Twitter are among more than 400 participants to take part in the international 'J On The Beach' event, which has returned to Malaga.

The event sees computer technology companies come together to discuss Big Data, data that is too large to be processed using traditional software.

La Herradura boutique hotel should be open in time for summer

Promoters of the new establishment, who also own La Caleta Bay hotel, promise guests excellent and personalised customer service

:: JENNIE RHODES

LA HERRADURA. A new boutique hotel, the Peña Parda Bay, named after its predecessor, the Hostal Peña Parda, as well as the beach on which it is located, is due to open its doors in time for the summer season.

The hotel will boast 18 en suite rooms and two restaurants and will provide "the services expected of a boutique category hotel, like personalised service and excellent customer service," said promoter, Manuel López.

The La Caleta Bay Hotels group already owns the La Caleta Bay boutique hotel, also in La Herradura.



Mayor Trinidad Herrera visited the site last Tuesday. **:: SUR**

Trinidad Herrera, Mayor of Almuñécar, to which La Herradura belongs, said during a visit to the site on Tuesday, that the hotels are important as they "bring employment

and wealth to the town".

The Peña Parda Bay, which retains the roof and columns of its predecessor, will have an investment of almost three million euros.

Town hall considers IBI reductions in cleanup bid

Vélez-Málaga councillors have suggested proposals including higher fines, community service and a dog DNA register

:: AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Vélez-Málaga town hall has released details of a proposal aimed at cleaning up the town's streets, which include reductions in IBI (annual council tax) for residents who take large items of household waste to recycling centres (punto limpio).

The five-point proposal comes as the local council attempts to encourage people not to leave unwanted items of household furniture on the roadside by rubbish and recycling containers. The current law states that items may be left on specific days, providing cleaning company, Althenia, has been advised. According to deputy



Furniture left on the street. **:: SUR**

mayor, Marcelino Méndez-Trelles, IBI reductions could be between 15 and 70 euros. Other measures include a dog DNA register to catch dog faeces offenders as well as tighter fines and community service for residents who do not adhere to the timings for throwing out household waste.

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Troublesome dolphins cause losses for fishing industry

:: EFE

CALETA DE VÉLEZ. The fishing industry in Caleta de Vélez asked for help on Wednesday in the fight against an invasive species of dolphin, known as the Malayo, which has proliferated in the area in recent years. Fishermen claim that the dol-

phins wait until nets are full and then help themselves to the catches, leading to heavy financial losses for an industry already in crisis. Fishermen have called for an investigation into the species, with recommendations as to how to deal with the problem.



The Malayo dolphins are a threat to the fishing industry. **:: EFE**

HERE AND THERE



BRITISH RESIDENT'S BOOK DONATION

Nerja resident, John Victor Day, originally from Leicester, responded to Nerja Museum's call for donations by delivering 200 books on history and architecture earlier this week. Museum director, Juan Baptista Salada Escaño, said, "I was delighted when John came to the museum with his donation. The books are all written by revered historians and archaeologists." The museum hopes to open a library in early 2018.

New hospital road 90 per cent completed

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

:: A. P. The new road connecting the hospital in Torre del Mar and the Juan Carlos I avenue is 90 per cent complete and set to open soon, according to Diputación leader, Elías Bendodo, and Vélez-Málaga councillors, who visited the site last Friday. The road has been built to relieve traffic on the Avenida del Sol, the only existing access road.

Residents complain over bridge closure

NERJA

:: E. C. Despite prior warning and public approval, the current closure of the old bridge, one of Nerja's main access points to the west of the town, has generated a high number of complaints by residents. The bridge will be closed for approximately one month in order to stabilise the structure, which dates back to the 19th century.

American College in Spain becomes international centre for Florida-based university

The agreement signed by the two institutions coincided with the second Broward College World Conference that was held in Marbella

:: SUR

MARBELLA. The president of Broward College in Florida, J. David Armstrong Jr, and the founder of The American College in Spain (ACS), Melissa Butler, signed an agreement last Thursday that established the Marbella-based institution as an International Transfer Center of Broward College.

The signing of the agreement, which coincided with the second Broward College World Conference in the town, now means that stu-

dents who enroll at ACS will be automatically enrolled at Broward College, allowing them to transfer directly to other universities in the United States after completing two years of a degree in Marbella.

Butler stated that this "is a very important agreement" for ACS as it gives them formal recognition as one of the many partners that Broward College has established relations with internationally, many of whom attended this year's world conference.

The founder of ACS also underlined the importance of the agreement for young foreign athletes who often come to Marbella to train, given that they will now have an opportunity to combine their training with studies for two years in Spain before applying for

scholarships from American universities after transferring.

Armstrong also lauded the partnership between the two institutions that will result in students "receiving the same American education that is available in so many other countries around the world."

Ricardo López from Marbella town hall and Elías Bendodo, the president of Turismo Costa del Sol, both praised ACS for their work, with the latter, who was unable to attend the meeting, stating in a letter that this type of education "enriches the cultural interchange that characterises the south of Europe."

The world conference was also supported by Malaga town hall, whose mayor Francisco de la Torre welcomed representatives from the Florida-based university on their cultural visit of the city.



Representatives of Broward College with the mayor of Malaga, Francisco de la Torre. :: SUR



Bendodo and García Urbano at the path's opening. :: C. MÁRQUEZ

New stretch of coastal path opened in Estepona

Another 400 metres has been added to the municipality's 14 kilometres of pathway

:: CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. The opening of a new 400-metre stretch of Estepona's coastal path on Friday means that 60 per cent of the municipality's 23-kilometre-long coastline is now connected.

The new walkway, funded by a private company, which is building homes in the area, at a cost of 400,000 euros, runs between the Andalucía Beach and El Velerín areas.

Mayor of Estepona, José María García Urbano, said that the new

addition means that five kilometres of the town's eastern coastline is now connected continually and highlighted that the area has gained a green space, with the company pledging to plant trees wherever the terrain allows.

Provincial authority president, Elías Bendodo, applauded the company's help, saying: "Let's hope that more private entities commit to this fantastic project and take the burden off public administrations."

The town hall has another 700 metres of coastal path in the pipeline, with construction of three new stretches (in Punta de la Plata, from El Roquero to Punta Doncella and from Hacienda Beach to La Chiminea) set to start soon.

Roundabout to be built to ease traffic flow at known black spot

:: C. MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. Construction is set to begin on a new roundabout in Estepona to help eliminate one of the town's road traffic black spots.

It will be built at the junction

of Avenida Juan Carlos I and Calle África, a crossroads currently controlled by traffic lights which, according to Infrastructure councillor Ana Velasco, "slows the flow of traffic".

The works will not be limited to the roundabout alone; public utilities will be renewed, while the pavement will be widened and garden areas will be planted.

A total of 38 businesses are vying for the contract which has been put out to tender with a budget of 362,294 euros.



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HERE AND THERE

Campillos drinking water supplied by tanker trucks

CAMPILLOS

:: **F. TORRES.** Campillos council has had to take extreme measures to combat the town's water shortage, calling upon tanker trucks to deliver 75 tonnes of drinkable water to the town's reservoirs, after the majority of the town went five days without supply this week. Mayor Francisco Guerrero has

criticised the regional government for not fulfilling their duty to modernise the piping system that supplies the town with water, which "has not worked properly for years".

The provincial government has set aside 600,000 euros to spend on improving one kilometre of the piping, however this work will not begin until September, and therefore it is expected that tanker trucks will be employed to deliver drinking water to Campillos until autumn.



One of the tanker trucks that brought water on Tuesday. :: F. TORRES

New hospital to get mains power by year's end

GUADALHORCE VALLEY

:: **F. JIMÉNEZ.** The new Guadalhorce Valley hospital is set to get its long-awaited connection to mains power by the end of the year after the provincial government agreed to pay the 500,000 euros for the 1.7-kilometre-long power lines.

This will allow the hospital to fully open in 2018 after frequent power cuts have blighted service since its partial opening in June 2016.

Yet more traffic confusion at Malaga airport's drop off zone

Further changes to the drop off zone outside departures at Malaga airport brought lengthy traffic queues around terminal three on Tuesday

IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. Aena, the Spanish airport authority, have set out five new entrances for vehicles to access the 'express' car park at Malaga airport, which is located outside terminals two and three, after finalising the work to the road outside departures.

However, rather than alleviating congestion, as was intended, the change caused extended queues which reached such a length that security eventually lifted the barriers at the car park's entrance completely.

The express car park was originally created to facilitate the dropping off process with 300 parking spaces, where drivers can park for free, for up to 15 minutes. There are five entrances and seven exits to the car park which were installed in order to avoid jams like the one seen on Tuesday. However, if drivers stay longer than 15 minutes, they have to pay for the full duration of their



Queues at the entrance of the 'express' car park on Tuesday. :: SUR

stay, which has been a cause of confusion for some, and has meant that the new changes have led to more disruption.

Aena reiterates that the new system has been designed to complement the reorganisation of all the roads surrounding the airport's terminals, after last summer saw frequent tailbacks. The authority also insists that the system, similar to those employed at Alicante and Bilbao airports, overall makes the dropping off process easier, and accept that the barriers may have to be lifted occasionally, like they were on Tuesday, when there is heavy traffic flow.

However, the new system has received a lot of criticism, most notably from many car hire companies whose customers are forced to use this system too. Félix Pinar, president of the association of car hire businesses in Andalucía, described the queues on Tuesday as "worrying", considering it was only a week day, which does not bode well for the high season. "Our clients were ringing us worried that they would miss their flight and so just left the cars anywhere they could. This situation is unheard of for an airport like Malaga's, we are creating a very bad impression," he complained.

More than 400 artefacts stolen from private collection about to be made a museum

The Felguera family's quest to share their private collection has been setback by the theft of hundreds of "priceless items"

FERNANDO TORRES

CAMPILLOS. The Guardia Civil are investigating the theft of more than 400 historical artefacts from a private collection in Campillos.

For three years the Felguera family have been preparing to open the Campillos Museo del Coleccionista. In fact, Idefonso Felguera had dedicated his life to bringing together pieces from the Visigothic period to the start of the 20th century and was ready to share his collection in what would be a "free and altruistic" tourist attrac-

tion for everyone.

However, as Baltasar Felguera told SUR: "Someone, on 22 April, took advantage of the windy conditions to break into the museum and take priceless items."

Specifically, a collection of 300 coins from several periods, plus around a hundred other items including vases and a Visigothic clasp, preserved in its entirety.

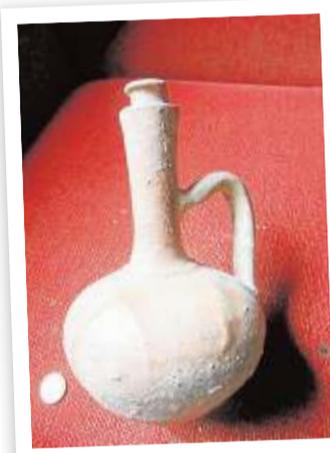
The crime was reported to both the Local Police and the Guardia

Civil and it is the latter that is leading the investigation which, for the time being, has not led to any arrests.

"We've also warned other museums, as well as other associations in the area, to be on guard," he said.

Because of the setback, the family has called off the

opening which was scheduled for August.



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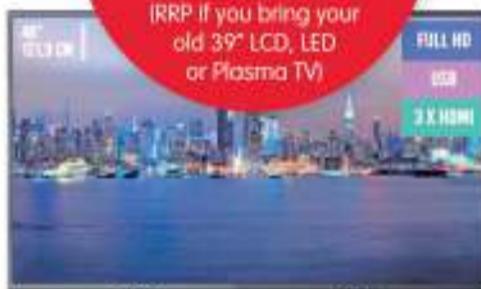
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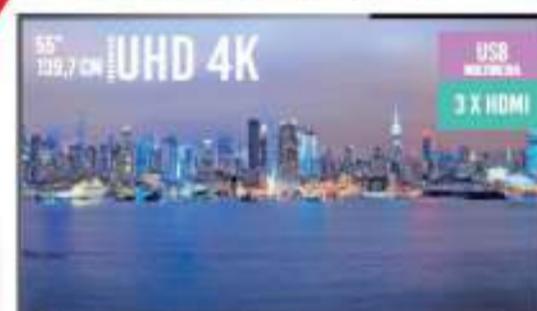
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FINAL STRAIGHT IN RACE TO BE NEXT LEADER OF THE PSOE

This Sunday, 21 May, sees the primary elections for the new leader of the PSOE socialist party. Party members will choose between three candidates for the position, which has been vacant since last October. A conference in June will ratify the decision. Taking part in a leadership debate this week were Susana Díaz, presidente de la Junta de Andalucía, Patxi López, former speaker in parliament and Pedro Sánchez, former party leader. Díaz and Sánchez are the two favourite candidates with opposed visions of the party's future.



IN BRIEF

Six fired for 'refusing to wear miniskirt at work'

SEVILLE

Six women have been forced to leave their jobs after refusing to wear a new uniform.

The workers at the petrol station in La Carlota, near Cordoba, had been asked by the owners to wear a miniskirt as part of the fresh look. The managers said that the women could wear leggings under the skirt if they wanted to.

Bosses at the AVIA network of filling stations, which this station is a member of, have launched an investigation, saying its formal uniform doesn't include a skirt.

The Junta de Andalucía is providing advice to those affected.



The new uniform. :: EFE

Spain counts the cost of last week's cyber attacks on 'key strategic' organisations

No official details were released of the companies affected, however Telefónica's main office was among those hit by the global computer virus

:: SUR

MALAGA. Last week's global cyber attack saw the WannaCrypt ransomware virus make its way into several strategically important companies in Spain, including main telecommunications provider, Telefónica.

The Spanish government acknowledged that the damage caused by the malicious software, which targets computers that use out-of-date versions of Microsoft Windows, affected more firms than initially expected, with around ten

companies in strategic industries thought to have been hit.

While the government refused to release the names of those companies for fear of another attack against them, sources believed that power stations and firms involved with public transport and communication suffered the most damage from the hackers. These had failed to install an anti-virus software 'patch' made available by Microsoft in March for "bureaucratic reasons".

Incibe, the national institute of cyber security, identified just under 1,200 computers that have been attacked nationally by the less aggressive 'A' variant of the WannaCrypt virus. This was the variant that a 22-year-old computer expert from the UK was able to stop spreading further last weekend.

However cyber security compa-



Telefónica's Madrid HQ. :: EFE

nies in Spain pointed out that the stronger 'B' strain of the virus doesn't have an easy way to deactivate it and this is the strain that was believed to have infected computers at Telefónica's large head office complex in Madrid.

The government announced on Tuesday that it had no official statistics to indicate the scale of the attack with stronger strains like type B, and neither did it have the solution to retrieve all the locked data belonging to businesses across the country.

Telefónica's head of security, Chema Alonso, said that "all was under control" and the scale of the infection at the company had been more of a media invention than reality.

Reports suggested that the attack may have been carried out by a criminal group with links to North Korea. The virus, which also hit many organisations worldwide, including Britain's NHS, blocks users' computers and hijacks their files, demanding payment to unblock them.

Catalonian history textbooks questioned

MADRID

Spain's education secretary, Marcial Marín, has asked education inspectors "for a complete report" into whether some school textbooks in Catalonia break current rules. Spain's different regions are responsible for approving course materials used in schools, causing inconsistency. Recently academics have expressed concern that the version of Catalan history being taught in the region is "excessively nationalistic".

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Brexit shows how politics often battles with economics and the law over having the last word.

The British government's decision to trigger Article 50 was politically expedient, but the courts had to tell them to share that with Parliament. That started a process which puts technicalities and defending the interests of the remaining members first. Trade comes second, and what the UK buys from them is worth just 3% of their combined GDP.

When it comes to the law, it has long been clear that the EU27 would stick to the treaties, especially the four indivisible freedoms. When it comes to economics, Britain's exports will need to remain subject to EU regulations, just as key sectors will continue to use migrants. Politics is going to



BALANCE OF POWER

have to accommodate that. These were referendum battlegrounds and voters have only been sporadically softened up to make these options more acceptable.

None of this would matter if the European Court ends up ruling that the UK can withdraw its withdrawal without permission from the rest of the EU, but that would create obvious different risks for the UK government. These include

losing its political cover of being able to blame the EU for a bad deal given it could remain instead.

Putting all other politics to one side, the reality is that Brexit will happen and it will require the original UK lines on our future EU relationship to become less red. This would not only help the economy. After the Great Repeal Bill changing EU legislation could completely occupy Parliament if

the UK recreates every supervisory regime that removes barriers across goods and services, and even beyond the EU. Regulations (instead of Acts) require less work but Constitutional law limits their use. Thus, keeping most current EU law will allow more legislative election promises to be fulfilled. The benefits of that should outweigh the costs given that power relies on having the capacity to deliver, so there are consequences if policy is stalled, especially if economic conditions also impact on spending commitments (and household incomes). While a government majority after June should get the EU withdrawal agreement through Parliament, without a people's vote, it will matter less in 2022 once the UK has done the deal and more focus is back on Westminster.

Much could depend on what this week's manifestos say exactly but also on who the voters are. The winning party will not be relying solely on its traditional support and that means it will have to manage conflicting priorities.

More importantly, while politics is the art of influencing people, people's choices are not always rational. That is an eventuality that economics and the law are better designed to deal with, and it is when they can help politics out. That balanced (if not harmonious) relationship between the three will be needed a lot over the course of Brexit, instead of just more fighting talk.

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

How will the general election result affect the prospects of Britons living in EU member states?

RACHAEL BREAKS

MALAGA. Each of the UK's major political parties released their manifestos this week, ahead of the general election on 8 June. No party has outlined a clear-cut strategy for guaranteeing the rights of UK nationals residing in EU countries in their manifesto. However the Brexit deal each party promises to fight for varies significantly, and each version could affect Britons living abroad differently.

Labour's manifesto does promise to "secure rights for UK citizens who have chosen to make their lives in EU countries," but does not explain how.

The Conservatives have refused to accept 'free movement' of EU citizens into post-Brexit Britain, which potentially makes expatriates' futures in EU countries less certain, as many political commentators expect the EU to retaliate. However, in her letter to Donald Tusk, Theresa May did say "there are many UK citizens living elsewhere in the European Union, and we should aim to strike an early agreement about their rights."

In stark contrast, Tim Farron has stated that the LibDems are focusing on the possibility of not leaving the EU at all, which if realised, would of course remove any uncertainty surrounding the futures of Britons living abroad.



Farron speaking this week. :: SUR

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'Plusvalía' tax should not be charged if a property loses value

The Constitutional Court has decided that the law needs to be changed to stop councils applying this land added-value tax whenever a property changes hands

by **NURIA TRIGUERO**

MALAGA. The Constitutional Court has finally issued its anxiously-awaited ruling about the 'plusvalía' tax, applied by all councils in Spain, finding in favour of the taxpayer: it says it is unconstitutional for the tax, based on hypothetical changes in land value, to be charged where a property is sold for less than it was purchased.

The court decision, which was unanimous, has opened the way for an avalanche of similar claims by people who have had to pay this tax in the past four years.

The decision is dated 11 May and it refers to a case lodged in Jerez in September last year, by a developer who bought land in 2003 to build 73 houses. The project ran into difficulties and Unicaja repossessed the properties, judging them to be worth 50 per cent of their original value. Nevertheless, Jerez council still charged the developer 'plusvalía' land added-value tax on the transaction.

Upon hearing the court decision, the minister for Finance, Cristóbal Montoro, said that the court decision had come "at an interesting time," because the government is already looking into council financing, and that the cancellation of this tax in certain cases is "an opportunity to improve the taxation system." However, the Hacienda tax authority is unlikely to be enthusiastic about the change, because it will mean lower income for councils and will therefore affect their budgets.



Thousands of people will now be able to claim a refund. :: SUR

Around 35,000 in the province will be entitled to a refund

by **N. TRIGUERO**

MALAGA. About 35,000 people in Malaga province will be entitled to claim a refund of 'plusvalía' tax, according to an estimate by the Tinsa valuation company.

Nationally, Tinsa believes the tax has been wrongly charged on about 550,000 property transactions, and points out that these are not just sales: the court decision also applies to gifts, exchanges and inheritance.

Malaga will be the fourth province in which the court decision will have the most impact, after Madrid, Barcelona and Alicante.

How will town halls respond

to the court decision, and how should people apply for a refund if they believe they should not have been charged this tax on a property transaction? Joaquín López Avellaneda, a lawyer with Cuatrecasas, says that is a major question.

"In all probability, councils will probably continue to charge 'plusvalía' tax right up to the moment when the law is actually changed. If that is the case, and people are told they have to pay land added-value tax on a property transaction, they should do so and then claim it back when the law is in force," he says.

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A TOUGH SELL

Spain's recently unveiled proposals for deeper integration within the eurozone highlight one of the 19-member bloc's fundamental problems - namely, that its most wealthy countries resent subsidising the poorer ones. In a paper submitted to the EU in February, but only released by the Spanish ministry of economy this week, Mariano Rajoy's conservative government argues for a common banking union, a shared unemployment scheme and mutualised debt among countries that use the single currency. The document reveals that Spain is calling for more eurozone integration than both France and Germany - the two countries likely to put up the most resistance to its request for greater financial support from Brussels.

New French president Emmanuel Macron has already indicated that he is against debt mutualisation - presumably with countries like Italy (debt: 132% of GDP) and Greece (debt: 177% of GDP) in mind more than Spain, whose 99% debt-to-GDP is only three per cent higher than France's 96%. Germany has also repeatedly declared itself in opposition to a similar notion of joint Eurobonds - EU debt vehicles that would result in shared liabilities among eurozone members.

You can well imagine, then, what these two countries will make of Spain's suggestion of a common unemployment insurance scheme. As of December last year, France's unemployment was at 10% and Germany's was at just 3%. Although much reduced

from a crisis-high of 26% in 2013, Spain's jobless rate is still the second highest in the EU (after Greece), at 18%. Inevitably, if the eurozone's most affluent members paid into a mutual insurance scheme used to support the EU's unemployed, most of the funds would be directed abroad - a fact which makes the proposal a tough sell for Rajoy's government, to say the least.

Spain must also bear in mind that greater integration within the eurozone works both ways. It can only reasonably expect increased financial support from Brussels - because that is essentially what it's asking for - if it makes greater efforts to meet the EU's fiscal targets, especially its budgetary targets. And questionable as these are (is it really a good idea to impose a 3% deficit limit on all EU countries, regardless of the varying strength of their economies?), Rajoy's government has a woeful track record here, having failed to meet Brussels' deficit-reduction goals every year it's been in office.

The wider context of Spain's appeal for economic reform within the EU is, of course, the very future of the soon-to-be 27-member bloc itself. Few would (or should) doubt that the EU project needs seriously rethinking and restructuring, and indeed Spain's ability to influence reform will be strengthened by its importance in the upcoming Brexit negotiations. The great question for a post Brexit Europe, though, is whether the deeper fiscal integration proposed by Spain will strengthen it or destroy it altogether.

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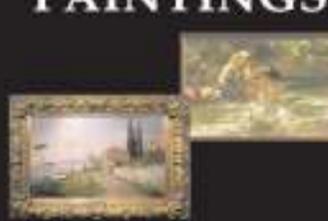
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Cybersecurity conference to take place on Sunborn on 13 June

This is the first conference of its type in Gibraltar and it promises to be of interest to everybody, even those with little experience

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. The timing is coincidental, but after last week's Wannacry ransomware caused havoc with computer systems of major companies and institutions around the world, including parts of the British NHS, cybersecurity is very much on many people's minds right now.

Gibraltar's first Cyber Security Summit will be taking place on June 13 on the Sunborn floating hotel, and is organised in association with the Royal Gibraltar Police. The event will include a wide range of specialist speakers from public and private cybersecurity organisations as well as government and police representatives, along with the National Crime Agency, FBI, GCHQ and Europol. Renowned cyber security experts such as Dr Danny Dresner, Rik Ferguson, Jenny Radcliffe and Richard de Vere will also be taking part, together with many others.

This is not just a conference for the technically competent: cyber security concerns virtually anybody in business as well as individuals who want to avoid serious hacking, which is reaching increasingly high levels.

The day will consist of presentations, video shows, hack demon-



The Sunborn is the venue for the Cyber Security Day. **SUNBORN HOTELS**

strations, advice, best practice solutions, dark web, and a series of exhibition stands from specialist companies, lunch, refreshments, cocktails and entertainment.

Some of the subjects that will be featured include devices and mobiles, from phones to drones, social media and apps, human nature, staff vulnerabilities, protecting personal and business reputations, what you can do to protect yourself, local and global issues, network protection, GDPR, business continuity solutions, as well

as family protection.

This promises to be a colourful 21st century event to provide advice and warnings about cyber security threats, in a way which is easily understood. It will be invaluable for businesses, organisations of different types and individuals who use the internet or even just have an email account.

Full details including ticket prices are available on the organisers' website: www.gibcyber.com

For further information please email: gibcyber@protonmail.com

IN BRIEF



Happy after a successful rescue. **SUR**

Young man rescued from Europa Point

GIBRALTAR

D. BARTLETT Officers from the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service were called to assist a young man who got stuck while climbing down Europa Point on Tuesday evening.

Several members of the rescue team were deployed, and a rope rescue rig was set up at the top of

the Europa Point promenade. The youth, who was unhurt, was lowered together with a fire fighter to the area below and was none the worse for his ordeal.

However, the Fire and Rescue Service is advising people to be very cautious at all times when venturing around Gibraltar. "Climbing or descending cliffs is extremely dangerous and could have very serious consequences," they said in a statement after Tuesday's incident.

Festival of Flavours at Ocean Village

GIBRALTAR

D.B. A must for food lovers: Ocean Village is preparing a two-day gastronomy festival this weekend, 20 and 21 May, and ten local restaurants will be taking part by demonstrating how to cook their signature dishes. There will also be stalls along the promenade selling delicious goodies. The festival begins at 11.30am on both days, and also marks the start of a two-week Tapas Route.

Royal Anglian Regiment parade on Saturday

GIBRALTAR

D.B. The Royal Anglian Regiment, which was granted the Honorary Freedom of the City of Gibraltar in November 2016, will be exercising that freedom by marching up Main Street on Saturday morning. Before doing so, they will be inspected by Her Worship the Mayor, Kaiane Aldorino Lopez GMH in John Mackintosh Square. The general public are invited to watch both events.

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Treatment of the elderly

Your articles regarding the treatment of old people were most interesting and especially that the Junta de Andalucía is sympathetically involved.

My partner is 84 years of age and disabled by three strokes.

We applied to the Junta in June 2016 for a disabled parking permit.

Ten months later (last month) they refused, never a call, no examination, no contact whatsoever, just ten months to reply. I feel that this is unreasonable treatment by the Junta, especially in a health situation.

JAMES A. BINYON
MIJAS PUEBLO

Hospital thanks

I just came out of the Costa del Sol hospital after being in for 12 days.

I have had cancer since 2004 and am still fighting it. I have to say they are fantastic. I have had great treatment. The doctors and nurses are fantastic.

I'm blessed to have been here over the last 12 days. My kidneys gave in and they worked on everything. It's being a hard

time but the support I got from everybody, family and friends was fantastic. Every morning I heard, "Hola Dolores". Every morning they cheered me up; I cannot tell you how good they all were.

Thank you all for all you did for me. I'm home now and feel good thank God. I need to get walking again now. I'll start today - the fight is on. Thank you so much.

DOLORES RAINSBURY
FUENGIROLA

THIS
WEEK'S
WINNING
LETTER

Above or below

HÉCTOR BARBOTTA

If it weren't for the fact that such irresponsible behaviour could have caused a major tragedy, the news this week of the man who drove four kilometres the wrong way down the motorway to avoid paying the toll might give rise to humorous reflections. I'm sure the incident really has more to do with the driver's mental health than the price of the AP-7 between Fuengirola and Manilva, but something like this was waiting to happen on what becomes Spain's dearest toll road in the summer.

The management of the AP-7 operates a very unusual tariff policy, with the approval of a government that believes that if a road of this kind stops being profitable taxpayers' money can be used for the bailout. The State has not yet done this with the AP-7 because it is the drivers who are saving the infrastructure every summer and Easter. The toll hikes show how their criteria

are guided by the law of markets rather than the idea of a public service. It is at these times of year, when the old road is most congested and therefore most dangerous, that rather than encouraging the use of the toll road, they are charging prohibitive tariffs. Coaches pay 34% more and cars and minibuses 65% more than at other times of year. Road safety - for those who can afford it.

Meanwhile the rest pile on to the old 'autovia' with its 80 kph speed limit and many dangerous junctions. The toll motorway only slightly increases its volume of traffic, while the management's income shoots up. What widens is the gap between those who can afford to drive above and those forced to stay below. A disaster as far as road safety is concerned, but an excellent metaphor for the social horizon we are heading towards.

Water palaver

PETER EDGERTON
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A few years back, the water was cut off for four days in the flat I was living in - a quite miserable experience, compounded by the fact that none of it was in any way my fault. Well, blow me down, if same thing didn't happen yesterday, but this time with one big difference - the suffering was all self-inflicted.

The pub has so many standing orders and regular payments ping-pong in and out (mostly out) of its corresponding bank account that there comes a point that it all becomes a bit of a blur. Consequently, the fact that I overlooked setting up a standing order for the water bill when I first changed apartment last year went completely unnoticed. Add this to a disastrous postal service round these parts and you've the perfect storm.

The surprising thing is, the water bills went unpaid for a whole year before the company finally turned the taps off.

The woman on the other end of the phone was very sympathetic and understanding.

"I'm afraid you must have overlooked changing the account to your name when you moved. It happens a lot."

"Yes, I think you're right - it's my own fault. So, erm, how much is outstanding exactly?"

I braced myself, wondering if I'd need to remortgage my house to pay it all.

"Sixty four euros eighty six."

"I beg your pardon, madam. Are you implying that I never shower?"

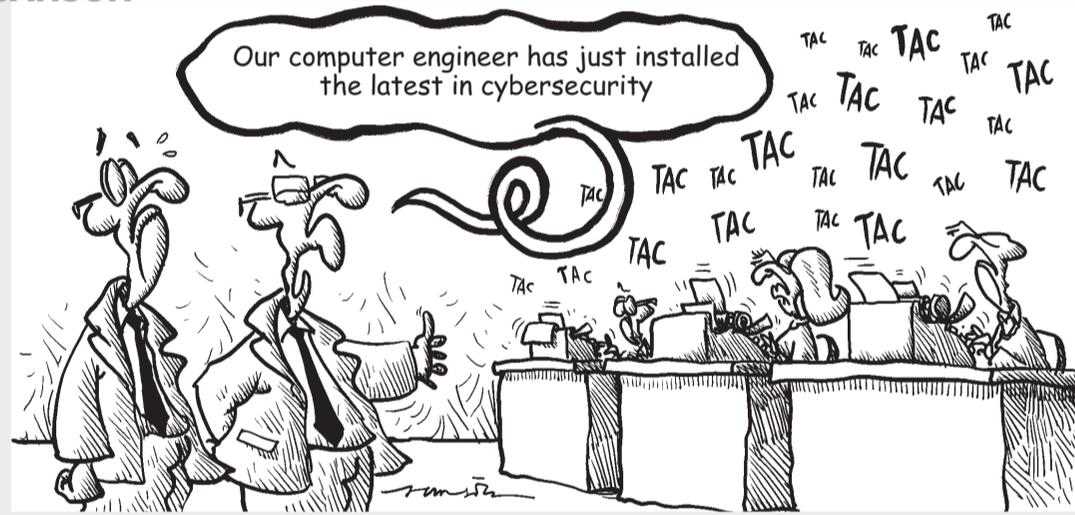
(Well, I didn't sat that last bit but I did wonder what she must be thinking.) Still, it was the only silver lining in the whole affair

because never has the maxim "You don't miss the water until the well runs dry" seemed so utterly appropriate. When they cut the supply off, it means, for example, that you can't cook or clean; but that's enough of the misery. You also can't shower or use the toilet or slurp water straight from the kitchen tap like blokes do when their wives aren't home (or maybe that's just me?).

Tomorrow, I'm off to the water company to try to sort it all out and the very helpful woman insisted I should have my water back on by three in the afternoon if I go nice and early.

One thing's for sure - there won't be much of a queue. I won't have showered for more than thirty six hours by the time I get there - a surefire guarantee that I'll get the place to myself.

SANSÓN

The place with
no weather

RACHEL HAYNES

Spain's Iberian neighbour has shown that it can produce more than tanned footballers this week. Yes, Portugal finally added a Eurovision Song Contest win to its achievements, reminding the rest of Europe that part of this peninsula we now call home is not Spain and was certainly proud of that in Kiev on Saturday night.

Portugal is so different from Spain despite sharing the same piece of land, and not just in its choice of Eurovision entries. They have the right time for a start, which perhaps ex-

plains why they eat lunch and dinner earlier than their neighbours; and they don't dub every film and TV show imported from abroad. This original version watching must surely improve the Portuguese people's understanding and pronunciation of English. Academics must have studied this with graphs and tables but my evidence lies in one word: get a Spanish child and a Portuguese child together and ask them to pronounce Spiderman and you'll see what I mean.

This beautiful country sits half surrounded by its great neighbour,

but it doesn't seem intimidated by Spain, simply fond of it and politely enthusiastic about its culture, gastronomy and monuments.

Spain, however, seems to ignore Portugal. When you hear someone in Spain talking about their closest neighbours, they're more likely, in my experience, to be referring to France, not Portugal.

However the most annoying lack of recognition lies in the TV weather reports. The forecaster stands in front of the map of the Iberian peninsula with its entire coastline clearly marked out.

However viewers find that the weather stops south of Galicia and west of Extremadura and Andalucía. Would it really be that difficult for them to add a couple more rain clouds, suns and temperatures in that empty space, even though it's not home territory?

I hope Portugal enjoys its unexpected spot in the limelight this week, for once shining bright above its neighbour, weather or no weather.

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Spain's disgraced Eurovision contestant apologises to fans and lies low until the shower of criticism following his last-place performance passes

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MADRID. Not only did Spain's entry in last Saturday's Eurovision Song Contest final come last, it did so in style. Not only did Manel Navarro and his song Do It For Your Lover get zero points from the professional juries and just five from the viewers' votes, his performance will be remembered for that high note that didn't quite do what it should have done.

"I'm sorry if I let you down. I assure you that I am more disappointed with myself than anyone for missing a note that I had under control, just at the most important moment



Manel Navarro, during his Eurovision performance in Kiev on Saturday. :: EUROVISION

of my career," he said on Tuesday, revealing his feelings of both sadness and shame.

Since Saturday's performance of the song that has been described since then as unsuitable for the contest and which certainly did no favours for Navarro, the Catalan singer has been pulled apart in thousands of memes flying around social media.

Many of them made references to a 'gallo', a cockerel in Spanish and also a term used to describe a bum note.

The 40 Principales music radio presenter Xavi Martínez, who had backed Navarro throughout his process to Eurovision, also admitted that Spain's entry had been a fiasco and even accepted part of the blame. Martínez had been accused of unfairly favouring his 'protégé' when he was a member of the jury on the show Objetivo Eurovisión, put on to select the country's act, by giving minimum points to Mirela, who was the favourite to represent the country in Kiev.

Meanwhile Navarro is keeping his head down until the storm blows over. "Yesterday I went out in a hood and glasses. I went out to buy dinner and to the cash machine as discreetly as possible," said the singer who, nevertheless plans to "continue working hard towards my musical career".

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Spain's Iberian neighbours come away triumphant for first time ever

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MALAGA. The Iberian peninsula played a starring role in last week's Eurovision Song Contest in more ways than one. While Spain languished at the bottom of the table, becoming more and more red-faced as it was ignored completely by all the professional juries, neighbours Portugal rose to the top in style.

The moving ballad sung by Salvador Sobral gave Portugal its first Eurovision win ever in more than five decades of the competition.

Amar Pelos Dois, which was written by Sobral's sister Luísa, a singer-songwriter who released her fourth studio album last year, is said by some to have restored the continent's faith in Eurovision. The simplicity of the song and the fact that it was sung in Portuguese - and not English which is used for the vast majority of Eurovision songs - with no extravagant stage show or dancers, delighted some Eurovision fans



Salvador Sobral. :: EUROVISION

keen to see the competition taken more seriously.

Other participants, however, objected to Sobral's acceptance speech in which he criticised "disposable, fast food music without any content".

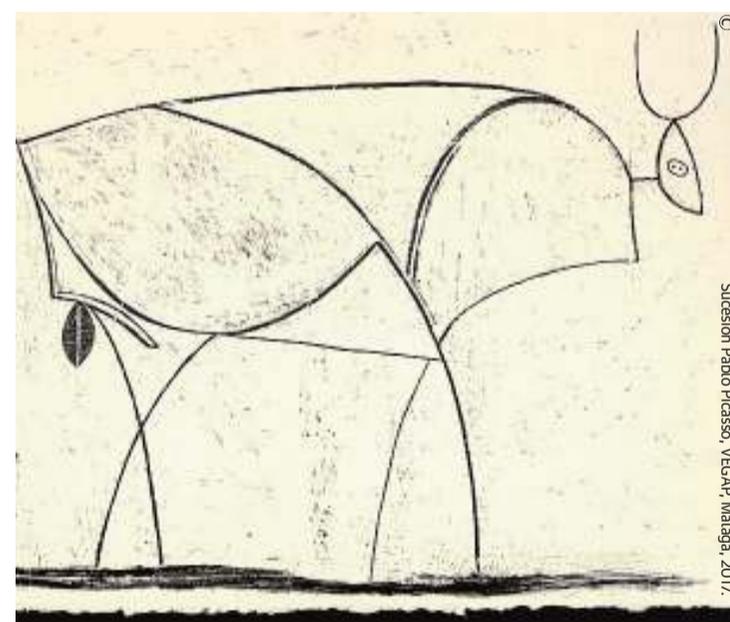
"I think this could be a victory

for music with people who make music that actually means something", he added. "Music is not fireworks; music is feeling. So let's try to change this and bring music back."

Sweden's contestant, Robin Bengtsson, who finished fifth, responded on social media saying, "Fast food pop music can be the best thing in the world at the right place and time - there's room for everyone," an opinion seconded by many pop-loving Eurovision fans.

Salvador Sobral, 27, who sang with his sister at the end of the show, lived in Mallorca as an Erasmus student before studying music in Barcelona, where he developed a passion for jazz.

He was unable to make some of the Eurovision rehearsals due to ill health. A serious heart condition has already seen him undergo two operations this year and he is waiting for a transplant.



Sucesión Pablo Picasso, VEGAP, Málaga, 2017.

PICASSO TRAVELS TO MADRID

Ninety works by Pablo Picasso that belong to the collection at the Casa Natal (birth house) museum in Malaga, have left home to form part of an exhibition, Picasso and the Mediterranean, in Madrid. Among the pieces, which will remain in the exhibition organised by the Fundación Canal de Isabel II until the end of August, are prints (including the Toro series, above), illustrated books and ceramics. The Casa Natal has made 25,000 euros from the loan.

"The amateur music society has been my life"

Annemarie Philipps has been the musical director of Collegium Musicum since January 1992



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Collegium Musicum is a flourishing amateur international music society that reflects the cosmopolitan nature of the Costa del Sol

FUENGIROLA. Collegium Musicum, an amateur choir and orchestra that was formed in 1975, will be giving a series of concerts on the coast during the last week of May. Their popular concerts are held twice yearly, but most people may fail to recognise the amount of hard work and dedication that goes into presenting these shows.

During the early days, rehearsals were held in the living room of the group's musical director, although today it has grown beyond all expectations. A flourishing international music society that reflects the cosmopolitan nature of the Costa del Sol, Collegium Musicum now has more than 100 singers and instrumentalists of some 20 nationalities.

Their success however, is down to the perseverance and sheer hard graft of one woman; although she is quick to recognise the professionalism of everyone involved with the project.

Annemarie Philipps, originally from Bremen in Germany, has been the musical director of the orchestra since January 1992, although she has been a member since 1978.

Annemarie, who has lived in Spain for 40 years, comes from a



The amateur orchestra and choir was founded in 1975. :: SUR

musical background, although she never attended music college until rather later in her life.

She had spent many holidays on the Costa del Sol and so when she came to live in Spain, she decided to settle in Marbella - a decision prompted partly by the fact there was a German school in the town.

She soon discovered the City Orchestra of Malaga, later to become the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra, which she joined as a viola player, but her time with them was short-lived.

Interesting discovery

It was around this period that the classical music lover heard about Collegium Musicum, which, at the

time, was a small group of about a dozen singers and a handful of instrumentalists.

Annemarie's introduction to the amateur music society was a rather unusual experience. Unbeknown to her, she was about to discover a long-lost relative. This happened during her first Christmas in Spain, when she attended one of the society's concerts in Marbella.

"When we arrived at the church where the concert was being held, we were met by a very distinguished looking lady who was handing out the musical programme. She spoke with a very heavy German accent

and she asked if I had any experience of singing. When I told her that I had sung in the choir in Bremen, she became very excited," Annemarie told SUR in English.

The woman informed Annemarie that she too was from Bremen and that her cousin was the organist of the cathedral in Bremen. The organist also happened to be the cousin of Annemarie's father, and the two women quickly realised to their surprise that they were related.

The relative, also called Annemarie, was the musical director of Collegium Musicum at that time, and the two engaged in a friendship that would last until she died in 1992.

"It was a wonderful time and my aunt, as I called her, was a dedicated musical director. She lived long enough to see me take over as the director and conductor of the orchestra, and she was very happy about that," Annemarie says nostalgically.

Annemarie has now been in charge for more than 25 years and she still gets great satisfaction from organising the 100-strong group.

However, the preparation of the musical scores and the organisation of rehearsals are not easy, as the 68-year-old conductor points out.

"Collegium Musicum has been my life, but there is such a lot of work to do. We have to first work out what we need in the repertoire, and then we need to arrange musical scores, musicians, solo singers and the choir, so it keeps us on our toes."

She also has to prepare all the musical arrangements for the choir, which is usually around 75 pages per singer, but Annemarie points out that she couldn't do this without the help of Delyth Bressington, her musical arranger and pianist.



Annemarie Philipps. :: SUR

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CONCERTS

Fuengirola

Where: IPV Palace Hotel & Spa.
When: Sunday 21 May, 8pm.
Performing: Collegium Musicum and the Camerata Singers. Soloists - Soprano - Siân Winstanley. Baritone - Juan Carlos Mera-Euler.

Marbella

Where: Iglesia de la Encarnación, Marbella.
When: Tuesday 23 May, 9.30pm.
Performing: As above.



Siân Winstanley.

Sotogrande

Where: Iglesia Nuestra Señora de la Merced.
When: Sunday 28 May, 8pm.
Performing: As above.

sung before, and they don't read music, so they cannot really follow a conductor," Delyth explains.

Instead, the choir has to learn the score by ear and this is where Delyth demonstrates her true merit, according to Annemarie.

"Delyth is in tune with everyone and during rehearsals she knows what she can bring out of each member; she can almost read our minds," the conductor says.

The two formed a musical bond that has earned them the name of 'The Dream Team' and they have enjoyed a lasting relationship because they easily connect with each other, both on stage and off. However, as they both astutely point out, one needs a sense of humour in order to succeed.

"We are always organised, albeit organised chaos on some occasions, but more than anything, one needs to be able to smile. If you don't have a sense of humour you can forget the whole thing; it has to be fun for it to work," Annemarie says with conviction.

The first of Collegium Musicum's series of summer concerts will be held at the IPV Palace Hotel & Spa in Fuengirola this Sunday 21 May. The concert, which will feature the Camerata Singers from Sotogrande, begins at 8pm and tickets cost €12.

Further concerts will be held in Marbella and Sotogrande.

Delyth studied music at the University of Wales and she spent many years teaching music in secondary schools in Cardiff, before moving to the Costa del Sol in 2003.

She got involved with the amateur music society almost immediately and today she is considered the backbone of the group. Delyth specialises in arranging the music to suit the needs of the group.

"The task of organising and arranging a group of this size is extremely difficult because there are so many different nationalities. Many of these people have never

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we had the hearing, but he did not appear at Court – he lodged a statement of defence instead. Is it legal that he did not appear?

Depending on the kind of proceeding and the defendant's domicile, law allows the defence to be carried out in writing, without having to go personally to defend himself against the charges. If this has been allowed, it is because it could be done that way, as otherwise the Court would have rejected the statement of defence.

tested the car. Is it true that there are restrictions as to the amount that you can take out in cash?

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REF. R.E.M.

Three months ago I had an argument with a neighbour because I am fed up with his car occupying part of my parking space. There is a column on the other side, and sometimes I cannot park because the space left is too narrow. During the argument, he insulted me in public and I sued him. Last week

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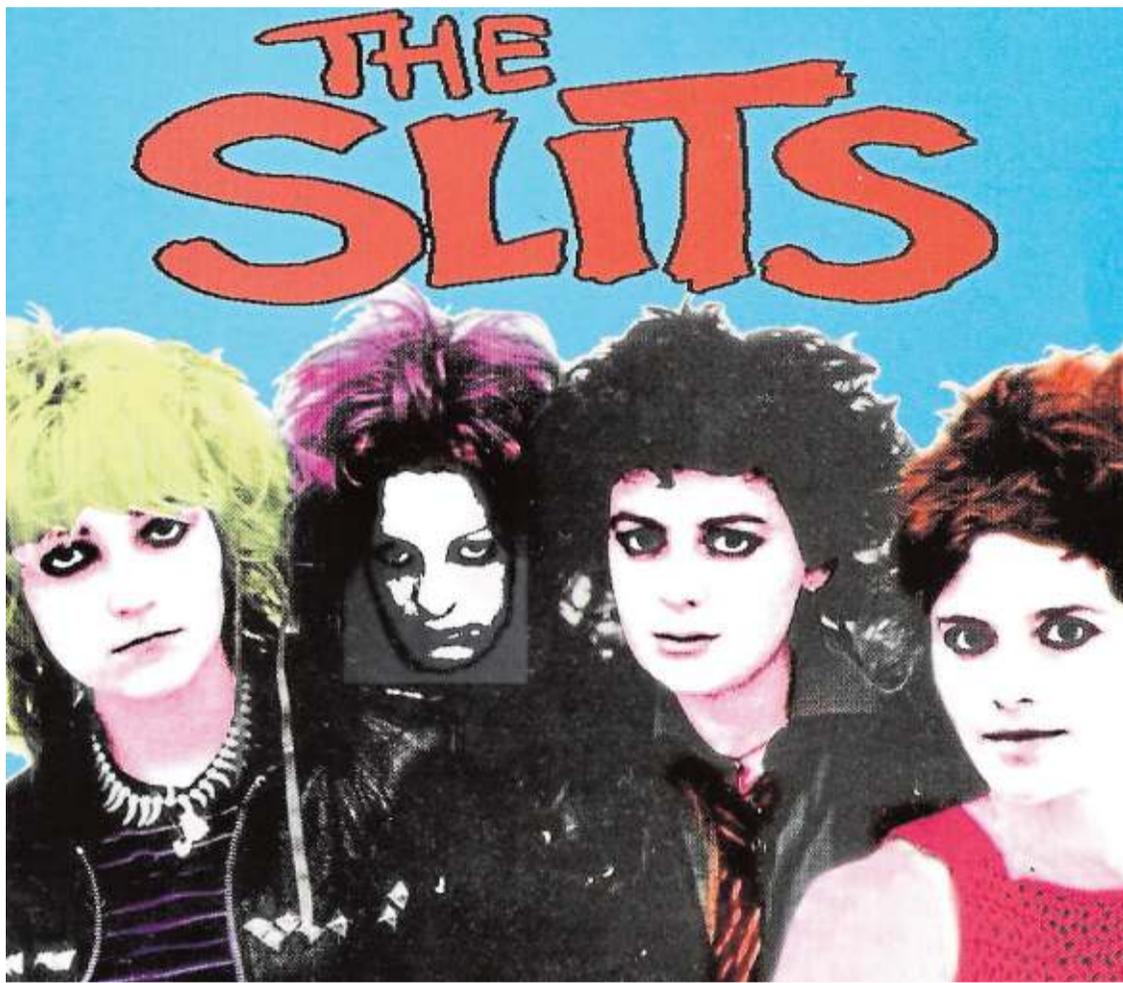
I have a large amount of cash I want to take out from Spain as I intend to buy a car in Germany. However, I have been told that I cannot take out more than 10,000 euros, and that if I need more then I will have to make a transfer to the car dealer. Obviously, I do not want to make a transfer without having

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1 Paloma Romero, during a concert in the 1970s. :: PHOTOS: PALMOLIVE ARCHIVE

2 Cover of the record 'In the Beginning' by The Slits, with Viv Albertine, Ari Up, Tessa Pollitt and Palmolive.

3 Signed photo of Paloma Romero, taken at a concert at The Roxy punk nightclub in London

4 Paloma and Joe Strummer, with Richard Dudanski and her sister Esperanza.



"Strummer and I were very different, but we influenced each other a lot," says Palmolive

Her life inspired the film La Residencia and a documentary is being made about The Slits

"We weren't trying to be wild, we were wild," says Paloma, who became known as Palmolive

chusetts (USA), where she has lived for nearly thirty years. She told me she had read that Antonio Hens is making a film called *La Residencia*, which is inspired by her life and her revolutionary musical legacy. Nor is he the only one to put her on film: in the UK, the final touches are currently being put to a documentary, *Here to be heard*, which tells the story of The Slits, the first all-girl punk rock band group in musical history, which Paloma created.

She discovered the controversial punk movement with her then partner, Joe Strummer, lead singer of The Clash, and decided to form a band of her own.

"We weren't trying to be wild... we were wild," says the woman who became a leading name in the effervescent countercultural scene in London in the 1970s.

But before Palmolive was born, there was Paloma, a girl with pig-tails and a winning smile, which still lights up the face of the 62-year-old woman she is today. It is no coincidence that she uses that childhood photo on her social media profiles.

"I was the eighth of nine children," says Paloma. Her Wikipedia entry is wrong, she says; she was actually born in Melilla in 1954, although her earliest memories are of Malaga - her home in Monte Sancha and her nearby school, the Colegio de las Teresianas - before the family moved to another property in Calle Cordoba. After classes, the teenage Paloma would shut herself in her room and listen to songs by Joan Manuel Serrat and

Malaga's own queen of punk

She revolutionised music with The Slits, the first all-girl punk band, and went out with Joe Strummer, lead singer of The Clash. Paloma Romero, or 'Palmolive', talks about her wild days in 1970s London

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MALAGA. Some words open doors just like keys, and I only had to mention "Malaga" to Paloma Romero for her to react as if we were long-lost friends, even though she doesn't actually know me.

I had phoned 'Palmolive', as she is better known in the music world, at her home in Hyannis, Massa-

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Paco Ibáñez. Nothing to do with punk. Except in their critical spirit.

Those songs fed her libertarian conscience although, without knowing it, so did her father, a businessman in the construction industry. "He used to bring home backpacking hippies that he met in the street, and as I listened to them I realised that there was another part of the world in which freedom existed," says Palmolive who, after finishing her studies packed her own rucksack and headed for London when she was just 17. "That changed me," she says.

"I had a sense of justice and I didn't like the situation for women in Spain at all. Why could my brothers do what they liked, and I couldn't?" she says. She admits that she was political and rejected everything that Franco represented although, with the perspective of time, she looks back and sees herself as "a girl who had no idea". But that rebellious spirit took her to the British capital, which is where she met someone called 'Woody', who later became known as Joe Strummer.

"We came from two very different worlds and we influenced each other. I shared my social conscience and he shared his search for an interior world and a voice of his own," she says now. They lived with several dozen friends in a hippie commune, where there was no lack of drugs. "It was part of the atmosphere of personal exploration," she explains.

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All thanks to piglet earrings

Then in 1975, the punk explosion happened. Strummer embraced it immediately. "A lot of our hippie friends rejected it and he thought I would as well, but I liked the punk philosophy," says Paloma. That was when she changed her name, and it was due to The Clash bass player, Paul Simonon.

"He asked me what my name was, and I said 'Paloma'. He replied 'Palmolive?' like the soap. I said yes, and it stuck," she explains. She also recalls the day she heard a 14-year-old girl arguing with her mother as they came out after a concert.

"She looked at me and noticed my piglet earrings; we started to talk, and decided between the two of us that we ought to form a group," she says. That girl was singer Ari Up, and that is how The Slits began.

With no knowledge of music whatsoever, Palmolive decided to be a drummer. "You didn't have to know anything about music or be able to sing to perform punk," she admits.

She remembers phoning her father to ask him for 100 pounds to buy a set of drums: 'una batería'. He thought she meant a set of saucopans, as the word in Spanish is the same. Now, she roars with laughter as she remembers. "He wasn't at all happy about it, but he did send the money," she says.

PALOMA TO PALMOLIVE



Paloma Romero, aged five.



As a student at Las Teresianas in Malaga.



In 1976 she discovered punk and founded The Slits.



Today, now Paloma McLardy.

Palmolive and Ari joined forces with bass player Tessa Pollitt and guitarist Viv Albertine, and The Slits exploded onto the scene in 1977. In barely a month they became the supporting act for the Sex Pistols and, what's more, they were paid to do it.

"It wasn't much, but for girls who were living in a squat, and on social security, it seemed a lot," says Paloma. "We were completely revolutionary, because there were no girl bands in those days."

Their concerts were manic, and one night Palmolive even hurled her drumsticks at Ari when they argued during a concert. "People thought it was all pre-planned, but it wasn't. It's just how we were," she says.

The songs written by this Malaga girl reflect how The Slits evolved, with lyrics such as "number one enemy", and "everybody goes around sniffing televisena" about the city in which everyone was addicted to the drug of timetables and television.

"English wasn't my language, so I felt free to invent words," says Paloma who, in one of her last songs for The Slits, went back to her roots to talk about Don Quixote's dream and his fight with concrete dragons.

"The song called Adventure close to Home was important because it expressed how tired I was with that atmosphere, and that the relationship with the group was beginning to break down," she

says.

She didn't want the authoritarian manager of the Sex Pistols, Malcolm McLaren, to represent them.

"We hadn't liberated ourselves and become punks to have a manager who controlled us," she says. Soon afterwards they signed a contract with a record label and were asked to pose nude for the cover of their first LP. Paloma refused.

"I'd show whatever I wanted, but I wasn't going to use it to sell records," she explains about the incident which led her to leave The Slits.

In 1979 she joined a new group, The Raincoats, and made a record, but realised that her interior search was leading her elsewhere. That was when she met Dave McLardy, with whom she has three children and lives in Hyannis.

It was a long road to the USA, passing through India, Spain and the UK again, in that search for the self in which faith also played a major part. "I have seen great things in the name of Jesus and others which have made me ashamed, but then I also experienced both of those in music," says Palmolive.

Now, she is a singer who also gives Spanish classes to children. She talks to them about all sorts of things, from the Alhambra to Real Madrid and Barça. And if they misbehave, she tells them: "Careful: just remember, I used to be a punk."

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Myrtle-leaf milk wort

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Polygala myrtifolia, commonly called the myrtle-leaf milkwort or September bush (La Lechera del Cabo in Spanish), is native to South Africa. It is a member of the Polygalaceae family (milkworts) which has 17 genera and approximately 950 species.

Polygala is a tough shrub; it can grow up to four metres tall in per-

fect conditions but is usually between 60cm and 1.80m high. The slender stems tend to grow upright and are covered with dense foliage. It can adapt to different soil and growing conditions which will result in a slightly different appearance of a plant grown on

the coast to one grown inland or one grown in moist soil and one grown in arid conditions. The leaves can vary from needle thin to oval and range from 25 to 50mm long. Leaf colour can also vary from shades of green to soft grey.

The flowers look pea-like but close are quite different with deep veining and a brush like tuft. They are usually in shades of purple but there are white varieties such as *P. myrtifolia* 'White Feathers'.

The small winged seed capsules disperse in the wind and may produce new plants close to the parent. *Polygala* can also be propagated by cuttings taken in the spring or the autumn.

Peak flowering period is in the spring, although *Polygala* will continue to flower on and off during the year. It is ideal as a wind-break or as a hedge and can also be grown in a large container. Although drought tolerant once established, it is best to water occasionally during the hottest months and a thick mulch around the base will help to conserve moisture.

The genus name comes from an old Greek word 'polys' meaning 'much' and 'gala' meaning 'milk'. This is probably because some members of the genus were fed to cows to stimulate milk production. Another use for the shrub, a practice that has long since died out, was to use the soft, grey bark frothed up in water to wash bodies before burial.



Polygala myrtifolia and close up of blooms (inset). :: SUR

READER'S PHOTO



:: FRANCES KNOWLES

TRAILING NASTURTIUMS

France Knowles from Coín sent in this photo she says, "this is the trailing variety of nasturtium, *Tropaeolum majus*. Nasturtiums have edible flowers which are high in vitamins A, C and D; the young leaves are also edible. Ideal for growing in poor soil in full sun."

GARDENING HINTS FOR MAY

Five gardening tricks

- 1) Use paper coffee filters to line flower pots to stop the soil from washing out of the bottom. The paper eventually rots away but by then it will be time to repot anyway.
- 2) Give egg shells a little rinse and leave to dry. Put them in a food processor or liquidiser and give them a quick spin. They can then be used to sprinkle around plants keeping slugs at bay and adding calcium to the soil.
- 3) The large plastic tubs used for storing toys etc. can be used for growing vegetables when space is at a premium.

Remove lid, drill holes in the bottom and fill with growing medium. The depth allows you to grow root vegetables such as carrots as well as crops such as salads etc.

- 4) When planting clematis or deep rooted plants, bury a length of 40mm pipe in next to the root ball. Leave about 10cm stick out of the ground and cover the top with a bit of mesh. This makes watering so much easier and the water goes straight to the roots.
- 5) Push plastic forks (prongs facing up) around new plantings to prevent cats digging.

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La Cala Resort welcomes golf's Challenge Tour this weekend

Mijas will host the Andalucía Costa del Sol Match Play 9, part of the second-tier men's tour, until Sunday

IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. Mijas this week is attracting the gaze of golf fans around the world as La Cala Resort welcomes one of the year's standout championships.

Until Sunday, the Asia course at the resort will host the Andalucía Costa del Sol Match Play 9, one of two events of the Challenge Tour (the second-tier men's professional golf tour in Europe) to be contested in Spain in 2017, alongside the Challenge de España.

The tournament will be played over 36 holes in the 'stroke play' format, followed by a series of 'match play' contests across nine holes for those who qualify.

156 players, 27 of whom are Spanish (and 10 from Andalucía), are competing for 200,000 euros of prize money and Road to Oman rankings.

The tour's assistant director, José María Zamora, said at the tournament's presentation on Monday that "because of the hard work of many people", a 'Challenge' in An-



The presentation of the tournament on Monday. :: I. G.

156 players, ten of whom are locals, are competing for 200,000 euros of prize money

dalucía was possible, several years after the last.

"Andalucía Costa del Sol Match Play 9 was conceived six months and

the innovative nature of it has captured the imagination of people around the world," he added.

Golf and tourism

The relationship between golf and tourism on the Costa del Sol has been one of the major factors behind organising this tournament according to mayor Juan Carlos Maldonado, who believes that golf represents an important revenue stream as it combats seasonal tourism.

PET CARE

PETER HARRISON



Dogs on beaches

More beaches are being made available for dogs to have exercise. This is fine as they enjoy a scamper in the sand and a good dig.

Some authorities allow dogs only within certain hours so swimmers can take a dip without being bothered by dogs. Casares was the first to do this five years ago.

Dog owners will applaud this development but I do put in a cautionary note. Please act responsibly and keep your dog under control. Do not allow dogs to pester other people. If they jump up on someone - children, elderly or infirm people are especially vulnerable - then you, the owner or custodian, will be held responsible. The financial consequences can be severe.

Do observe the conditions marked on signposts. They are intended so everyone can enjoy the beach. Do not allow your dog to foul the beach. Clear up after them. It is not a pleasant

job but why should anyone else do it for you? It is just not fair. It is also unhygienic.

Remember that acting irresponsibly can cause a withdrawal of privileges. We stopped at a hotel we often use on a long trip. It makes a welcome break on a long drive and the hotel accepts dogs. To our surprise that time the hotel had a "No dogs" sign, but we had never had a problem before. The hotel was adamant. Our dog was not accepted. We were told: "Sorry but we have had some bad experiences with badly behaved dogs and cannot make exceptions".

It is a price to pay, so often seen in life. The responsible people have to pay for the actions of the irresponsible.

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FACTS AND FACES

Lions Club donates €900 to Mijas football club

MIJAS

∴ **SUR.** The president of La Cala de Mijas Lions Club, Paul Butler, presented the director of Mijas Spanish Federation Football Club, Francisco Rosales, with a cheque for 900 euros this week.

The Lions Club have raised the money in order to help the club fund the participation of children whose parents cannot afford to pay the monthly 18 euro fee that the football club requires from the majority of its members. This is the second instalment the football club has received from the Lions and Francisco was extremely grateful

for their generosity.

The secretary and treasurer of the club, Nina Teresa Bjerkestrand and Soledad Balma, also attended the presentation of the cheque, and introduced the Lions to the children on the pitch.

They explained how they are continually looking for sponsors and putting on fundraising events to help young people in the community.

The football club, that trains at Los Olivos pitch, welcomes all ages, male or female. This year they had between 18 to 20 teams, with the youngest player aged just 5 and the oldest in his late thirties. With the help of the Lions' 900 euro donation the club hope to go from strength to strength next season.



Paul presents the cheque to Francisco in front of the players. ∴ A.H.

Hard Rock support for feline conservation

FUENGIROLA

∴ **SUR.** The Hard Rock Cafe in Marbella has signed an agreement with Bioparc Fuengirola pledging support for conservation projects to protect endangered species. The establishment's donation of 900 euros to Fundación Bioparc will go towards international conservation projects in which the Fuengirola park participates. Of the six tiger subspecies in existence today, the Sumatran tiger is in the greatest danger of extinction. Fuengirola is involved in the European conservation project with its pair of Sumatran tigers, Rokan and Asmara, which have been living in Bioparc's tropical forest area practically since it opened.



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THE NIGHT SKY

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Artist Rowland Fade dies, aged 78

The British artist, originally from Norwich, made Almuñécar his home in 1995



Rowland Fade. :: sur

:: JENNIE RHODES

ALMUÑÉCAR. The Almuñécar-based British artist, Rowland Fade, has died aged 78.

Born in Norwich on 10 May 1939, Fade studied at the Berkshire Art School in the early 1960s. Soon after leaving the school he held his first solo exhibition and started to make a living from his work.

In 1969 the artist moved to Spain and from there travelled extensively throughout Europe, exhibiting and developing his art.

Although he first visited Almuñécar in 1963, it wasn't until 1995 that he made the town his permanent home.

Rowland Fade was well known for incorporating items from everyday life into his work, such as stickers, toys, string and playing cards.

He held his last exhibition in the town in autumn 2016. This

comprised 30 pieces of work under the title, *Nuevos Caminos*, in the town's Casa de la Cultura.

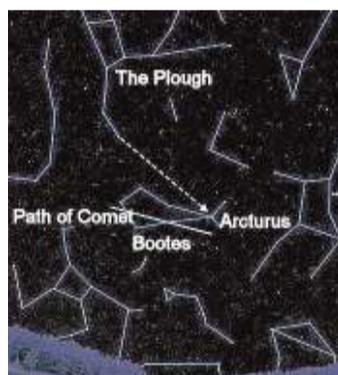
Almuñécar's councillor for culture, Olga Ruano, said of the news of Fade's death: "He was always a lesson in life as an artist and as a person: humble, hard-working and very much loved and admired by everyone who knew him."

A comet's tale

Comets have been described as dirty snowballs that usually live at the extreme edge of the solar system. Millions of them orbit the Sun in an area known as the Oort cloud but occasionally one of them will get deflected from its orbit and begin to fall in toward the Sun. This journey sometimes takes millions of years. As they get closer to the Sun their speed increases and the heat from the Sun begins to vaporise the comet and produce the characteristic tail. It is only when the comet comes close to the Sun does it become visible from Earth.

There is a comet in the night sky at the moment. Comet C/2015 V2 Johnson was discovered on 3 November 2015 by Jess Johnson. It will reach its closest point to the Sun on 12 June this year but its closest point to the Earth is this coming week.

It won't be visible to the naked eye but it can be seen with binoculars or a small telescope as it passes through the constellation of Bootes.



To find the comet first locate the Plough which at the moment is directly overhead. The Plough looks a bit like a saucepan with four stars making the bowl of the saucepan and three stars curving away to form the handle. Follow the curve of the handle down toward the horizon and you will come across a bright red-coloured star called Arcturus). Arcturus marks the bottom of Bootes and the rest of the constellation forms a kite-like figure stretching away from Arcturus.

For the next few weeks the comet will pass through the kite-like shape of Bootes toward Arcturus.

Its orbit brings it from above the Earth and sweeps below us before heading back out into space to return again in 14.4 million years' time.

Even at its closest point to the Sun it never gets closer than between the Earth and Mars which unfortunately keeps it from glowing very brightly but it has developed a rather nice tail.

Comets are notoriously unpredictable and it could suddenly flare up and become brighter. It should remain visible in our sky throughout the summer until it eventually passes into the Southern Hemisphere.

Try and see comet Johnson as this is the best chance of spotting a comet's tail for quite a few years.

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Andalucía

The rugged landscapes of the old Nescania

From Valle de Abdalajís there are numerous walking routes from which to explore a land full of contrasts and history

∴ JAVIER ALMELLONES

Dizzying viewing points, rugged walking routes and important historical remains await those who decide to visit one of the most impressive parts of the countryside of Malaga province.

The place which the Romans knew as Nescania is now called Valle de Abdalajís, and it is a village which takes its name from the steep limestone mountains beneath which it nestles. This area lies between two geologically remarkable beauty spots, the Desfiladero de los Gaitanes gorge at El Chorro and El Torcal, in Antequera, which are so famous that at times the beauty of the Sierra de Abdalajís is overlooked.

Because of this chain of mountains, which separates Antequera from the Guadalhorce Valley, Valle de Abdalajís is surrounded by wonderful, environmentally valuable countryside which is becoming known as an ideal place for adventure sports such as climbing and hiking.

From these mountains there are beautiful views of the neighbouring Sierra de Huma as well as El Torcal, which can be seen clearly on a cloud-free day, and also of the lovely undulating fields around the pretty village.

One of the best places to enjoy these panoramic views is the Mirador del Gangarro, which can be reached in a few minutes from the centre of Valle de Abdalajís. There are



The village lies below the Sierra de Abdalajís. ∴ J. A.

INFORMATION

► **How to get there.** There are several options, but the usual one is along the A-357 towards Campillos. Turn off towards Álora, when you reach Zalea. Before reaching Álora, take the MA-226 which leads to the village.

► **When to go.** It's a good place to visit at any time of year, unless the weather is very cold and rainy.

► **What to eat.** The spicy fried breadcrumb dish called 'migás', and a variety of pork dishes.

steps leading from the upper part of the village to the chapel of Santo Cristo de la Sierra, where the first good views are to be found, including the neat houses behind and be-

low. From the chapel you can continue up to the Gangarro viewing point. It is a few metres higher up a steep flight of steps, and offers another lovely view over the inland region of the province.

However, the best way to enjoy the countryside around this village and its mountains is to walk through it, and there are several good routes to enable you to do this.

Bear in mind that the village is a landmark on one of the major routes which pass through the province, the European GR-7, which runs from the Straits of Gibraltar to the Peloponnese. In fact, Valle de Abdalajís is a good place to stop on this transnational route, as it is situated between El Chorro and Antequera.

There are also some lesser-known routes out of the village, including those called 'La Ratilla', 'El Torcal del Charcón', 'La Fuente del Zarzal', 'Sierra del Castillo', 'Cantarrana' and

The Mirador de Gangarro has excellent views over the surrounding countryside

'El Nacimiento', among others. These walking routes are an ideal way to explore the interesting landscapes around this village in Malaga province.

Valle de Abdalajís also has an interesting cultural heritage, including La Peña, a stone which comes from the famous Giants' Arch in Antequera and now stands in the Plaza de San Lorenzo. This emblem of the village also serves as a pedestal for a statue which has an inscription dedicated to the Emperor Trajan. Next to this Roman remain is the monument

to Mother Petra, who built the convent of the same name, which is just a few metres away.

One of the most unusual buildings is the church of San Lorenzo, which was finished at the end of the 16th century, and another is the chapel of the Cristo de la Sierra which, despite being much more recent, is one of the most symbolic and lovely places in the village.

Another historic building which is worth visiting is the Palacio del Conde de los Corbos, which also dates back to the 16th century. It is in a good state of repair and contains some interesting architectural features of the period.

There is also a municipal museum with numerous items found in nearby archaeological sites, including coins from different eras, bracelets and even funerary urns, which demonstrate the historic importance of this village.



DARYL FINCH



WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

19 MAY 1939

A show of strength from the new regime

With the Civil War recently over, General Franco sought not only to celebrate the Nationalist victory, but also demonstrate the permanent nature of his regime with a large-scale military parade through the capital on 19 May 1939.

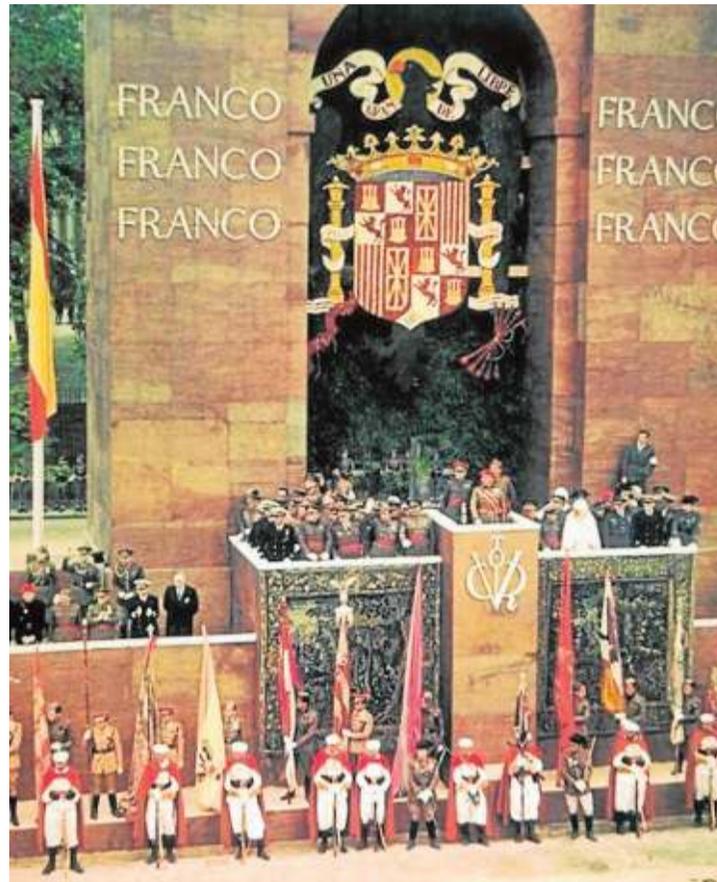
The spring of 1939 was the first of Franco's tours of the provinces in a bid to connect with the population and ratify his leadership. This tour would culminate in Madrid, a city in which the Republicans resisted for almost three years.

According to historian Paul Preston, the objective of what became called the 'Desfile de la Victoria' was to "identify Franco with Hitler, Mussolini and the great medieval warlords throughout Spanish history and to humiliate the defeated Republicans". To that end, residents were ordered to accommodate military personnel, faithful to the Gen-

eralísimo, arriving for the parade. What's more, no expense was spared and the city would witness an unprecedented show of strength, filled with both historical and religious symbolism.

The military sold, at cost price, 20,000 metres of red and yellow hangings as well as 100,000 flags, while a platform, in the shape of a triumphal arch was erected at the conclusion of the parade's route at Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo. It was decorated with a tapestry of the Eagle of St John with the word "victory" above. "Franco" also appeared three times on each side. Here, the Caudillo stood for the duration of the five-hour parade between Generals Varela and Saliquet.

Some 115 infantry units, 200 artillery batteries, 25 anti-tank cannons, 20 anti-aircraft batteries, 27 cavalry squadrons, two companies of anti-aircraft gunners, 150 tanks, 500 motorcycles and 3,000 cars and



Franco beneath the triumphal arch for the 'Desfile de la Victoria'. :: SUR

trucks all made up the procession. If arranged lineally, the parade would have been 25 kilometres long.

In the aftermath, Franco took to the radio to address the nation in a

further statement of intent, warning that "other nations" would not be able to use economic pressure to dictate the terms of the new State.

In 1940, the event was repeated, this time called Victory Day and

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Desfile	Parade
Victoria	Victory
Vencedor	Victor
Escaparate	Shop window
Recorrido	Itinerary
Liderazgo	Leadership
Derrotado	Defeated
Enseña	Banner
Bandera	Flag
Infantería	Infantry
Ametralladora	Machine gun
Ceremonia	Ceremony
Rojo	Red
Amarillo	Yellow
Ciudad	City
Lema	Slogan / Motto
Alojamiento	Accommodation
Terminado	Finished
Caballería	Cavalry

was on 1 April. This then happened every year until 1976, with the exception of 1964 when it was called the Parade of Peace, in recognition of the 25th anniversary since the end of the war.

After Franco's death in November 1975, King Juan Carlos presided over the final parade before it was changed to Armed Forces Day which this year will be celebrated in Guadalajara on 27 May.

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CUBS AND BEAVERS GO BACK IN TIME

Cubs and Beavers from 1st Fuengirola Scout Group hiked up to Peñas de Cabrera, near Casabermeja, last weekend as part of the Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT) 2017. Once there, they examined the prehistoric caves, which contain a number of cave paintings, and discovered a little about the history of the site, before creating their own paintings and taking a walk around the wild flowers and trees.

Between 300 to 400 cases of HIV are diagnosed in Malaga every year

The virus is detected in around 3,500 people across Spain each year, however it is estimated that up to 40 per cent of carriers go undiagnosed

ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MALAGA. Every year between 300 to 400 people are diagnosed with HIV at Malaga's hospitals, according to doctor Javier de la Torre, who specialises in infectious illnesses and works at Marbella's Hospital Costa del Sol.

De la Torre revealed the figures at a conference held at Malaga's Palacio de Ferias y Congresos last Friday, where he was joined on the panel by Dr José Antonio Pérez Molina, the president of Gesida, which is a Spanish association dedicated to the study of AIDs, infectious illnesses and microbiology.

The purpose of the conference was to promote an informative booklet that reportedly contains everything a patient with HIV needs to know about the virus, which has been written by De la Torre and Piedad Arazo, another doctor with expertise in infectious illnesses.



Doctors José Antonio and Javier present the booklet. :: F. SILVA

The doctors also described Malaga as a "hotspot" for the virus as there are currently 5,000 people known to be HIV positive in the province, but the true number is thought to be much higher as it is estimated that up to 40 per cent of people who are infected do not know they are carrying the virus.

De la Torre stressed early detection of the virus is imperative so that patients can be treated successfully with antiretroviral drugs, as the period of time between con-

tracting the virus and it developing into AIDs can be as little as three years. Antiretroviral drugs do not cure the illness, but are very effective in inhibiting the virus from developing into AIDs and preventing its transmission into other people.

In fact, if HIV is diagnosed and treated with these drugs early enough, he says, the patient can live a normal life and enjoy the same life expectancy as someone who does not carry the virus.

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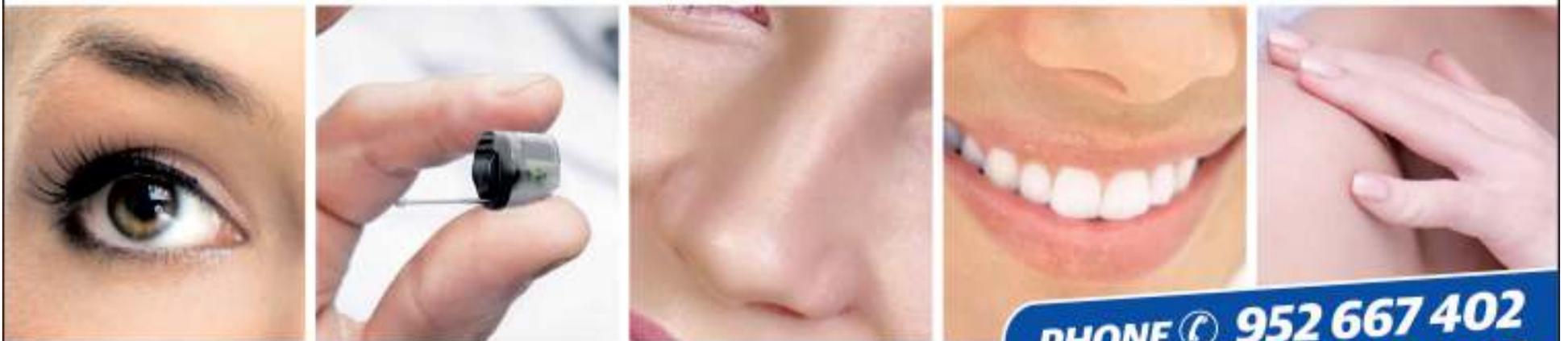
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Running backwards is good for the health

Fewer injuries, better performance in races and stronger muscles. These are just some of the benefits of a sport which is said by those who practise it to be more exciting and interesting than forward running

:: RUBÉN CAÑIZARES

In 2005, a group of German, Austrian, Swiss and French athletes created the first international retro running association, to make running more exciting. At the time, that was something brand new in the world of sport. Twelve years later, thousands of people all over the world are practising retro running, not only because it is so unusual and enjoyable but also for its numerous and significant benefits for the body and for health.

"I have had fewer injuries and my performance in forward running has improved. My muscles are also more compensated and stronger, because in retro running you use the antagonist muscles which are exercised in forward running, and by combining them you gain muscular balance," explains Sandra Corcuera, the Spanish star of this sport.

This Catalan athlete, five times world retro running champion (2012, 2014 and 2016) over 1,500 and 10,000 metres, found herself obliged to take up this sport. After seven years as a professional athlete, her body had had enough and she needed to reinvent herself.

"Ever since I was little, I have been very active. Artistic gymnastics, tennis, swimming, cycling, fitness, aerobics... I've done them all, but in the year 2000 I discovered the world of

Retro running has lower impact on the knees and is used in physiotherapy programmes nowadays

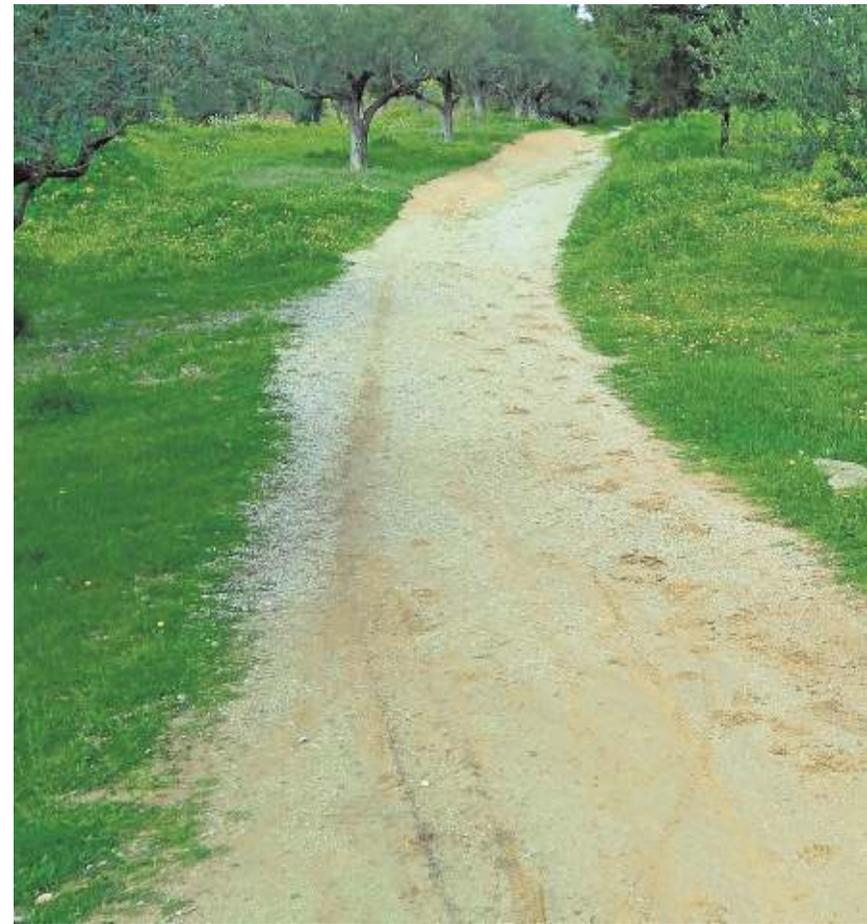
athletics and I loved it. I was very good, or so my trainers told me, but I didn't concentrate enough on my training and suffered frequent injuries," says Sandra, who spent more time laid up than enjoying her favourite sport.

Looking for a solution, she decided not to take athletics so seriously and to compete at a low level until one day, in 2007, her sporting life took a 180-degree turn.

"I was looking on the internet for races to compete in, and I saw one called a retro running race. I had no idea what it would entail, but I decided to do it. When I arrived and they told me I had to run backwards, I thought they were joking, but no. That's exactly what it was. Running backwards. It was the hardest 1,500 metres of my life," she says.

When Sandra returned home, she set about finding out exactly what retro running was, and that is when she discovered that there was a solution to her injury problems.

"I read that in the United States, some doctors, athletes and trainers were using it to recover from knee injuries and they included it in their training as a way of preventing injury, because practising it gives you



Running backwards uses more energy than running forwards. :: S. R.

a more proportionate musculature. As I had so many injuries, I started including 15 minutes of retro running in my training, and was surprised to find that within a short time the injuries had gone," she explains.

Numerous biomechanical studies have been carried out to explain the

benefits of this unusual type of running. "The speed and the distances to be run are lower, so we are talking about races which are low-impact for the knees. Also, retro running is included in different physiotherapy programmes because it improves the stability of the trunk, the posture and

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antagonist muscles, and boosted performance based on more balanced muscles.

“Running backwards doesn’t use the same energy as normal running. It requires more effort, so you gain strength. It also helps to develop neuro-muscular functions because it involves greater coordination and balance,” explains Dr Quesada de la Gala.

The key is to practise it sensibly, just like any other sporting activity. The distance to be run needs to be increased gradually, and during the process the correct technique has to be learned, just as in swimming or playing tennis.

“Your vision is reduced, so you need to run on flat land with no obstacles or traffic. That’s why an athletics track is probably most suitable when you begin retrorunning, because you can follow the lines. In the early days you should alternate walking with running, while you become more secure and perfect your posture. The body should tilt slightly forward, the leg should be stretched back, and you land and take off from the front part of your foot, like a lever. You know if you are doing this exercise correctly if someone films you running backwards and, when you rewind the video, it looks as if you are running forwards.”

It is best to use shoes with a low drop (the difference in height between the heel and the toe), about four millimetres, not too heavy, which favour the forward tread. Then, just go out there and enjoy the world of retro running,” says Sandra.

the compensatory musculature. By that, I mean the extensor muscles: buttocks, lumbar and hamstrings,” says renowned traumatologist César Quesada de la Gala, head of medical services at Elche FC and medical director of Ripoll and De Prado.

A few months ago, the Univer-

sity of Oregon (USA) published the results of a trial which revealed that retro running, as well as preventing injuries, used up about 30 per cent more calories than running in a race, improved aerobic capacity and proprioception, improved the relationships between agonist and

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Javier Mur has won a prize for a project at his school which enabled one of the pupils, who had cancer, to keep up to date with his lessons

by LINDA ONTIVEROS

The news shocked a school in Monzón, a small town in Huesca with 18,000 inhabitants: one of its pupils had been diagnosed with cancer during the holidays. Guillén had Burkitt lymphoma and the treatment, which meant that he would have to be admitted to hospital for chemotherapy sessions and spend long periods recovering, meant that this eight-year-old wouldn't be able to attend classes for at least seven months. This news greatly upset his teacher, Javier Mur, who taught fourth year pupils at the Minte school at that time.

"They told me that one of my pupils was having chemotherapy treat-

AWARDS

The Guillén project was carried out during the 2014-2015 school year and a year later it received two awards: the XXXI Francisco Giner de los Ríos Prize from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, in the category of improvements to educational quality; and the Pie Derecho Prize.

ment and wouldn't be able to come to school for at least seven months," says Javier. "I wanted to support him and make him - and his family - feel that he wasn't alone."

Javier set to work, trying to find ways to achieve this aim. "Eventu-

ally, I suggested to the other pupils that they should act like Guillén's teachers. They divided into groups of four, and each group was given a subject and had two weeks to work on a project which would help Guillén to keep up to date with what we were doing in class."

Some of Guillén's schoolmates began to draw pictures to explain what they had learned in class, or set him projects to do at home. Every two weeks Javier Mur would deliver these, together with messages of support. Sometimes he was able to give them personally to Guillén, and sometimes he gave them to his mother. After a short while, the pupils decided to make a video and their classes turned into short films, created by Guillén's own classmates.

This was a project which benefited everybody. "By becoming involved in helping their fellow pupil learn, the others also made more effort to understand the content of the lessons and that improved their everyday life in the classroom," says Javier, who now lives in Santiago de



Compostela and visits Guillén when he goes back to Huesca.

"Another important part of this project is that the pupils have realised that technology can be a help,

a tool to work with for professional objectives and not just for leisure activities. We had an email address and we used to post the videos onto YouTube," he explains.

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AN EXAMPLE

“Through this project I have met other teachers in a similar situation and they have started to help children like Guillén,” says Javier Mur. “My advice is to know how to adapt what they do to their own situation. You have to bear in mind that you are working with someone who is fighting for their life, so the support can’t just be education-oriented, it has to be emotional as well. Making a child realise he or she is not alone, and motivating them so they have more energy will help to give them the will to live. For me, it was very satisfying when I went to Guillén’s house and saw how keen he was to return to school. That’s really important.”

parents and those of other pupils, was also essential in this ordeal which impacted the whole school community.

“Everybody at the school knew what Guillén and his family were going through. All I did was motivate them and get them involved, so we all worked together on the project. For example, making the costumes and props to record a theatrical performance,” says Javier.



It also changed the perception of the pupils about cancer. “At first some of his friends were very downhearted, seeing him so weak and with no hair, but with this project

they realised that he was going to be able to return to school and they were keen to make great efforts to help him keep up to date,” he says. The involvement of Guillén’s

In this way Guillén didn’t lag behind with his schoolwork and he was able to return after his treatment was finished, thanks to the work carried out by his teacher, the

home assistance service which his parents had requested as soon as he was diagnosed, and the hospital school, where he also had lessons during the time he spent there.

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Vitamin K reduces cataracts risk

The vitamin is found in some vegetables and has properties which help to prevent the problem from occurring

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Including leafy green vegetables such as cabbage, spinach, Swiss chard as well as vegetables such as broccoli and cauliflower as part of a daily diet can reduce the risk of suffering from cataracts by nearly 30 per cent, according to a new discovery made by Ciberobn, a public research consortium for obesity and nutrition.

Oxidation and inflammation play a huge role in the mechanisms involved in forming a cataract, which brings about opaqueness in the crystalline lens and therefore reduces eyesight, and can eventually lead to complete blindness.

Old age, Type 2 Diabetes, obesity, poor diet, smoking, alcohol and some food and nutrients are all risk factors which may increase a person's chances of developing cataracts.

To prevent the problem, researchers Mónica Bulló and Jordi Salas from Ciberobn have analysed the relationship between food containing vitamin K and the appearance of a cata-



Eating vegetables such as cauliflower can reduce the risk . :: SUR

ract. "Taking into account that Vitamin K has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties and is also linked to glucose and insulin metabolism, we believe that the intake of vitamin K could be associated with a reduced risk of cataracts appearing in a Mediterranean population of elderly people," they said.

A study, led by the researchers together with the human nutrition unit at Rovira i Virgili University in Tarragona and the Sanitaria Pere y Virgili research institute, saw just

under 6,000 participants between the age of 60 and 80 with cardiovascular risk factors have information regarding their lifestyle and diet collected from them periodically over a six-year period.

At the end of the study, Ciberobn reported 768 cataract cases had appeared during those six years, while the results also showed that those who had a greater intake of Vitamin K reduced their chances of suffering a cataract by nearly 30 per cent.

Inland palliative care association recruiting a nurse as team expands

:: SUR IN ENGLISH

ALAMEDA. The palliative care organisation, Asociación Girasol, based in the north of the province of Malaga, is expanding its care team in the area.

The registered charity is dedicated to supporting and improving the quality of life for patients with advanced incurable illnesses, their families and carers, in the towns of Alameda, Fuente de Piedra, Humilladero and Mollina.

The organisation is now looking for a qualified nurse to join the network of professionals and volunteers who offer a wide range of free services.

These include advice and counselling for patients, carers and families, as well as companionship and transportation.

Meanwhile the association's day hospice offers therapies, assessment and a confidential environment in which to discuss all concerns.

Training programmes are also organised for professionals, volunteers and carers and funds are raised through a charity market stall, among other initiatives.

Qualified English-speaking nurses with palliative care experience interested in joining the professional team, as well as anyone wanting to find out more about becoming a member or volunteer, are invited to contact info@asociaciongirasol.com or call 684 12 85 57 for further information.

A CHICKEN AND EGG SITUATION

ALFONSO SÁNCHEZ

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Top chef visits Marbella school to share some of his culinary secrets

Dani García visited the Marbella International College and gave a talk on healthy eating and some tips on cookery and food preparation

the extensive culinary skills which have earned two Michelin stars for his restaurant, to enthralled audiences throughout the morning.

He gave a talk on life-skills and the benefits of eating healthily, offering advice on many aspects of haute cuisine and also some simple kitchen skills and tips.

At the end of the morning he made a visit to the school kitchens where he met the resident head chef and his staff.

The variety of menus on offer and the experience and skills of the catering staff earned them his 'seal of approval'.

SUR IN ENGLISH

MARBELLA. On Tuesday 9th May, top chef Dani Garcia, owner of the Michelin starred 'Dani Garcia Restaurante' in the Hotel Puente Romano in Marbella, arrived at the English International College to talk to the students.

Dani demonstrated some of



Dani García with two of the students. :: SUR

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Versatile and sweet beetroot

Make the most of this humble vegetable that has been appreciated since antiquity

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Its peculiar sweet and earthy flavour makes beetroot one of those vegetables that either provoke passions or phobias. Those who love it can take advantage of its many nutritional qualities. It is an antioxidant, high in fibre and low in calories. Considering the sweet taste of this vegetable it only has 43 calories per 100 grammes.

Beetroot is the root of a plant in the amaranth family, which also includes spinach and Swiss chard. Originally from the coastal zones of Europe and Asia, *Beta vulgaris* (the genus name) was eaten in ancient Greece and Rome, where its leaves were more appreciated than the root, although the philosopher Theophrastus, a contemporary of Aristotle, mentions the pleasant taste of the raw root in his work 'Historia Plantarum'.

Its easy adaptation to colder climates meant that after the Romans introduced beetroot into cultivation in the lands more to the north of the Empire, from Britannia and

Germania to the present Bulgaria, it was more widely eaten there.

Dishes such as borsch, vegetable soup, chicken, pork and veal of Ukrainian origin were among the ambassadors of Slavic kitchens.

Borsch usually has among its ingredients some type of acid such as vinegar, and sour cream as a final touch. As Niki Segnit points out in his *Encyclopedia of Flavours*, acids and salt are the best complements for beetroot. That is also the reason why this versatile and col-

ourful vegetable is most likely to be found in supermarkets pickled in jars.

Consumption of beetroot has gone down in recent years, it tends to be served just in salads or cleansing shakes. However, a mandolin or a grater can help discover new possibilities for this vegetable, ie raw, in salads. The Swedes grate it on to their gravlax, a marinade in which salmon is boned and cured covered with a mixture of grated raw beetroot (about 300 grammes for 1 kilo of salmon), sugar and salt (75 and 100 grammes), lemon zest, 2 or 3 juniper berries, a handful of fresh dill, a glass (50 ml) of vodka and black pepper. After a period of 24 to 72 hours, the layer of beetroot is removed and the salmon cut into thin slices. The red colour is due to betanin, a water soluble pigment present in the vegetable and which is responsible for its antioxidant properties.

Using a mandolin it is possible to cut thin slices of beetroot that can be deep fried to make crisps as an appetiser. Cut as thinly as possible, dry well and fry at 170-180° until they begin to twist and brown (a few seconds). When they are removed from the hot fat they will still be soft, but placed on absorbent paper they will become crisp as soon as they cool down. Sprinkle with salt or salt mixed with a touch of cumin and chilli for an easy appetiser.

Segnit states that beetroot makes an ideal companion to anchovies and as a homemade marinade for other types of seafood such as sardines or mackerel.

In Russia, in addition to the famous Oliver salad, which we now call Russian salad although it is nothing like the original, is another popular dish, the pickled herring. It is similar to Russian salad, but is usually presented in layers. The layers consist of sliced, cooked beetroot, thin slices of gherkin, pickled herring, cooked carrot,

Consumption of beetroot has tended to go down in recent years

Beetroot is renowned for its antioxidant properties. :: SUR

THE RECIPE



Beetroot cream

INGREDIENTS (6-8 PEOPLE)

1kg cooked beetroot, peeled, 50 ml good quality wine vinegar, 70 ml extra virgin olive oil (a mild variety such as verdial, arbequina, picudo, pico limón, manzanilla aloreña), salt. To accompany: anchovies, sardines or mackerel in brine cut into chunks 1/2 cm, a finely sliced Granny Smith apple, grated fennel bulb, cured goats cheese cut in 1/2 cm cubes.

METHOD

If you love beetroot this recipe will not fail to please you. It's easiest to use ready-cooked beetroot, choosing one with an intense red colour (those peeled first and then boiled lose some of their colour).

Put the beetroot, the olive oil, the vinegar and the salt into a food processor or liquidiser and mix until the ingredients resemble a smooth cream. If it's a bit too thick you can thin it with a little water. Chill in the fridge for a few hours and serve in small bowls (the flavour is quite intense and you don't need a lot) accompanied with the chunks of fish, sliced apple, grated fennel bulb and cured goats cheese.

Any left over puree can be thinned further with water, adjust the seasoning and serve as a chilled soup.



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thinly sliced raw onion and lettuce. all interspersed with layers of slices of cooked potato. It is then smothered in mayonnaise and decorated with grated hard-boiled eggs.

Beetroot makes a perfect base for 'dips'. They mix well with thick yogurts and soft curd cheeses and impart a lovely pink colour. Beetroot's best friend among spices has to be cumin, it enhances the earthy notes of beetroot. Other members of the cumin family also work well with beetroot, such as fennel seeds, caraway or carrot, and can add a touch of aniseed flavour. Dill enhances and strengthens the sweetness, while tarragon brings a lemony hint. To add some spiciness try garlic or ginger.

To cook beetroot it is best to leave the skin and leaves on. Just wash well and trim the leaves back a little if needed. Large beetroot may need up to two hours cooking time on top of the stove. If they are cooked in the oven, they can be cut into chunks first. Sprinkle them with salt or other seasoning (garlic, herbs, ginger) and trickle over a little oil.

They take around 20 to 40 minutes in the oven and are a good accompaniment to grilled pork.

For fruit and vegetable smoothies, beetroot combines well with orange and lemon, carrot, radish and celery.

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There are several reasons why you should not go there. The first is that you need to dress up. Women should wear a flamenco dress (traje de gitana), and for men traje corto or traje de caballista, otherwise they will have to sweat it out in a suit and tie. You must also love horses. This is the main form of transport, and it is normal for a horse carriage to arrive at wherever you're staying to transport you to the feria ground. Once there you will witness what is possibly the greatest display of horseflesh outside the Newmarket sales.

And don't think you will be able to just walk into any caseta as you may do in the other great ferias of Andalucía like Jerez, El Puerto, Cór-

doña, etc. No, in Sevilla nearly all the 'little houses' are considered as extensions of a person's home and you only invite your friends to your home. In fact don't even bother going to the Feria unless you have a few invitations to private casetas tucked away in your pocket, otherwise you will be wandering around like a lost dog.

Nor is the food that great either, even in the casetas, or certainly not worthy of the greatest feria in Spain. The usual jamón, tortilla, croquetas, cheese, gambas from Huelva, gazpacho, stews of the day, etc. In fact nothing to set the gastronomic routine apart from any small Spanish town at midday. Ask for a typical Seville dish and you get a blank stare. There is no such thing.

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Yuko Morata

Marbella. *Until 17 June. Galería Yusto/Giner, C/Madera*



Fred Friedrich, San Pedro

The exhibition 'Bohemians' consists of twenty small format paintings by Japanese artist Yuko Morata. The theme that runs through all the paintings is nature and includes landscapes and especially swans.

Jia Aili

Malaga. *Until 18 June, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo.*

Jia Aili is an emerging Chinese artist whose works reflect the dramatic changes in Chinese society since the year 2000.

Peter Doig

Malaga. *Until 25 June, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo.*
'Studiofilmclub' is an exhibition by Scottish artist Peter Doig. It consists of posters created by the artist advertising films for his cineclub in Trinidad and Tobago.

Fausto Velázquez

Malaga. *Until 31 May, Fundación Unicaja, Plaza del Siglo.*
'Frida Kahlo, La vida como obra de arte' is an exhibition of paintings by artist and collector Fausto Velázquez. The artist was inspired to recreate the photos of Frida and her life in a series of paintings.

Arte Recuperado

Malaga. *Until 11 June. Casa Natal de Picasso, Plaza de la Merced.*
A selection of paintings entitled 'Arte Recuperado 81916- 1957' is on temporary loan to the Casa Natal. It includes works by Spanish masters including Josep Togores, Esteban Vicente, Alberto Sánchez and Pablo Gargallo among others.

Arte y superación

Malaga. *Until 23 June. La Sala Moreno Villa.*
An exhibition of art works by international renowned artists of the Mouth and Foot Painters Association.

Noel Nieva Villafuerte

Cómpeta. *Until 28 May. Galería Centro de Bellas Artes. C/San Antonio, 6.*
Philippine artist Noel uses complex colour themes to create his art. This is an opportunity to see some

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This event goes from strength to strength, and visitors come from far and wide to visit the studios, talk to the artists and watch them at work.

Taking part this year will be well-known names on the local art scene including Belén Montero, Rosie Venables, Chris Klees, Sara Webb, Caroline Gullick, Sue Callister, Michael Roschlau, Nozomi Hatano, Lesley Riddihough, Vivienne Whiffen, Jennifer Waterhouse, Paddy Robinson, Emma Cornish, Sebastian Fisher, Sian Faber, Juan Antonio Sangil, J. Sánchez Zabaleta, Anna Pellón, Tim Parry and Stephanie Thompson.

The Open Studios weekends are a perfect opportunity to keep up to date with the latest works of art, photography, sculpture, ceramics and textiles in the unique setting of a picturesque village in the Serranía de Ronda. The atmosphere is relaxed, visitors can visit all the studios or choose the ones which interest



Nozomi Hatano is one of the participating artists. :: SUR

INFORMATION

- ▶ **When:** 26-28 May and 2-4 June.
- ▶ **Where:** Gaucín, Malaga.
- ▶ **Tickets:** Entry is free.

them most, and there is no pressure to buy although there is certainly no lack of temptation!

All the studios are easy to find as they are pinpointed on maps which are especially printed for the occasion, and full details can also be found on the Art Gaucín website, www.artgaucin.com, or by phoning Sara Webb on (0034) 634 809 747

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Happy Artists

Mijas Costa. Until 1 June, *BocArte Restaurante, C/Cómpeta.*
Paintings by the accomplished An exhibition of works by Astrid Zehetner, a local Norwegian artist.

Elaine Carlton

Mijas. Until 31 May, *Hotel TRH Mijas.*
An exhibition entitled 'Organic' by artist Elaine Carlton. It explores the growth of living things and is created from natural products. wool, silk, rayon, cotton and metal.

Valerii Medvediev

Mijas. Until 5 June, *Sala de Patio de las Fuentes, Mijas town hall.*
An exhibition of sculptures by Rus-

sian artist Valerii Medvediev.

Finnish artists

Vélez-Málaga. 20, 21 May. *Salon de plenos, Archez town hall.*
An exhibition of water colours by nine Finnish artists.

Galería Krabbe 'Solstice'

Frigiliana. From 20 May until 25 June. *Galería Krabbe, C/Rosario La Joaquín.*
A new solo exhibition of artwork by Carline Krabbe entitled 'Solstice'.

Robert Bell

Periana. Until 31 May. *La Galería, Villa Olivia.*
Reservations and for viewings of the exhibition of photographs by Robert Bell can be made by email: info@lagaleria.eu or by tel: 951139153

Tres Abstractos III

Rincón de la Victoria. Until 9 June. *Casa Fuerte de Bezmiliana, Av del Mediterráneo.*
An exhibition of abstract art by Fernando de la Rosa, Óscar Pérez and Perry Oliver.

CHARITY

Álvaro Fraile charity concert

Malaga. 19 May, 8pm. *Sala Unicaja de Conciertos Maria Cristina, C/Marqués de Valdecañas*
The ONG Proclade Bética has organised a concert to raise funds for Proyecto Karikoga which helps educate children and adults with



'Solstice', Galería Krabbe

AIDS in Zimbabwe.

Armed Forces charity concert

Almuñécar. 19 May, 9pm. *Teatro José Martín Recuerda.*
The music section of the Infantry Academy will be holding a concert to raise funds for the Red Cross.

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Classical music concerts



The Collegium Musicum choir and orchestra. :: SUR

MALAGA. The Collegium Musicum Costa Del Sol choir and orchestra, together with the Camerata Singers of Sotogrande and directed by Annemarie Philipps, will be giving three concerts: first in Fuengirola on 21 May, then in Marbella on 23 May and lastly on 28 May in Sotogrande

The programme focuses on the music of Mendelssohn, with choruses and arias from Elijah together with his piece for soprano, choir and orchestra, Psalm 42. The orchestra will play Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 by Elgar and the concert will finish with Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

The guest musicians are so-

DETAILS

► **21 May.** IPV Palace Hotel & Spa (Beatriz) Fuengirola. 8pm. Tickets 12€ from hotel reception

► **23 May.** Iglesia de la Encarnación, Marbella. Donations to Concordia.

► **28 May.** Iglesia Nuestra Señora de la Merced, Sotogrande. 8pm.

► **Information.** www.colmus.org

prano, Siân Winstanley and bass, Juan Carlos Meler-Euler
For more details call 952 475 840/ 659 111 526 or email info@colmus.org

CHARITY

Married for a day

Comares. 21 May, 1-6pm, *Table Mountain restaurant*. 5€. Dress up and get married or renew your wedding vows by a real officiant of the Church of the Spaghetti Monster for one day. All proceeds to Axarquía Animal Rescue. Facebook: Casado por 1 Día - Married for 1 Day.



Ricky Lavazza, Benalmádena

Car museum week for charity

Malaga. 20-28 May. *Museo Automovilístico de Malaga*. Avda Sor Teresa Prat. Various activities are planned at the Malaga Automobile and fashion museum in aid of charity. The charities supported include Asociación Ángeles de la Noche who help people who live in difficult circumstances and the Asociación Mercador which supports families of stroke sufferers. Motoring clubs such as the Club 2CV have got to-

gether to organise the IICaravana Solidaria which will take place on 28 May to raise funds for the Fundación Andrés Olivares. The charity works to improve the lives of children suffering from cancer and other chronic disease. www.museoautomovilmalaga.com

Anniversary charity concert

Benalmádena. 26 May, 9pm. *Moonlight Bar, Sunset Beach Club*. To celebrate their 30th birthday, the Sunset Beach Club are holding a concert presented by Ricky Lavazza with special guest Vikki Rae. They will be performing tributes to Michael Bubl , Robbie Williams and Adele. Tickets 10€ include canapes on arrival tel: 695887366. Funds raised will go to Debra (butterfly children), Barrets Town and Make a Wish charities.

'Mi Baile solidario'

Mijas. 27 May, 7.30pm. *Teatro Las Lagunas*. Camino de Albero. 3€ in advance, 5€ on the door. The dance academy Ana María Tineo will be performing to raise funds for Cudeca Cancer Hospice.

Dog Show

La Cala de Mijas. 28 May, from 11am. *Algeria Stables*. A fundraising event for the FAMA (Foundation for abandoned and mistreated animals). Various dog classes to enter. Stalls selling food and drinks. Tel:620 354 885

Perroton 3km run

Marbella. 28 May. Leaving at 9am

The healing power of art

TONY BRYANT

MARBELLA. The Magpie International Art Gallery in Marbella is hosting a new exhibition of works by French surrealist artist, Gabrielle Ange.

'The Journey of the Soul', an exhibition of paintings in oil on canvas, is a collection of colourful works that focuses on the healing power of intuitive painting.

The artist believes that intuitive painting allows one to reconnect with one's creativity, freeing the expression of the soul and awakening the artistic sensibility.

There are 14 paintings in the exhibition and the use of colour is most prominent in all of these dazzling abstract works.

Gabrielle has lived and worked in several countries while developing her unique style and she founded her own school of intuitive and healing painting.

Her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries around the world and she has sold works to private collectors in France, Spain,



One of Gabrielle's visually expressive surrealist paintings. :: SUR

INFORMATION

► **When:** From 19 May until 28 June.

► **Where:** Magpie Art Gallery, Calle Virgen del Pilar 7, Marbella.

► **Tickets:** Free entry.

Britain, America, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany.

The exhibition, which is free, opens today (Friday) at 7pm and will continue until Wednesday 28 June.

The Magpie International Gallery, situated in Calle Virgen del Pilar, is an intimate exhibition space in Marbella dedicated to promoting art and fine photography.

Gardens open for charity

JENNIE RHODES

LA ALPUJARRA. Three gardens in the Alpujarra will be open on 27 and 28 May to raise money for charities.

The Jard n de la Alpujarra,  rgiva Tea Garden and Jard n Nevada in the Alpujarra region of Granada province will be offering the opportunity for visitors to see the many species of plants thanks to a group of horticulturists and owners of the gardens who have joined forces for the event.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Valle Verde animal rescue charity as well as La Chocolatada charity and Acompalia, a Granada-based palliative care organisation.

The Jard n de la Alpujarra, situated just outside the village of P rtugos, sits at 1,250 metres above sea level and offers a huge variety of plants as well as inter-



Bird of paradise flower. :: SUR

INFORMATION

► **When:** Saturday 27, Sunday 28 May

► **Where:** The Alpujarra, Granada province

► **Further info:** Facebook: Open Gardens Andalucia, www.orgivateagarden.com, www.jardinalpujarra.com, www.nevadanaturales.com

esting design ideas.

As its name suggests, the  rgiva Tea Garden will be offering teas, homemade cakes and other refreshments as well as beautiful gardens.

The Jard n Nevada, just above Lanjar n boasts healing herbs, a poisonous plant trail and bee-friendly plants as well as incredi-

ble views over the area.

Each garden has its own website and collectively the Facebook page, Open Gardens Andalucia, provides more information as to where to purchase tickets, opening times and directions.

Tickets may also be purchased on the day from the participating gardens.

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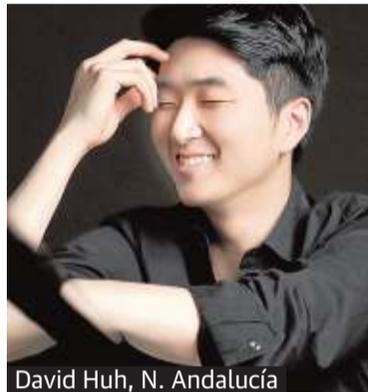
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Treasure Hunt

Marbella. 28 May, 11am. 25€ pp.
A treasure hunt in the town centre to raise funds for the photographer David Toms who was seriously injured in an accident. Teams of five people, one person goes free. Tickets from Manifiesto designs. Tel: 952 880 923.



David Huh, N. Andalucía

Cabaret for cats (and horses)

Alhaurín el Grande. 3 June, food from 7pm, show at 9pm. *Venta La Recta.* Tickets (for show only) 10€
An evening of songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. From Scott Walker, Bobby Darin, and Michael

Buble to Diana Ross, Roberta Flack and Adele. All proceeds from the show will go to "Gift of Life" Cat Rescue Centre and A.R.C.H. (The Andalucía Rescue Centre for Horses). Tickets from Papelería Martin or Cristina's paper shop. To book a table tel: 952 112 057.

MUSIC & DANCE

Cambaya Blues festival

Antequera. 20 May, 8pm. *Cambaya Club, La Azucarera industrial estate.*
Veterano & Costales Blues Company. 5€.

The Malaga Baroque Orchestra

Malaga. 21 May, noon. *Sala Unica de Conciertos Maria Cristina, C/Marqués de Valdecañas*
The last in a series of concerts, this one dedicated to music by Tele-mann.

Josep Colom piano recital

Malaga. 23 May, 8.30pm. *Sala Unica de Conciertos, C/Marqués de Valdecañas.*
Award winning pianist and teacher Josep Colom, will play pieces by composers Chopin and Mozart.

Serafad Trio

Vélez-Málaga. 25 May, 8.15pm. *Museo de Vélez Málaga, C/Dr. Eduardo Jiménez Pohey.*
The concert is called 'Memoria Serafad Trío'. Free entry.

Champagne Jam



Baroque concerts, Malaga

Alhaurín el Grande. 21 May, 7.30pm. *The Boma restaurant.*
International group playing 50 years of Rock, Blues & R&B

Chicos de Marbella choir

San Pedro de Alcántara. 25 May, 7pm. *Centro Cultural Kunsthaus Berlin.*
Spring concert by students in the choir of the Centro Municipal de Música y Danza.

Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes 25/26 May, 8pm. A. Bruckner's 4th symphony in B flat major. Conducted by Carlos Domínguez Nieto.
www.orquestafilarmonicademalaga.com

Beatles Festival

Mijas. 2 June, 9pm. *Auditorio Municipal.* 18€.
The Silver Beats, Beatles tribute band; Neil Tudor, Paul McCartney look-alike/sound-alike; Phil Melia from the Pete Best band and Buddy Walker as Buddy Holly. Tickets tel:

609 488 572 Info and online ticket sales: www.thefestivaloflegends.com

Piano recital with David Huh

Nueva Andalucía. 3 June, 9pm. *Vasari Centre, Urb La Alzambra.* 20€.

The award winning pianist David Huh will be playing pieces by Haydn, Ravel and Schumann.
www.musicaconencanto.org

FLAMENCO

Nieves Rosales in 'Elias'

Torremolinos. 20 May, 9pm and 9.45pm. *Casa de los Navajas.* Free.
The performance 'Elias. Ensayo sobre el olvido' is by Pablo Bujalance. Principal dancer is Nieves Rosales accompanied José Luis Ortiz.

'Achibé' flamenco fusion

Estepona. 20 May, 8pm. *Dolmens Corominas. Parque San Isidro Labrador, Los Pedregales.* 12€.
The duo 'Achibé' is formed by guitarist Francisco Amaya and singer Mónica Garrido.

Danza Fernando Hurtado

Nerja. 25-27 May, *Teatro Villa de Nerja*
Dance companies such as Carmen Werner, Vaivén Circo and others will be performing at the Festival Nerja-Danza. The Danza Fernando Hurtado company will also be performing at the theatre at 10am on 26 May and on the Balcón de Europa at 6pm.

Museo de Arte Flamenca Peña Juan Brea

Malaga. C/Ramón Franquelo, 8pm. 25 May. Aroa de Bastián singing and dancing, Rubén Lara guitar. 27 May. Chelo Soto singing, Luis el Salao guitar, Yaya clapping and Carrete dancing. Information and reservations email: info@flamenka.com or tel: 687697526 / 952221380

LECTURES

DFAS lectures

Benahavis. 23 May, 6.30pm. *Benahavis Town Hall*
Emperor Qianlong – The Ultimate Renaissance Man
The 18th Century Emperor Qianlong was arguably the greatest of all the Qing Emperors. But despite his successes as an expansionist ruler, his greatest contribution to China's heritage was in the field of art and culture. As a collector he was unrivalled, amassing a treasure trove of artwork. Lecturer is David Rosier. www.benahavidfas.com/events

FESTIVALS

Romería de San Bernabé

Marbella. 4, 6 - 11 June.
The romería to the Parque de Nagüeles takes place on the 4th June. Concerts, dancing and lots of activities during the following feria which runs from 6th until 11th June.

Foreign Residents' Days

TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS/ESTEPONA.

Foreign residents of Torremolinos and Estepona will be celebrating the Día del Residente Extranjero (Foreign Residents' Day) this weekend, on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

More than 30 associations and groups from 21 countries will be represented at the events, which will highlight the gastronomy, crafts, culture and folklore of their respective countries.

During this popular festival, which is organised through the town halls, participants dress in the traditional colours and costumes of their homelands, and the ambience is one of exotic excitement.

The festival will have a multicultural street-market offering spices and herbs from far off lands, as well as clothing, jewellery and fashion accessories. There will be special activities for the children.

In Torremolinos, visitors will be invited to taste the culinary delights of countries like Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, India, China and Singapore among others. There will also be exotic cocktails and world-renowned beers, as well as wines from some of Spain's top producers.

Visitors can enjoy an afternoon



Participants will dress in traditional colours and costumes. :: T. B.

INFORMATION

► **When:** Torremolinos on Saturday, 20 May and Estepona Sunday, 21 May, noon until 9pm.

► **Where:** Plaza La Nogalera, Torremolinos and Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos in Estepona.

filled with a multitude of musical cultures, including Cuban jazz, Indian folk and Peruvian pan-pipe music. There will be world dance demonstrations given by various

local dance troupes including the Bollywood Dancers who will be performing in Torremolinos.

The Lions Club of Torremolinos, the Royal British Legion, Friends of Nessie in Torremolinos (Scottish association) and the Irish Association of Spain will participate in the festival. The Finnish association of the Costa del Sol, the Bolivian artistic multicultural association of Andalucía, The Russian association of the Costa del Sol and The Philippine Provincial Association of Malaga, will also be represented.

The festival is intended to promote the foreign resident associations and clubs of both towns and their surrounding areas.



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EVENTS

Noche en Blanco

Malaga. 20 May, from 7pm. City centre.

Free access to museums, art galleries, concerts and theatre performances. Also the Gerard Brenan museum in Churriana will be open from 8pm-10pm.

Noche en Blanco Chess

Estepona. 3 June, from 8pm. Paseo marítimo.

A giant chess tournament dedicated to international chess master Alejandro Pérez and the E.M.A.E. (Estepona Municipal Chess School)



Feria del perro, Archidona

Feria del Perro

Archidona. 2, 3, 4 June.

This year will be the 25th anniversary of the festival. <https://ocha-vada.com>

The Hobbit

Fuengirola. 19-23 May, nightly at 8pm, Sunday 7pm. Matinée 3pm 20 May. Salon Varietés Theatre.

The production of the Hobbit from the book by J. R. R. Tolkien features an original and inventive stage design, puppet creatures, costumes and a young and vibrant cast. Tickets from the box office tel: 952474542 (11am - 2 30pm Mon - Sat) and an hour before each performance. Or book online: www.salonvarietestheatre.com

A day at the races

Mollina. 23 May. 11am. La Vina Park.

All the fun of a day at the races but without the animals.

FOTA Fashion show

Fuengirola. 25 May. La Farola, C/ Cuesta. 19.50€.

The Friends Of The Theatre Association are holding their annual fashion show with designs by the Pomodoro Fashion House. Hosted by Maggie Dobson. Book at the Salon Varietés Thetare. Tel: 951



The Ruta del Rock attracts thousands of live music fans :: TB

Torremolinos hosts fourth Ruta del Rock

BY TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. The centre of Torremolinos will become a huge stage over the next two weekends, when the town hosts the fourth edition of the Ruta del Rock; a live music festival with more than 60 concerts taking place in 36 bars and restaurants in the town.

The half-hourly shows will be staggered, taking place between 5 pm and 10pm every day, to allow people time to visit each bar on the route.

The festival is organised by Torremolinos town hall, and the participating bars have the opportunity to present the gigs inside their venue, or outside on the terrace. The music is not limited to rock; the festival will present a varied scope of music including reggae, soul, blues and folk music.

The majority of the gigs will be held in the centre of the town at venues including the Vanilla Café, Branigans Pub, The Galloping Ma-

jor, Garfield's and Bar Amsterdam.

Other venues include La Langosta and El Horno Beach Club, both in La Carihuela, and the Pink Elephant in Montemar.

The event will begin today, Friday, and continue until Sunday. The gigs will resume the following Friday and continue until Sunday 28 May.

Some of the area's top musicians will take part in the festival, including TNT, a local rock band that performs a tribute to heavy metal icons, ACDC.

The Coovers, an Oasis and Coldplay cover band, and The Silver Beats, Malaga's most popular Beatles tribute, will also perform.

The audience can vote for their favorite bar and band and their nominations will be entered in a prize draw that will be announced shortly after the festival.

A full list of participating bars and bands is available from the culture office in Plaza Andalucía as well as on the town hall's website.

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International Puppet Theatre

Malaga. 24, 25 May. Teatro Cánovas, Plaza de El Ejido.

Performances for all the family by puppeteers and theatre companies from Andalucía, Madrid and Murcia.

Classic car rally

Sotogrande. 24-28 May.

Some of the most prestigious cars in the world will be travelling from Seville, through Cordoba to

Sotogrande to take part in the Sotogrande Grand Prix. The town will become a showcase for some of the most luxurious classic cars in the world. Sponsored by Ruinar, one of the oldest champagne houses.

Gay Pride week

Torremolinos. 1-4 June.

A gay pride festival with lots of events and activities. <http://gaytorremolinos.com>

St Andrew's spring fair

Los Boliches. 27 May, from 11am St Andrew's Community Centre.

There will a variety of stalls, games, refreshments and entertainment by A Touch of Class. For more information: www.st-andrewscofe-spain.org

Moto & Bike Fair

Malaga. 19, 20, 21 May. Palacio de ferias y Congresos. 5€

This is the second year of this event which aims to promote the use of motor bikes and bicycles for leisure and sport. Buyers will be able to try out certain models on the track.

Bicycle and skate day

Torremolinos. 21 May, starting at 10am. Plaza Blas Infante.

A six kilometre route through the streets of Torremolinos for cyclists and skaters. Prizes for originality, youngest and oldest categories etc. Register for free online: www.pmdt.es



Orchid workshop, Marbella

Lux Mundi open day

Torre del Mar. 19 May, 11am-5pm.

Learn about the history of Lux Mundi and its founder, the development of the centre in Torre del Mar while meeting new people and enjoying coffee in the garden.

Orchid workshop

Marbella. 20 May, 11am-1pm.

Agrojardín Garden Centre. The workshop on caring for exotic orchids is split into two parts. The first part is the theory where the difference between the two main groups of orchids is discussed. The second part is practical and includes a demonstration on transplanting orchids. Attendees are encouraged to bring along their own orchids to the workshop for advice. Contact Leire de Luis: 610 793 630

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7,500 competitors take part in Legion's gruelling 101km race

The famously tough 101-kilometre race celebrated its 20th anniversary at the weekend

:: VANESSA MELGAR

RONDA. Runners and cyclists from all over Europe flocked to the province to compete in this year's 101 kilometre race, which has taken place in Ronda and its outskirts every year since 1997.

A massive 7,500 entrants congregated on the starting line at 10.30 on Saturday morning, despite the slightly more stringent application process which was stipulated by the Spanish Legion this year.

Cyclists had just 12 hours to complete the route which meanders around Arriate, Alcalá del Valle, Setenil de las Bodegas and Benaoján. José 'Quillo' Márquez from Marbella crossed the finish line in Alameda del Tajo park in first place,



Cyclists at El Puente de la Ventilla y Navetas in Arriate. **:: / ÁLVARO CABRERA**

for the third consecutive year, with a personal best time of three hours 55 minutes and 56 seconds. Some 15 minutes later, Márquez was joined

by second-placed Alejo Fuentes, and Juan Francisco Rodríguez 10 minutes after that. The first female cyclist to finish, with a time of five hours, 17 minutes and 49 seconds, was Sanne Van Paassen, who had travelled from the Netherlands to compete.

The runners were given 24 hours to complete all 101 kilometres. Much of the race was led by José Antonio Castilla from Granada, however it was Valencia's Joan Marc Falco, who had been on the former's heels for much of the race before overtaking him on Los Molinos hill, who eventually took first place with a time of eight hours 37 minutes and 13 seconds. Castilla finished eight minutes later with Rubén Delgado from Almeria later finishing in third.

Of the 7,500 competitors, 7,115 crossed the finish line before it closed at 11am on Sunday morning, even 79-year-old 'Super Paco' from Cártama who completed the race in 20 hours and 15 minutes.



One of the participating teams crossing the finishing line with 11 minutes to spare. **:: VANESSA MELGAR**



Nadal celebrates his match-winning point. **:: EFE**

Rafael Nadal new world number four after fifth Mutua Madrid Open title

The 30-year-old Spaniard defeated Dominic Thiem 7-6 (10-8) 6-4 as excellent preparation for the French Open

:: MANUEL SÁNCHEZ

MADRID. Rafael Nadal won his fifth Mutua Madrid Open title on Sunday after defeating Austrian Dominic Thiem 7-6 (10-8) 6-4. The Spaniard consequently made his way back into the top four in the world rankings, overtaking Roger Federer thanks to his latest title.

Nadal scraped a very close first set, which ended up going to a tie-break after a somewhat error-strewn start from both players, before he broke Thiem's serve in the first game of the second set to send him on his way to victory.

The victory saw the 30-year-old pick up his 30th ATP World Tour Masters 1000 title, a feat matched only by Serbia's Novak Djokovic, who the Spaniard beat in the semi-finals of this year's Madrid Open.

Sunday's victory also saw Nadal confirm a third consecutive title, following on from his triumphs at the Barcelona Open and Monte Carlo Masters respectively.

At time of print, the Spaniard has the chance to extend his incredible record on clay this year to 17 matches when he faces Jack Sock in the third round of the Rome Masters, with his opponent in the previous round Nicolas Pietrangeli being forced to retire hurt after less than 25 minutes on court.

Nadal's recent run has seen him back in contention as one of the favourites for the French Open, which begins on Monday.

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Unicaja secure home advantage in the playoffs as they relegate rivals Betis

Plaza's side confirmed a top-four finish with a 98-89 victory which guaranteed a home first leg in the playoff quarterfinal against Tenerife

:: JUAN CALDERÓN

MALAGA. A combined 43 points from Nemanja Nedović and Kyle Fogg ensured Unicaja will go into the playoff quarterfinal against Iberostar Tenerife full of confidence after confirming relegation for Andalusian rivals Real Betis Energía Plus in a 98-89 win on Sunday.

The duo scored 16 three-pointers altogether, a new record at the Martín Carpena, to destroy Betis' slim chances of Liga Endesa survival.

Fogg began the onslaught by scoring 11 points in just five minutes to give Unicaja an 18-14 lead, before Nedović halted a mini Betis revival by scoring 11 points at the beginning of the second quarter to make it 46-30.

Betis believed they had a sniff when they brought the game back to 81-70 in the 34th minute, but Plaza reverted back to a trio of Nedović, Fogg and Jamar Smith who consequently settled the game once and for all.

The victory confirmed that the Malaga side would finish fourth in the table, a position that has guaranteed Unicaja a home first leg in the playoff quarterfinal against Iberostar Tenerife on Sunday. The return leg takes place five days later in Tenerife.



Nedovic's imperious display saw him score 21 points. :: NIÑO SALAS

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A LOOK AT LA LIGA

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An ode to Isco

It took a while for his career in the capital to take off, but now he certainly is the "Real Deal"

The boy from Benalmádena returns home this week as a man.

Francisco Román Alarcón Suárez to his family, Isco to the rest of us, is proving to be the X-Factor that drives Real Madrid to possibly their greatest of their many great achievements.

Even if Gareth Bale is fit to make the trip back home to Wales for the Champions League final, he is likely to be left in the shadows by the Andalusian.

At times Isco has been like the mate we've all had on a five-a-side pitch, with his dribbling and close control, but lost when you

put him on a full pitch.

Back in the summer it was suggested that he was surplus to requirements in the capital and he could move away, possibly back to Malaga, if a deal could be reached to pay his wages.

Now he is proving invaluable in the quest for Real to boast being Champions of Europe and Spain at the same time for the first time since the 1950s.

We all knew he had immense talent from his days at Malaga but Zinedine Zidane took time to warm to him, or maybe to bring a direction and discipline to his game. In the absence of Bale,



Bale is set to miss out on the showcase final. :: AFP



Isco celebrates his semifinal goal against Atlético. :: EFE

Isco was given a chance and boy has he taken it!

His semifinal goal ensured that Real advanced to the Champions League final - the most important of the nine he's scored in his last twelve Liga and Champions League starts, plus eight assists; compare

this to Bale who weighed in with just two goals in his last dozen appearances, also leaving his team a man short in the draw against Las Palmas by getting sent off.

Bale will be back, be certain of that. What wasn't so certain was whether Isco's deal would be al-

lowed to be run down therefore allowing him to leave as a free agent in the summer of 2018.

Discussion of Eden Hazard, Philippe Coutinho and Kylian Mbappé inheriting the coveted number ten shirt at the Bernabéu has filled the papers. All are class players who would cherish the career break but the next number ten surely has to be the current number 22? Great footballer, great character. There's little not to love!

When he scored two goals, including the last minute winner against Sporting Gijón he celebrated with sign-language to a young deaf supporter he'd met in the build-up to the game.

He reversed the tired old "Spanish waiter" gag - that Rafa Benitez has to endure back home - on Tony Adams. When the Granada manager removed his jacket and revealed a concierge-like waist coat, Isco responded by asking him for a Coca Cola.

It has taken him a while to make the establishment, but as he faces his old club Malaga on the final day, it will be his 200th game for Real Madrid. Now though he really is the "Real Deal".

Marbella secure place in next season's Copa del Rey

Despite only mustering a draw at home to Linense this weekend, Fael's side have qualified for the cup next season

MARBELLA 1 LINENSE 1

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. Marbella will play in next season's Copa del Rey, despite only drawing to Linense at the Municipal stadium, as none of their rivals, Irún, Lleida and Hércules, won their matches either.

Manager Fael Becerra Cortés played the same winning 11 that had finally put an end to the club's four-

match losing streak against Jumilla last week, even though regulars Kike Márquez and Andrés Sánchez were eligible to play again after their bans came to an end.

Marbella began very positively and with good pace, particularly on the right wing and up front as Goti and Rioja made their presence known. However, striker Okoye

soon became frustrated as service was lacking in potency and direction, which often granted Linense possession and the ability to counter attack.

The visitors' crosses and corners were much more threatening than those of the home side, and resulted in shots from both Mauri and Zamorano rattling the posts of the Marbella goal, which was defended by Bernabé for a second consecutive match.

Just before the whistle blew for half time, central midfielder Damián Petcoff was injured and substituted for left-winger Neva, which saw Goti move deeper to join Beitia and Lolo in midfield.

After the teams returned from

the break, Marbella looked a lot more effective in the final third. In fact, Linense's Madrigal conceded a penalty in the 52nd minute, bringing down Marbella's Marco Ruiz, who burst into the area from the right wing. Goti took the penalty and put the home side ahead.

However, displeased by the referee's decision to grant a penalty, the visitors fought for an equaliser, and less than 10 minutes later, Zamorano beat Bernabé to make the scores level.

The remainder of the match saw more chances for the visitors than the hosts but the last 30 minutes were goalless, and a fixture that overall felt more like a preseason friendly finished 1-1.

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Juanmi (Oyarzabal, 58')

Iñigo Martínez

Zubeldia

Rulli

Illarramendi

Willian José

Raúl Navas (Bautista, 76')

Xabi Prieto

Vela (Canales, 64')

Odrizola

4-2-3-1

Torres

Jony (Chory Castro, 71')

Sandro

Keko (Demichelis, 78')

Recio

Llorente

Kameni

Pablo

Luis Hernández

Juankar (Santos, 87')

Ricca

Unused substitutes: Toño (GK), Zaldua, Elustondo, Granero (R. Sociedad); Boyko (GK), Mikel, José Rodríguez, Charles (Malaga)

STATISTICS

BALL POSSESSION

58% / **42%**

R. SOCIEDAD / **MALAGA**

2	Goals	2
23	Total shots	12
15	On target	9
8	Off target	3
11	Corners	3
5	Offsides	3
10	Fouls committed	16
1	Yellow cards	2
0	Red cards	0

Goals: 1-0 Xabi Prieto (31'), 1-1 Luis Hernández (45'), 1-2 Recio (75'), 2-2 Bautista (85').

Referee: Jaime Latre. Yellows for Raúl Navas, Torres and Santos.

Venue: Estadio de Anoeta (21,000 spectators).

TABLE & FIXTURES

MATCHDAY 37

LEAGUE TABLE

★ Champions League ■ Europa League ▼ Relegation

TEAM	PT.	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
★ 1. R. Madrid	90	37	28	6	3	104	41
★ 2. Barcelona	87	37	27	6	4	112	35
★ 3. At. Madrid	75	37	22	9	6	67	26
★ 4. Sevilla	69	37	20	9	8	64	49
■ 5. Villarreal	64	37	18	10	9	53	32
■ 6. Athletic	63	37	19	6	12	52	40
7. Real Sociedad	63	37	19	6	12	57	51
8. Eibar	54	37	15	9	13	54	47
9. Alavés	54	37	14	12	11	40	42
10. Espanyol	53	37	14	11	12	47	49
11. MALAGA	46	37	12	10	15	49	53
12. Valencia	46	37	13	7	17	55	62
13. Celta	44	37	13	5	19	51	67
14. Las Palmas	39	37	10	9	18	53	71
15. Betis	38	37	10	8	19	39	62
16. Leganés	34	37	8	10	19	35	54
17. Deportivo	33	37	7	12	18	40	61
▼ 18. Sporting	30	37	7	9	21	40	70
▼ 19. Osasuna	22	37	4	10	23	40	89
▼ 20. Granada	20	37	4	8	25	29	80

Results

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

Fixtures

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

Away campaign ends in pulsating draw

Malaga's unbeaten run continues with a point against Sociedad who had to come from behind to ensure a share of the spoils

== KISHAN VAGHELA

MALAGA. Malaga's disappointing away campaign ended with an exciting 2-2 draw against Real Sociedad on Sunday night, extending the side's current unbeaten run to five.

With Camacho missing through suspension, Malaga started to feel their captain's absence midway through the half. The midfield failed to break up wave after wave of Sociedad attacks, with striker Willian José heavily involved.

Just after the 25-minute mark, the Brazilian saw his back-post header cleared off the line by Recio, before seeing his deflected long-range effort fizz behind for a corner.

That set-piece led to the referee awarding the hosts a penalty after Keko was judged to have fouled Asier Illarramendi. Xabi Prieto made no mistake and sent the ball past Carlos Kameni for his eighth goal this season.

Kameni was forced into a save minutes later to divert Willian José's pow-



Luis Hernández and Miguel Torres celebrate the former's goal on the stroke of half-time. :: EFE

erful strike over, with a second goal appearing a matter of time.

However, the visitors equalised against the run of play just before the break. A short corner was laid back to Juankar, whose curling effort crashed against the bar before hitting Gerónimo Rulli in the back, paving the way for Luis Hernández to tap home for his first Malaga goal.

The hosts seemed unfazed after

the restart and continued to press forward. Willian José was denied yet again, this time heading onto the woodwork from Carlos Vela's cross.

The Mexican would try himself in the 64th minute, but curled his effort straight at Kameni, before substitute Mikel Oyarzabal clipped well wide of the post when clean through.

Fifteen minutes from time Michel's side would take a shock lead after Re-

cio collected the ball from 30 yards out before smashing a strike past Rulli into the left-hand corner.

Michel's immediate reaction was to send on Martín Demichelis for Keko as part of a switch to a five-man defence. However, the change made little difference as chances kept coming for the hosts.

After Willian José had failed to hit the target when in plenty of space,

La Rosaleda to host title decider on Sunday

All eyes will be on La Rosaleda this weekend, with visitors Real Madrid needing just a point to win their first league title since 2012. However, should Malaga win and Barcelona beat Eibar, the trophy will head to Catalonia because of their greater head-to-head record.

In-form Malaga also have plenty to play for with an 11th-place finish worth an extra million euros - around the same amount that would be owed by Real thanks to a clause in Isco's transfer for a championship win.

Tickets for Sunday's historic encounter sold out over a week ago.

an unmarked Iñigo Martínez headed another effort wide from a corner.

Three minutes after Juankar spurned the chance to seal the game, the visitors' luck finally ran out, when substitute Jon Bautista found space between Demichelis and Llorente to nod a Martínez cross into the bottom left-hand corner.

Both teams created openings for a winner in the final five minutes, but Sandro and José failed to make use of them, resulting in a hard-earned point for Malaga who could do with the same fighting spirit when Real Madrid come to town for the title decider on Sunday.

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Club legends Martín Demichelis and Weligton have announced their retirement in an emotional week for the club

MALAGA. Emotions have been running high around Malaga CF this week as Martín Demichelis and Weligton, two pillars of the club's success of the past decade, decided to call it a day.

Since Michel's arrival in March, there has been a distinct feeling of a changing of the guard with the club's more experienced pros taking a back seat and watching while their younger counterparts have led Malaga to a phenomenal end to the season.

The first to announce his decision was Martín Demichelis, who called a press conference on Monday to announce his decision. Having only rejoined the club in this year's January transfer window, it came as a surprise to some that he has chosen now



Weligton was accompanied by his family when he announced his retirement. :: SALVADOR SALAS

to call time on his 17-year professional career.

"I have to be honest with myself. My legs have gone and I have lost my powers of concentration," the 36-year-old stated.

The Argentinian, who joined Malaga from Bayern Munich, followed boss Manuel Pellegrini to Man-

chester City where he won a league title during his three-year spell.

"I learned a lot during my time there," he said but admitted that after a difficult final campaign, he thought about quitting the game then.

However, a move to Espanyol beckoned and after limited playing time,

the possibility for a return to Malaga was one he couldn't refuse: "This is one of the clubs I dreamed I would finish my career at," he said, thanking the club, and especially sporting director Francesc Arnau, for granting him the opportunity to do so.

Demichelis was also present at La Rosaleda on Wednesday to attend

the press conference held for his defensive partner during his first spell at the club, Weligton.

The Brazilian veteran said his own goodbye, after ten years of loyal service to Malaga CF.

"It has been ten years of immense happiness," he said through tears. The 37-year-old spoke of the obstacles he has had to overcome, especially in recent times with his fitness issues.

Weligton started this season in the first team squad but has been hampered by injury and eventually gave up his registration in January to accommodate the non-EU signing of Adalberto Peñaranda. In a strange twist of fate, Martín Demichelis was signed as his replacement.

Pride

Barely able to hold back his emotions, Weligton also expressed pride in what he had achieved during his career: "I never imagined I would be able to become a professional footballer nor come as far as I have. I never played for my national team but I've played against some fantastic players and have been able to share a dressing room with some fantastic pros, like Martín Demichelis. I am really thankful to all of the clubs I've represented."

In the presence of his family, teammates and directors, he concluded: "I have grown a lot during my time here, and so has the club. I hope you all will continue taking the club forward. Our paths with cross again. I will come back... Malaga is my home."

Valencia still pursuing Camacho

Malaga are already preparing for the worst-case scenario which would see both Camacho and Sandro leave this summer

:: D. F. / A. G. / S. C.

MALAGA. This summer is set to be another where Malaga fight to hold onto their major talents with both midfielder Ignacio Camacho and striker Sandro Ramírez the subject of interest from a number of clubs.

Interest from Valencia in Camacho has been persistent for a number of years and after injury first put paid to any move two years ago, they returned with an offer of 12 million euros in January.

That offer was rejected as it fell short of his 18-million-euro release clause but, in any case, the Blue and Whites are loathe to sell him, especially after he has overcome his fitness issues to become a mainstay in Michel's team.

While he has two years remaining on his current deal, talks about extension and increased pay have come to a standstill to the frustration of the player. With the club limited by its wage structure, it remains to be seen whether they will be able to match his ambitions.

The same applies for Sandro



Camacho joined Malaga from Atlético Madrid in 2011. :: SALVADOR SALAS

Ramírez who has attracted the attention of Premier League teams Everton and Tottenham. With a bargain six-million-euro release clause (agreed to lure him to La Rosaleda in the first place) the club are resigned to losing him, especially after Everton boss Ronald Koeman was spotted in the stands for Malaga's 3-0 win against Celta Vigo.

Regardless of what happens, Malaga are prepared for the worst-case scenario (that both leave) and are prepared to reinvest what would be significant kitty money on proven

talents.

The striking department will have to be the major priority, with Charles also moving on at the end of his contract.

The market is also being scoured for a goalkeeper to replace Carlos Kameni in the long run, with Delys Boyko's loan coming to an end.

Espanyol's Roberto, who played for Michel at Olympiakos, is believed to be the first choice while a move for former Barcelona stopper Víctor Valdés shouldn't be ruled out despite him having just turned 35.

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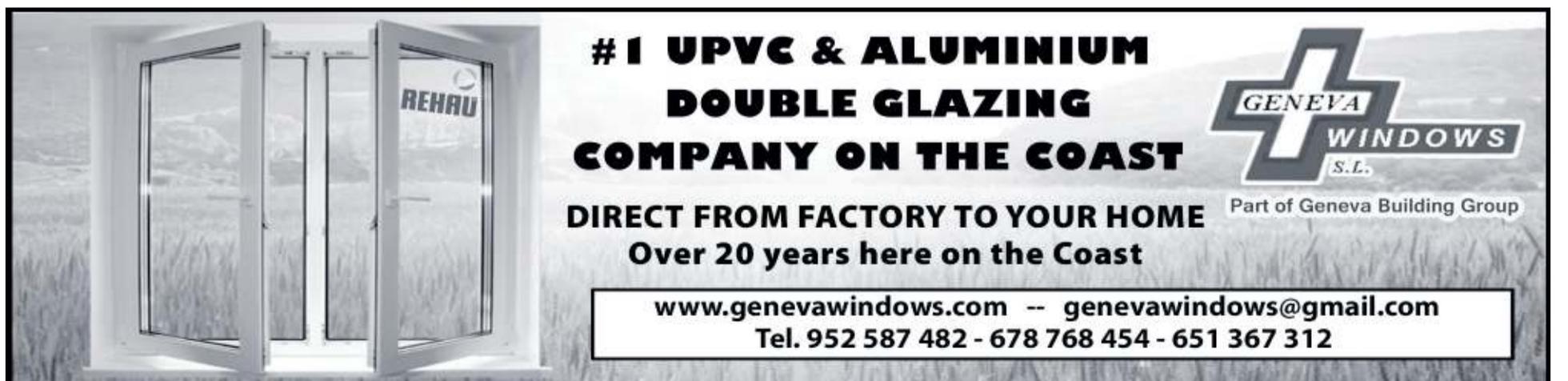
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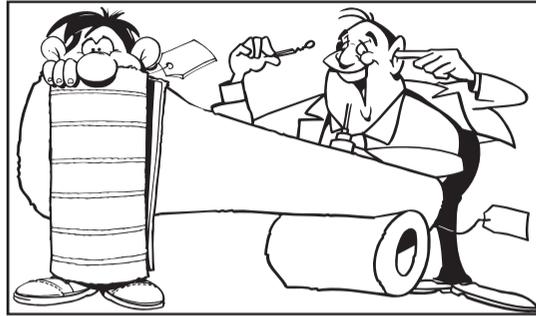
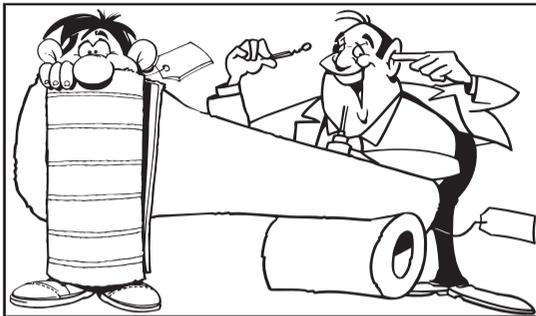


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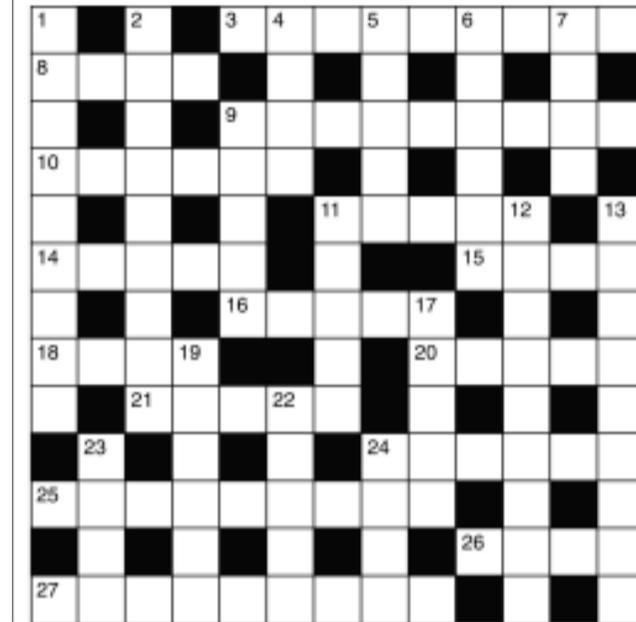
THE SEVEN DIFFERENCES



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All things change with time, so know that good things are ahead. Just stay calm.
- Pisces**
February 20th - March 20th
Get your imagination moving to release your creative potential. You have it in you to really race ahead once you know where you are going.
- Aries**
March 21st - April 20th
There are no short cuts to progress but, in the right kind of atmosphere, work seems like fun anyway!
- Taurus**
April 21st - May 21st
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May 22nd - June 21st
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- Scorpio**
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- Sagittarius**
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- Capricorn**
December 22nd - January 20th
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11242



- Across**
- 3 Insulted to one's face, presumably (9)
 - 8 Garment in which money may be put (4)
 - 9 In which a history of strain is told? (4,5)
 - 10 The chemist's rejoinder? (6)
 - 11 Command to be tidy? (5)
 - 14 It is unsuitable for writer to go back in it (5)
 - 15 Fruitful engagement? (4)
 - 16 Build in Crete perhaps (5)
 - 18 Listen to repeated cheers (4)
 - 20 Restraints are imposed in rare instances (5)
 - 21 It gives a rise to youth leader going to 7 (5)
 - 24 Favoured vehicle covers the floor? (6)
 - 25 By which the top actor is seen? (9)
 - 26 Half 24 and 7 are concerned (4)
 - 27 Favourite hypothesis about a man and his dog? (3,6)
- Down**
- 1 The supervisor's mistake? (9)
 - 2 Seek directions - why take as different? (3,3,3)
 - 4 Is living in one dull? (4)
 - 5 Up and down it goes round and round (5)
 - 6 Required nothing from one bad deed (6)
 - 7 Direction of Singapore, as they say (4)
 - 9 A pert way to jabber (5)
 - 11 It's no secret: lets a long breath out (5)
 - 12 Such a broadcast should produce dramatic results (5,4)
 - 13 Dog that fixes the colour? (3,6)
 - 17 Stand a round of medicine? (5)
 - 19 Grieve over having right to bird (6)
 - 22 Set will be appropriate for 7 (5)
 - 23 Bit of a nasty eye (4)
 - 24 Scorch in characteristic fashion (4)

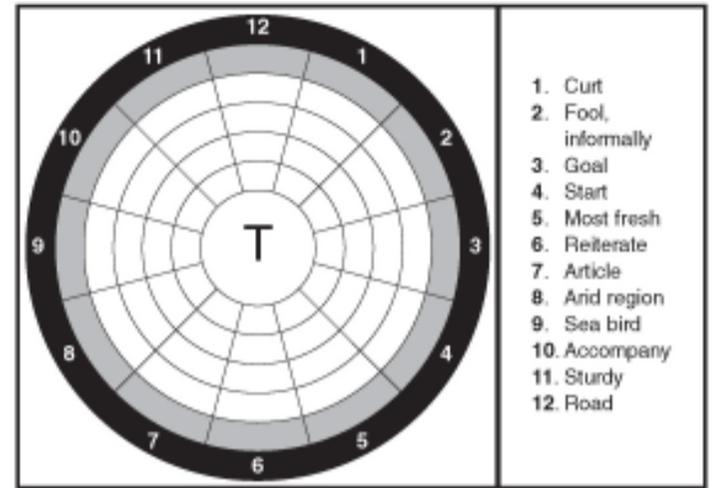
SUDOKU BY HANZO

Instructions
Complete the square making sure that every row of nine numbers includes all digits from 1 to 9, every column includes all digits from 1 to 9 and every 3 by 3 subsection includes all digits from 1 to 9

2				3	6			
8							5	
3	5		6	1			2	
7		3		6	5		9	
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					9		6	1
		5		2			8	7
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	2			7			4	

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter T in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a British comic character actor.



- 1. Curt
- 2. Fool, informally
- 3. Goal
- 4. Start
- 5. Most fresh
- 6. Reiterate
- 7. Article
- 8. Arid region
- 9. Sea bird
- 10. Accompany
- 11. Sturdy
- 12. Road

THE WORDPUZZLER

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

- CAN you identify the breed of dog from the anagrams listed below?
- 1. Exorb
 - 2. Whoc
 - 3. Zibroo
 - 4. Upg
 - 5. Groic
 - 6. Ilcoe
 - 7. Gabel
 - 8. Fitasm
 - 9. Street
 - 10. Odpole

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24 hour music and entertainment
- Radio Mijas** (107.7 FM)
3 p.m. News, views and music
- Radio Sol Almirajara** (99.1 FM)
Nerja radio in English and German and night time World Radio Network
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QUIZ

- QUESTION 1**
- What animal was used as the mascot for the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil?
- 1. A racoon
 - 2. An anteater
 - 3. An armadillo
 - 4. A capybara
- QUESTION 2**
- What is the maximum time a golf player may look for a lost ball?
- 1. As long as you need
 - 2. Five minutes
 - 3. Ten minutes
 - 4. Fifteen minutes

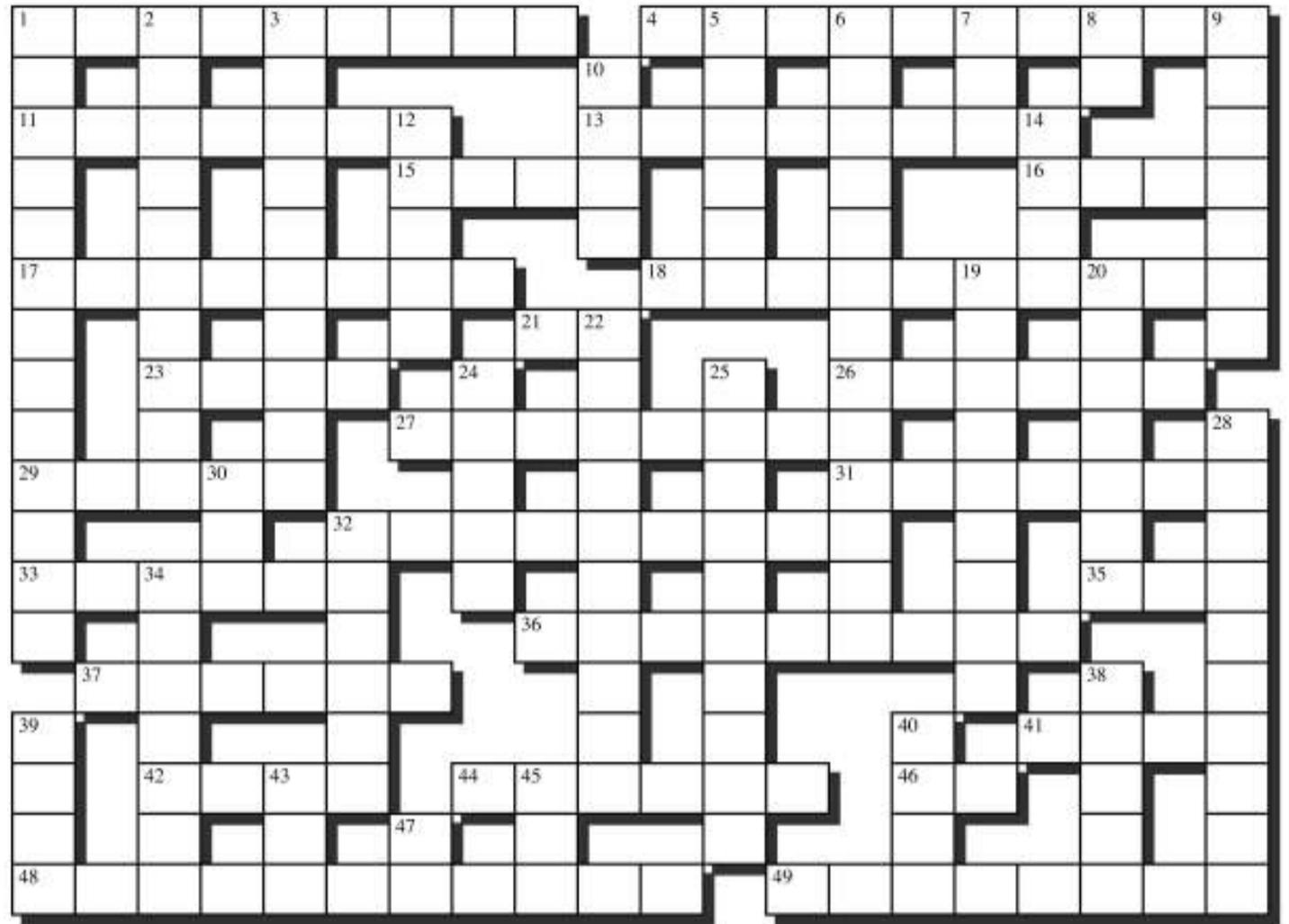
LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

Across

- 1. Ceremony (9)
- 4. Shop window (10)
- 11. Bom (pl) (7)
- 13. Victor (8)
- 15. Work (4)
- 16. Rise (4)
- 17. Matches (8)
- 18. Infantry (10)
- 21. Of (2)
- 23. Damage (4)
- 26. To call (6)
- 27. Victory (8)
- 29. Houses (5)
- 31. Parade (7)
- 32. Finished (9)
- 33. Eighth (6)
- 35. To hear (3)
- 36. Leadership (9)
- 37. City (6)
- 41. Red (f) (4)
- 42. Nest (4)
- 44. Troops (6)
- 46. The (f) (2)
- 48. Accommodation (11)
- 49. Facades (8)

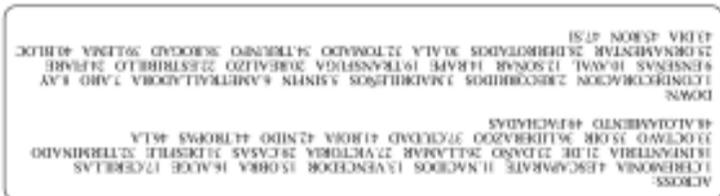
Down

- 1. Decoration (Medal) (13)
- 2. Itineraries (10)
- 3. People of Madrid (10)
- 5. Endless number (6)
- 6. Machine gun (13)
- 7. Ring (3)
- 8. Oh dear! (2)
- 9. Banners (7)
- 10. Guarantee (4)
- 12. To dream (5)
- 14. Monkfish (4)
- 19. Tumcoat (9)
- 20. I carry out (7)
- 22. Chorus (10)
- 24. I will trust (5)
- 25. To adorn (10)
- 28. Defeated (pl) (10)
- 30. Wing (3)
- 32. Taken (6)
- 34. Triumph (7)
- 38. Bag (pl) (5)
- 39. Slogan (4)
- 40. Notebook (4)
- 43. Day (3)
- 45. Rum (3)
- 47. If (2)

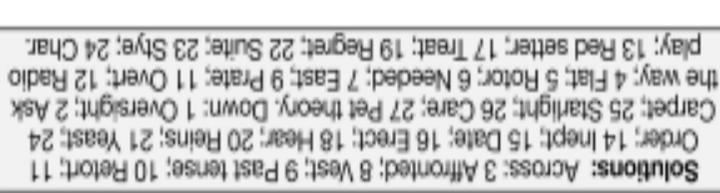


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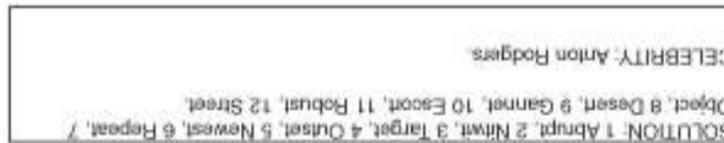
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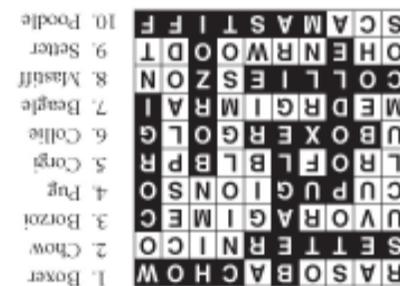
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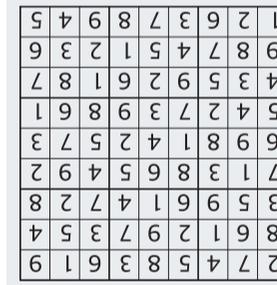
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Wordpuzzler solution



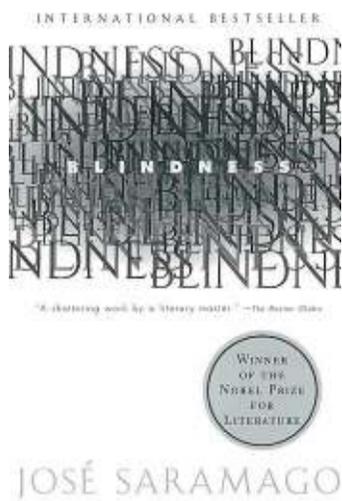
Sudoku solution



Quiz answers

Answer 1: An armadillo
banded armadillo is found only in Brazil and is classified as a vulnerable species. It was selected as the mascot and was pictured wearing a white T-shirt with 'Brazil 2014' written across it. It was called 'Fuleco' a combination of 'Futebol' and 'Ecologia'.
Answer 2: Five minutes
Of interest: Under the Rules of Golf, you have five minutes to search for a golf ball. If you don't find it within five minutes after beginning your search, the ball is deemed lost.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Blindness
José Saramago

The 'white evil' is a mysterious disease that start to infect people and make them blind. The government creates a quarantine camp in a disused mental asylum to try to prevent the contagion from spreading. However it spreads at an exponential rate leaving most of the world blind. Social order crumbles and widespread panic lead the government to decide to shoot and kill infected internees. The Doctor's wife at the asylum is one of the few who can still see and she, her husband and a few internees fight to survive.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A wise man must be able to not only love his enemies but also to hate his friends

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

THE SUR IN ENGLISH CORNER

What's going on?

Every week the team at SUR in English endeavours to deliver as full a list as possible of what's going on around the region, from exhibitions to concerts and charity events and original version film, all in our What To Do section.

Readers will know that we do our best to make room for as much as we can - from the internationally renowned shows at Malaga's Picasso, Thyssen, Russian and Pompidou centres, to the collections put together by amateur artists in

their local towns and villages. The same goes for music: international stars rub shoulders with local choirs on our cultural pages, where there is also a special place for charity events.

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Brushing up different skills in Árchez

The local mayor supports an initiative which brings Finnish artists to the Axarquía



ÁRCHÉZ. A group of nine painters from Finaldn are visiting Árchez in the small village of Árchez this week to develop their skills, paint local scenery and exhibit their finished work in the local town hall.

Krisse and Jukka Sulonen have been running a painting course in the small village of Árchez for four years. The couple divide their time between their native Helsinki in Finland and the mountain village where Jukka, who is an architect, teaches different painting techniques as well as taking the group to local beauty spots to capture the Andalusian landscape.

Krisse, who is a retired head teacher, said that the Finns who come “enjoy it very much because it is genuine and not touristy like some of the nearby towns”.

Of the approximately 400 people who live in Árchez, there are a few Scandinavians, Brits and Belgians,



Artists have been painting at different beauty spots this week. :: k. s.

but, says Krisse, the majority of the population is Spanish.

Many of the artists who come over from Finland aren't just here to paint; they are also learning Spanish back at home and use the week to brush up on their language skills too. Inkeri Blomstedt is retired and has Spanish lessons at home in Helsinki. She

was the first student on the course four years ago and has come back every year since. “I stay in a small house with Spanish people and practise with the locals,” she said, adding, “I really enjoy it, it's genuine Spain.”

Mimmi Eirtovaara, who is from Hanko, to the west of Helsinki, is

IN THEIR WORDS

Krisse Sulonen
Project organiser

“The Finns enjoy it very much because it's genuine and not touristy”



M. Carmen Moreno
Mayor of Árchez

“Because the paintings are exhibited in Helsinki, more people hear about Árchez”



Mimmi Eirtovaara
Visiting painter

“The local people are very friendly and it's very, very different from home”



become fluent,” she said, laughing. However, despite the potential language difficulties, Mimmi added that the local people are “very friendly” and that it is “very, very different” from her home town.

The group will be exhibiting the results of the week in Árchez in the town hall on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May and Krisse says that she and her husband have had “a lot of support” from the mayor, María del Carmen Moreno Córdoba. The town hall lends the group its council chamber for the duration of the exhibition and Moreno Córdoba says that she “collaborates throughout the year with Krisse and Jukka”.

“Thanks to Krisse and Jukka more people come to the village and because the paintings are exhibited in Helsinki when the group returns to Finland, more people hear about us,” said the mayor. “We get to learn more about Finland too as they bring typical Finnish goods with them.”

At the end of the exhibition, the mayor gets to choose one painting to hang in the town hall and the rest are sent back to Helsinki for the exhibition there. “This year will be the third time we have chosen a painting. The other two are already hanging in the town hall and one is in the mayor's parlour,” said Moreno Córdoba.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday and Sunday in the Salón de Plenos at Árchez town hall, from 11am until 5pm.

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