

Torremolinos, home to Pride 2017

The gay community came together for a festival where Dana International starred on Saturday **P24&25**



Family travel to UK to bring back the Spanish hero of London Bridge attack

Ignacio Echeverría, 39, died trying to stop terrorists with his skateboard; his death was not confirmed until Wednesday

One of the eight victims of last Saturday's terror attack on London Bridge was confirmed this week as Spaniard Ignacio Echeverría, 39. The British authorities have faced criticism after it took until Wednesday for them to confirm his death. The news brought an end to 90 hours of anxious wait-



ing for Ignacio's family who travelled to London where they received support from the Spanish embassy. Ignacio, who worked at the HSBC bank in London, has been hailed a hero after he used his skateboard to try to save a woman who was being attacked by one of the terrorists. **P19**



MARBELLA DRESSES UP FOR SAN BERNABÉ

The annual fair kicked off with fireworks on Tuesday night and festivities continue this weekend **P3&42**

The party atmosphere in Marbella on Thursday. :: JOSELE-LANZA

British expats in Spain keep a close eye on the UK election results

The outcome of the snap election could determine what type of Brexit EU residents can expect



At the time of going to press polling stations were still open across the UK as people cast their votes in the snap election called by Theresa May in April. British residents in Spain and other EU countries, many of whom were unable to vote due to the 15-year rule, wait to see how the results could affect the Brexit negotiations due to start soon. **P18**

Marbella council gets tough on louts, studying new regulations to deter antisocial behaviour by drunken tourists **P2**

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Marbella council says 'enough is enough' to loutish behaviour and starts to get tough

The local authority is concerned that the resort's image is being damaged by disreputable tourists, mostly foreigners, especially in Puerto Banús,

**■ NIEVES CASTRO /
HÉCTOR BARBOTA**

MARBELLA. Councillors in Marbella are concerned that the resort's image and reputation are being damaged by antisocial behaviour, especially because in recent weeks there has been an increase in the presence of drunken tourists in the Puerto Banús area.

Javier Porcuna, councillor for Security, told a press conference this week that new regulations are now being drawn up to control behaviour which is considered antisocial, which includes going shirtless in certain places, and that fines will be imposed on those who do not comply.

He said this initiative was already being planned when, on Sunday 28 May, ten people were injured and two British tourists arrested, in a hit-and-run incident described at the time as an isolated incident.

He stressed that the local authority had already decided to reinforce the police presence in Puerto Banús, with six more Local Police officers being assigned to the area. The original plan was for these measures to be implemented from 13 June to 30 September, but the council decided to put them into effect earlier because the Marbella Luxury Weekend was scheduled to take place beforehand.

Porcuna didn't give details of the instructions which have been given to the police, but he stressed that "situations such as those which have occurred recently will



Shirtless tourists in Puerto Banús this week; fines could become more commonplace. **■ JOSELE-LANZA**

not be tolerated."

Keeping checks on bars

Without referring explicitly to

drunken foreign tourists, the councillor explained that the local authority will be keeping a careful eye on establishments which take advan-

tage of their customers' antisocial behaviour. "We are not talking about using powers which are beyond our means, but there are licences which

are granted at our total discretion, and when looking at those we will analyse in detail whether we are contributing to the improvement of the Puerto Banús product or whether we are taking a step backwards," he said.

However, he stressed that this initiative not only needs to be adopted from the policing point of view but also needs cooperation from business owners. Some already take into account the type of clientele they want and the type they don't, but others do not feel the same way. "We have to decide where we need to focus our attention," he said.

Porcuna admitted that tourists and customers cannot be selected at the airport or in the street, but he said that "there is a wish to try to encourage some people to come to Marbella and discourage others from doing so".

The councillor explained that the local authority wants to modify the regulation, although this takes longer, rather than issue a decree, because that is normally only done on a temporary basis. The reports which have to be prepared beforehand have already been approved, he said.

He stressed, however, that the

Norwegians arrested over damage to cancer exhibition

■ SUR

MÁLAGA. Three Norwegian nationals, all aged 20, have been detained on suspicion of vandalising a charity's outdoor exhibition in central Malaga. The display currently running in the city's main Calle Larios consists of 60 large panels with a mixture of photo-

graphs of local personalities and testimonies of cancer. At 5am on Wednesday a street cleaner spotted four youths damaging six of the panels. Police were able to detain three at the scene and one managed to evade capture. The exhibition was organised with AECC, the cancer charity.



A damaged panel on Malaga's main shopping street. **■ SUR**

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council will not be able to reinforce the numbers of National Police officers, because the interior ministry in Madrid is already only providing partial cover for the summer holidays, and although there is very good cooperation between the council and National Police headquarters in Marbella, the resources available are limited.

Enforce the existing rules

Meanwhile, the Partido Popular has called on the council not only to increase the fines for contravening the regulations but also to provide more specific details of what constitutes antisocial behaviour.

The PP suggests that a cross-party working group should be set up to review the existing regulations and impose harsher penalties in response to "new problems which are arising". They also want existing regulations to be applied more effectively. At present, fines of between 750 and 3,000 euros can be imposed, depending on the seriousness of the offence. Walking shirtless in the street, holding outdoor drinking parties or having sex in certain places are already considered offences.

The party is worried that the media are starting to portray Marbella unfavourably.

Town celebrates June fair under the watchful eye of security CCTV

It is the first time Marbella has made this move to guarantee better safety for visitors at the widely-attended event that runs until Monday

:: HÉCTOR BARBOTTA

MARBELLA. The annual San Bernabé 'feria' is in full swing this weekend in the centre of Marbella and the showground on the outskirts of the resort. However this year the good-natured revelry is being closely monitored by temporary CCTV cameras for the first time.

The daytime celebration, on the town's Alameda and Avenida del Mar, by the old town, is covered by six police-controlled cameras. Meanwhile, the nighttime fair, near La Cañada shopping centre, has five cameras operating.

The local authority tried to install cameras last year but didn't get permission in time. This year the green light came from national and regional governments just as the fair started.

Video cameras of this type can only be used for the duration of the



Fair decorations in Marbella with cameras in the canopy roof. :: J-L

fair and the move comes as councillors express their increased concern about antisocial behaviour harming Marbella's reputation.

As reported last week in SUR in English, the council is working on long-term plans to have cameras installed year round at key hotspots for street crime, including La

Cañada, Puerto Banús, the Puerto Deportivo marina and Elviria shopping plaza.

The colourful traditional fair, one of the biggest on the Costa del Sol, runs until Monday. On Sunday the town celebrates San Bernabé's day and the last day of the 'feria' is a public holiday in the town.

IN BRIEF

Half a tonne of hashish found in stolen vehicle

ESTEPONA

:: E. P. Police have been giving more details this week of an ongoing drugs operation on the Costa. It began when an off-road vehicle, which had been reported stolen, failed to stop at a police control in mid-May at Avenida de los Andaluces in Estepona. The driver fled leaving the keys inside. Some 448 kilos of hashish was found inside. The find set off a search which led to the arrest of five Spanish nationals and a British man, all aged between 29 and 37.

Dane hands himself in after being on the run

FUENGIROLA

:: SUR. A Danish man has handed himself into police in Fuengirola after apparently getting tired of fleeing an arrest warrant in Denmark. The 39-year-old man approached officers on the seafront in the resort on 21 May, saying that he was wanted in his home country on suspicion of sexually exploiting minors, robbery and fraud of goods and services valued at over 73,000 euros. The police checked his details and arrested him.

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Mijas Costa resident dies from multiple bee stings

A bee farm is under investigation after post-mortem results show that the Norwegian victim had deadly levels of venom in his blood

by JUAN CANO

RIVIERA. A 70-year-old Norwegian resident was found dead by a path in the hills behind Riviera del Sol in Mijas Costa last week. The Guardia Civil were notified after a local woman discovered the deceased man with his t-shirt over his head and multiple large bee stings all over his body.

The Guardia Civil's Seprona environmental protection officers found clear signs that the man's death had resulted from the bee stings, according to sources.

The officers discovered a bee farm, with 150 beehives, 400 metres from where the body was found. Investigators believe that the man was first stung here before attempting to flee a swarm and eventually collapsing by the path.

The initial stages of the post-mortem, carried out by forensic scientists in Malaga, suggested the

victim died of anaphylactic shock after deadly levels of bee venom were found in his bloodstream.

Seprona agents are now looking into whether the bee farm in question meets the regional government's current legal requirements over its location, warning signs and the number of beehives kept for honey extraction.

Strict beekeeping rules

Current regulations state that bee farms must be located at least 400 metres away from large public spaces, 200 metres from houses and main roads and at least 25 metres from country paths.

Warning signs should be in place and be no smaller than 35 cm by 25 cm and with the words "Atención, abejas", (Warning, bees), written on a yellow background in large letters.

A further rule says that if the farm is fenced off with the hives at least 25 metres from the edge no sign is necessary.

Sources said that the man, well-known in the Norwegian community, had gone for walk in just shorts and t-shirt on Wednesday last week, the day he was last seen alive. The woman, who was out walking her dog, found his body the next day.

112 REPORTS



A firefighter puts out the flames in Campanillas. by SUR

Blaze engulfs two caravans and lorry of fairground family

MALAGA

by A. FRÍAS/J. CANO. A fire has destroyed two caravans and a lorry belonging to a family of travelling-fairground workers.

The fire broke out at 6am on Monday in Campanillas, near Malaga, when a cable overheated as the owner of the vehicles, Jaime Fernández, repaired a ride nearby. No people were injured but three dogs died in the blaze.

Fernández complained that it took firefighters "around an hour" to reach the fire after the 112 call.

Man injured after fall from third floor

MALAGA

by A. F. / J. C. A 71-year-old man has been injured after he accidentally fell from the third floor of a building on Calle Carmen Montes in Torremolinos. The man was said to have been trying to get into his own home when he suffered the fall.

Polish man investigated for speeding offence

CÓRDOBA

by SUR. A 42-year-old Polish man living in Malaga is being investigated after he was caught driving at 214 kilometres per hour in his BMW on the A-45 from Cordoba to Malaga, where the limit is 120 kilometres per hour. The incident took place on Thursday afternoon last week.

Man who 'created fake profiles' of HIV positive 23-year-old is arrested

MALAGA

by JUAN CANO. A 40-year-old man has been arrested by National Police after he reportedly created three fake social media profiles of a 23-year-old man from Malaga in order to post messages saying that he was HIV positive.

The arrested man is said to be known to the victim and often visits the place where he works. However, there seems to have been no dispute between the two nor any sort of previous affectionate relationship.

The young man found out what was happening when he received calls and was questioned by work colleagues, who were concerned at some of the messages posted in his name on the social networking sites Grindr and Wapo. The messages were accompanied by photos of him, taken from his Instagram account without his consent.

The 23-year-old had wanted to keep the fact he was HIV positive a secret for fear of public rejection and so that his parents would not have to endure "needless suffering".

The suspect denies the allegations and he has been released pending charges.

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100 months of ultra-low UK interest rates

By Steve Langford, Partner, Blevins Franks

5th June 2017 is a notable anniversary for the Bank of England and British savers – it marks 100 months since the Sterling interest rate was cut to the historic low of 0.5%.

It has also been 10 years now since we saw a UK interest rate hike. The last time the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee raised its rate was in May 2007, from 5.25% to 5.5%.

Then the financial crisis hit and rates kept falling until they reached 0.5% in March 2009. They remained frozen for years until we finally saw a move last summer – downwards. The rate was cut from 0.5% to 0.25% in the wake of the Brexit referendum, with no change since.

The last time rates were kept low for so long was around the Second World War, when it was frozen at 2% from 1939 to 1951.

With Brexit around the corner, and the negotiations likely to be challenging for the UK economy, few would be surprised if we hit another anniversary, this time 10 years of 0.5% or lower rates. Financial markets and many commenta-

tors are not expecting an increase until 2019.

While businesses and borrowers have benefited from low rates, it has been detrimental for savers. In March 2016, Hargreaves Lansdown calculated that seven years of record low rates and quantitative easing resulted in savers losing out on £160 billion – averaging £6,000 per household.

The firm observed that while the monetary policy had supported strong increases in share, bond and property prices, it had "annihilated" returns on cash.

In contrast, the FTSE 100 index increased 109% over the eight years since interest rates were cut to 0.5%, rising from 3530 on 5th March 2009 to 7374 on 5th March 2017.

The situation is getting worse for savers as inflation is rising. Data released in May showed that UK inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index, hit 2.7% in April – the highest since 2013.

At the time The Telegraph reported that there were no savings accounts

paying higher interest rates than inflation. According to Moneyfacts, none of the 753 savings accounts were offering a rate higher than 2.7%, even for five-year bonds, so savers are earning a negative rate of return. The few current accounts and monthly savers that beat inflation all have restrictions.

Inflation across the EU as a whole was 2% in April, and 2.6% in Spain.

In the UK, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) warned that inflation will hit 3.5% by the end of the year, before falling back, while ultra-low interest rates will remain in place for another two years, until after Britain exits the EU.

The UK government has two years to negotiate a new trade deal with the EU, and many other issues need to be resolved, possibly before the trade deal can be finalised. Britain's economy has fared better than many expected since the Brexit referendum, but reduced trade with the bloc may have implications in future.

Brexit is starting to dampen economic growth. Besides inflation

(caused in part by the weak pound) reducing consumer spending power, businesses are more cautious about investment spending as they do not know how the UK's trading relationship with the EU will evolve.

After its May monetary policy meeting, BoE governor Mark Carney said it was "going to be a more challenging time for British households". Real income growth will be negative and wages will not keep up with prices.

It is not all bad news. The world economy is performing well and the Europe recovering nicely, which helps the UK economy. The Bank expects the economic slowdown and rise in inflation to be temporary, and that the next three years will see wages recover and slow but steady economic growth.

Encouragingly, it indicated that, if the economy lives up to the forecasts and Brexit talks go well, it would be in a position to raise interest rates.

However it was clear that its positive forecasts were based on the

assumption that "the adjustment to the UK's new relationship with the EU is smooth".

How much of your capital you hold in cash should depend on your circumstances, aims, risk tolerance and time horizon – and not on speculation of what interest rates may or may not do. However, with no compelling signs of a rise in interest rates any time soon, this is a good time to reconsider your options.

A professional adviser can help you establish the savings and investment strategy that suits you best. They should start by taking an objective analysis of your risk appetite, then build a well-diversified portfolio to suit your personal circumstances, aims, time horizon and risk profile.

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Marbella Luxury Weekend returns to showcase Costa's high-end lifestyle

The event brought together displays of glamorous gadgets in a week when new data showed international tourist spending in Spain is up 15 per cent this year

■ SUR

MARBELLA. The expensive, aspirational and sometimes outrageously unaffordable came together in Puerto Banús last Friday to Sunday for the Marbella Luxury Weekend.

The event aimed to showcase a wide range of glamorous goods and gadgets and highlight the resort's ranking as the Spanish tourist destination with the highest percentage spend by visitors on luxury after Barcelona.

In a display area on the Puerto Banús quayside, members of the public were treated to an exhibition of the latest models of cars from provider Rentlux, the latest trends in men's luxury fashion from Bench Corner and champagne and oyster tasting.

As a prelude to the weekend's activities, the town also hosted 'Marbella Luxury Forum', which sought to analyse the key to success in the high-end travel and life-



Some of the more eye-catching cars in Marbella last weekend. ■ SUR

style market with a succession of different guest speakers.

Foreign tourists spend more

While the luxury market segment was celebrating its success in Marbella, it was also good news for Spanish tourism overall.

Data released by the government's statistics agency, INE, showed that spending from international tourists in Spain reached over 20 billion euros in the first four

months of 2017. This was an increase of just over 15 per cent compared to the same period last year.

Britons continue to be the biggest group, representing 18.9 per cent of the total spend. Their spending was up 13.9 per cent year on year.

The survey reveals that foreign tourists spent an average of 137 euros each per day during April, an increase of 5.5 per cent on 2016. Overall each individual tourist spent an average of 955 euros throughout the month.

HERE AND THERE



An entrance to the Malaga airport car park. ■ SUR

Airport to invest 4.4 million euros in car park

MALAGA

■ **F. JIMÉNEZ.** Malaga airport is to spend 4.4 million euros on upgrading its covered car parks. Aena - the airport operator - has said the money will be spent on resurfacing, new

lighting and better signage. In addition, work will take place to give car hire companies more space closer to the terminal, in particular to prepare and check vehicles. The work has been put out to tender and is expected to take 13 months and start next year. Aena says it is a reaction to increasing passenger numbers.

Police seize fake goods from Banús market

MARBELLA

■ **M. PÉREZ.** Local police have confiscated 654 counterfeit items from the Nueva Andalucía market by the bullring in Puerto Banús. The operation was carried out last week after police received complaints from a legal representative of one of the brands that was being sold falsely. In the last four months police have seized over 4,000 items of fake merchandise in Marbella.

City hall and airport to end MA-21 flooding

MALAGA

■ **F. JIMÉNEZ.** Malaga city hall and Malaga airport have agreed to build a new drain that will prevent the old N-340 motorway, now the MA-21, from flooding frequently.

The problem has been caused by water that flows down from the Churriana area onto the road. Both parties have agreed to contribute to the estimated 2.4 million euros that the project will cost.

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Fuengirola and Mijas set to introduce new charges for private utility providers that use public land

The initiative, put forward by Cs party, aims to tax big companies for their use of public land for electricity pylons, cabling and piping

IVÁN GELIBTER

FUENGIROLA. Ever since the courts declared that the 'plusvalía' tax should not be charged if a property loses value, town halls have been searching for different ways to top up their revenue streams.

In both Fuengirola and Mijas, they look set to take advantage of a new bylaw, a proposal set out by the Ciudadanos party at the latest meeting of the full council in Fuengirola, which declares that town halls have the right to charge extra taxes on use

of public land by private utility providers.

Both currently receive 1.5 per cent of the providers' annual takings obtained within the municipalities, as declared in article 24.1 of the Law regulating Local Tax Authorities. However, in the same article, but in subsection 'a', local authorities are able to establish taxes for the private use of public land, including pylons, overhead cables, piping and transformers, among other things, on streets and other land in the public domain.

Applying the formula set out by the Spanish federation of municipalities and provinces (FEMP) in the case of the Galician town of Arteixo, the estimated earnings, based on the electricity pylons alone are around 80,000 euros. Adding the figures for gas, water and hydrocarbons, that could rise to 200,000 euros.

The final figure is expected to be much higher, though, given the relative cost of land in Fuengirola.

In the neighbouring municipality of Mijas, which has ten times as much land, the earnings will be much higher. Ciudadanos spokesman in Fuengirola, Javier Toro, assured that "the local government team are in agreement and we are sure that this will go ahead".

Days after the proposal came to light, officials at Mijas town hall, led by the Cs, took note of the Fuengirola idea and will be launching the proposal at their own next council meeting.

"As public authorities, we have a duty to ensure the public pays less while at the same time we bring in more income. So if the law allows us to tax the multinationals then it's our obligation to do so," Toro concluded.



The new tax would increase revenue for the town halls. :: I. G.

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HERE AND THERE

'Rigorous' public consultation into Motor City plans promised

MIJAS

IVÁN G. Mijas town hall plans to carry out a "rigorous public consultation" with regards to the planned Motor City and swimming pool development in La Cala.

This comes after it rejected the findings of the survey recently carried out by the La Cala Residents' Association which found a majority to be against the plans. The town hall claims that the sample was not representative of the population and that it also ignored those who don't have access to social media.

The local government is concerned that if the plans, initially approved by the former PP council, do not come to fruition, they will be liable to pay a several million euros in compensation.

"Despite being on municipal land, the previous council gave the go-ahead to a multi-million-euro project without even asking the people of Mijas," a town hall spokesman said.



Malaga province issues the second highest number of fines. :: SUR

Average speed cameras back in action in Mijas

MALAGA

IVÁN LILLO. Average speed cameras have been reinstalled on a stretch of the A-7 motorway in Mijas Costa.

The cameras have been reintroduced now that repair work to the pedestrian footbridges over the motorway is complete.

The speed limit on this part of the A-7 is 80 kilometres per hour and the cameras will measure speed across the stretch to check that the average speed along the entire stretch is less or equal to that figure.

Ever since the current network of permanent security cameras has been put in place, Malaga has been the province with the second highest number of fines issued in the whole of Spain.

Former mayor of Mijas to be investigated over bribery allegations

PP spokesman Ángel Nozal resists demands to resign despite calls that he be put under official investigation for his role in the so-called 'caso Mijas'

IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. Two months after Malaga anti-corruption public prosecutors opened their initial inquiry into the so-called 'caso Mijas', the body has instructed a judge to investigate the conduct of PP spokesman and former mayor of Mijas, Ángel Nozal, and former PP councillor, Santiago Martín, who resigned in the immediate aftermath as a result of controversy.

SUR sources say that the prosecution office has instructed judges in Fuengirola to start formal investigations after concluding that

bribery could have taken place.

In their initial inquiries, triggered by an exposé published in SUR on 15 and 16 March, they found "indications of an offer of a financial nature" from a public official.

Recorded conversations

The investigation stems from a recorded conversation between Martín and CSSP councillor, Francisco Martínez, in which the former appears to offer a job at Club La Costa in Mijas in return for his vote of no confidence in a bid to oust the town's mayor, Juan Carlos Maldonado.

Calls for Nozal's resignation have been growing. But despite this, and several other ongoing investigations into his conduct (including over 'express auctions' of municipal land and the management of the Costa del Sol racecourse), Nozal remains in his post.

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Adnan Khashoggi, once king of the Marbella jet set, has died in London

HECTOR BARBOTTA
MARBELLA. In the 1980s Adnan Khashoggi was considered the king of the Marbella jet set and the lavish parties he threw at his residence in Benahavís and on board his megayacht 'Nabila' were legendary, but his departure from the town bore none of the glamour of those golden years.

The enormous 900 hectare estate on which he had built his home was embargoed by three banks; it was eventually acquired by a group of Spanish, Swiss, German and American investors and is now the prestigious La Zagaleta residential development, which is considered the most luxurious in Europe.

His yacht did not fare much better. It too was eventually sold and, after being used in the James Bond film Never Say Never, was bought by Donald Trump.

Khashoggi was born in Mecca in



Khashoggi with reporters at a party in 1997. **JOSELE-LANZA**

1935 and became a billionaire at an early age after seeing an opportunity as an arms dealer in the conflicts in the Middle East.

Thanks to his contacts, he was able to act as an intermediary between weapons manufacturers in the west and governments in the region, but his downfall came when he was jailed for money laundering. He retired to Riyadh, but spent time in different European cities until last year, when he suffered a stroke. He died in London on Tuesday.

HERE AND THERE

Plans for an archaeological park

MANILVA
CHARO MÁRQUEZ. Manilva council plans to attract more cultural tourism to the municipality by turning La Duquesa castle into one of the most important archaeological parks on the Costa del Sol.

The site includes a necropolis, a villa, baths and a fish salting

factory dating back to the period between the 1st and 5th centuries A.D.

The project is expected to cost around 366,000 euros and the local authority has applied to the Malaga provincial government for grants which are available for municipalities with a population of less than 20,000 for cultural infrastructure projects.

Experts believe the archaeological park would take about nine months to complete.

Junta approves courts' move to new building

TORREMOLINOS
A. GÓMEZ. The regional Justice ministry has approved plans to move the town's three courts to the museum building that stands empty in Plaza Picasso. The courts are currently in three separate buildings, one of which is currently suffering a termite infestation. Now it is up to the town hall to change the designated use of the building.



The empty building. **A. G.**





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THE WEEK IN PICTURES



'UNICAJA COLOUR ROAD' FUN RUN ATTRACTS 5,000 COLOURFUL PARTICIPANTS

Around 5,000 people ran 5 kilometres along Malaga's paseo marítimo while being showered in coloured powders on Sunday, as part of the Unicaja 'colour road' run for Unicef. The run could've been mistaken for a party as music provided by a DJ awaited the runners at the finish line.

:: PAULA HÉRVELE

ARCHIDONA HOSTS 25TH DOG SHOW

The Archidona fairground was filled with the sound of barking last weekend as the town hosted its 25th annual dog show. Thousands of people across the province flocked to the town to attend the event, where all kinds of breeds participated in a number of different activities, exhibitions and competitions.



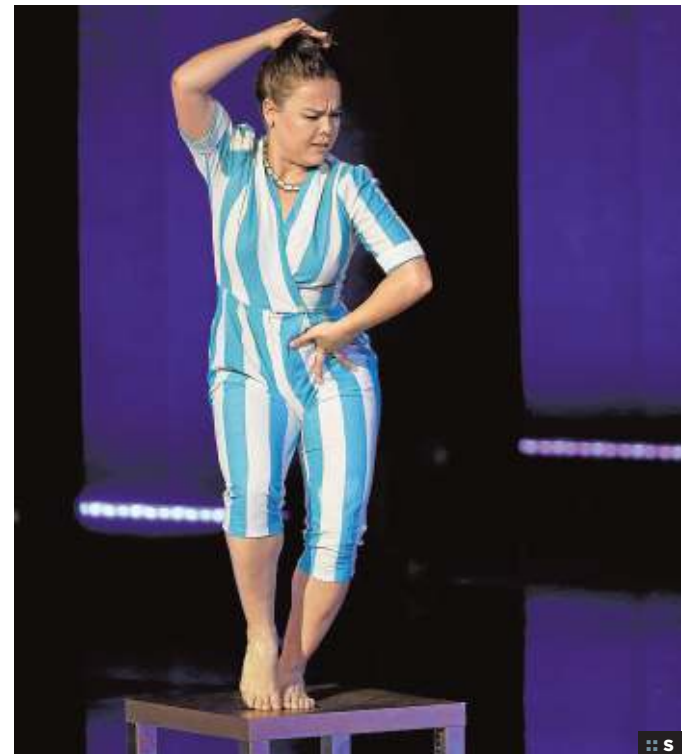
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OPEN HOUSE FOR MALAGA'S 'CORRALONES'

This week 30 communal patios around La Trinidad and El Perchel welcomed visitors who could enjoy flower displays and live flamenco.



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LOCAL DANCER WINS 2017 MAX AWARD

Dancer Rocío Molina, from Malaga, won an award for her performance of 'Caída del cielo' (Falling from the Sky) at the 2017 Max Awards held in Valencia.



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Nerja couple celebrate 75 years of marriage

Reg and Joan Elliott met and married during World War II and spent much of their early married life apart as Reg was fighting

by JENNIE RHODES

NERJA. Joan and Reg Elliott celebrated 75 years together with their son, Cliff and his wife Diana, neighbours and carers at their apartment in Nerja last Friday. Their Spanish neighbours provided a cake and cava to toast the couple's anniversary and the nonagenarians received a telegram from Queen Elizabeth II.

Joan and Reg met at the Bury Palais de Danse in 1941. Reg had been posted to Bury where Joan was working at the Bury Felt Company as a machinist, producing webbing for the armed forces.

Less than a year later, Joan and Reg had 14 days to decide whether to get



Reg and Joan Elliott celebrating their 75th anniversary last week in Nerja and, right, in 1942. **sur**



married or not before Reg went to Africa with his regiment. The 19-year-olds were married at Uxbridge Registry Office on 2 June 1942. Joan had joined the RAF and both were in uniform, so there was to be no wedding dress. They spent their honeymoon at Reg's parents' house in Portsmouth, a city which was being bombed on a nightly basis.

They were separated for two years, spending only one month together in that time when Reg was given leave. When the war ended the couple continued to live abroad with the army, before returning to the UK to work, Reg as a teacher and Joan for the Department of Employment.

When the couple retired in 1983 they decided to move to Nerja, where they had already visited on a number of occasions on holiday. Their first house overlooked Nerja's nine-hole golf course and a then undeveloped Burriana beach. They later moved to their current apartment, where they have lived for 34 years.



AGE CARE WELCOMES SUMMER

More than a hundred clients and guests, including British consul Charmaine Arbouin and Anette Skou and Ray Pérez of Mijas town hall, attended the Age Care summer tea party last week at the Tamisa Hotel. High tea was followed by musical entertainment.

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Work starts on first of eight new hotels in Estepona town

An important archaeological find on the land where the hotel will be built had temporarily stopped work from going ahead

by **CHARO MÁRQUEZ**

MARBELLA. The construction of Hotel Maravilla Palace has got under way after work was stalled for months. It follows the discovery of a medieval tannery, said to be the best preserved on the Iberian Peninsula, on the plot of land where the hotel is being built in Plaza de las Flores.

Work was delayed as the discovery meant that plans had to be altered in order to protect the remains, however, construction has now restarted after hotel owners were warned by the council that their building works licence could expire.

Under the revised plans, the hotel's restaurant will now have a glass floor so that guests will be able to view the tannery from above.

Hotel Maravilla Palace, which will have 42 rooms, is just one of eight new hotels that will be added to Estepona's old town. The council are currently approving plans for hotels to be opened in Calle Santa Ana, Calle



The plot on which Hotel Maravilla Palace is being built. **CHARO MÁRQUEZ**

Caridad, Calle Carlos Herrera, Calle Veracruz and Calle Concepción.

Mayor José María García Urbano said in a conference last week that the hotels, which will have 300 rooms altogether and will collectively generate around 200 jobs, will open between 2017 and 2018.

Councillor for Infrastructure, Ana Velasco, explained that some of the town's derelict buildings are being

restored to create the new boutique hotels as part of the revitalisation of other buildings and streets in an initiative which promotes the town as "Estepona, the garden of the Costa del Sol."

Velasco also stated her view that the hotels will attract more investors to Estepona, especially as this year the town recorded its highest number of tourist visits in a decade.



A poker game taking place in Casino Marbella. **SUR**

Poker tournament gives big boost to Marbella hotels

by **MÓNICA PÉREZ**

MARBELLA. The International Pokerstars championship, which will take place in Casino Marbella between 19 and 25 June, is expected to draw in 1,000 poker players from all over the world. These are expected to boost the town's hotels with around 5,000 overnight stays.

Last year the same event attracted 844 players, however Pokerstars Festival, the organisation behind the championship, anticipates that this year it will be "bigger and better" as an extra day has been added and around two million euros is expected to be won by players.

The casino, which describes the tournament as "an international meeting of the biggest stars in poker", has hired 130 extra staff, including croupiers, chefs, waiters and security personnel. The casino is also predicting that the large expected turnout will have a positive impact on other restaurants and businesses along the Costa del Sol.

The official language of the tournament is English as players, who have to pay 1,100 euros to compete, are expected to come from the UK, Denmark, Poland, Romania, Malta and even Australia, among many other countries.

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800 school children took part in World Environment Day outdoor activities in La Paloma Park. :: TONY BRYANT

Connecting children to nature for World Environment Day

Pupils from seven primary schools in Benalmádena took part in a series of activities aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of global warming and climate change

:: TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. More than 800 schoolchildren participated in World Environment Day activities in Benalmádena Costa last Monday.

The three-hour event was organised to encourage the younger generation to care for the environment and look after the planet.

The children, pupils at seven primary schools in Benalmádena, took part in a series of activities aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of global warming and climate change.

The educational event was held in La Paloma Park and featured activities that addressed issues such as recycling, reducing pollution, energy and sustainable development.

The pupils took part in a series of 13 tests and they were judged not only on their scores but also on other factors, such as companionship and

partnership.

The event was attended by Víctor Navas, mayor of Benalmádena; Joaquín Villazón, councillor for Environmental Health; and several other members of Benalmádena town hall.

Speaking at the event, Navas said, "Today is a day to reflect on what kind of legacy we want to leave for future generations. The younger generation of Benalmádena are here today so that we can help them understand the environment and what we need to do in order to preserve it."

The participating schools also took part in a drawing competition, and prizes included a collection of ecological books, a miniature organic vegetable garden and a main prize of an electronic tri-scooter.

The World Environment Day event, which was organised by Benalmádena town hall and Quesada & Pastor Consultants, will now be held annually.

"Unfortunately, the deterioration of the planet is becoming increasingly apparent and this day has given us a great opportunity to educate more than 800 school children," councillor Villazón said.

The mayor concluded by saying, "The main objective is to raise awareness of the importance of respect-

ing the environment, because these children are the future of Benalmádena. In short, we need to create a healthy habitat to live in."

Similar activities also took place in Campamento Benítez in Málaga, where around 300 children participated in games. There were also educational activities to raise awareness of easy things to do everyday to protect the planet.

An exhibition of artworks made out of recycled materials was on show and pupils were encouraged to take part in a number of workshops aimed at recycling and lowering of pollution.

World Environment Day (WED) is the largest annual event for positive action on environmental issues. A global event that is observed on 5 June every year, WED is celebrated by millions of people in thousands of events. These events range from neighbourhood clean-ups to replanting forests.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSUL

CHARMAINE ARBOUIN



Preparing for the summer

As we prepare to embark on what promises to be a long, enjoyable but very busy summer, I'm sure many of you will be receiving visits from family and friends keen to sample the best that Andalucía has to offer.

Expectations are that the number of visitors to this area will break last year's record figures and it's no surprise that Brits lead the way in terms of numbers.

All this is great news for the tourist industry, the local economy and the area in general, but, without wishing to sound like the prophetess of doom, it is important to be aware of what could go wrong to ensure you and your visitors have a problem-free stay.

The number of visitors does not go unnoticed to thieves, as tourists can provide rich pickings for well-organised gangs ready to exploit the fact that people are here to enjoy themselves and can easily drop their guard. Distraction techniques are common, particularly in busy areas such as markets, shopping areas and beaches.

Rest assured that the police and authorities are well aware of the threats to visitors and will be doing their best to ensure everyone stays safe. We know this because we regularly meet with them to discuss ways we can collaborate to help prevent British citizens getting into trouble.

Special attention should be paid to passports, as last year almost 1,000 Brits reported their

passports as lost or stolen to the British Consulate Málaga. When someone's passport goes missing on holiday, they need to apply for an Emergency Travel Document to get back home. These cost the equivalent of £100 and, of course, additional money and time is needed to get to the Consulate. In some cases, people can't get an Emergency Travel Document in time for their homeward flight so have to book a new one. All the more reason to take care of passports!

Nonetheless it is not only about passports; you need to remain vigilant and try not to lower your guard while always being aware that holidays are a time for relaxing. The last thing you would want is to spend time in a police station or even somewhere worse. It's also worth keeping in mind that adequate travel insurance can go a long way to easing the burden if your visitors are the victim of theft or fall ill on holiday.

This is our monthly message from Charmaine Arbouin at the British Consulate in Málaga. Charmaine is the Consul for Andalucía and the Canary Islands. Her team help thousands of British nationals in distress every year.

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HERE AND THERE

Mayor among those in illegal tip investigation**NERJA**

¶ **E. C.** Almost 40 people, including Junta de Andalucía members, Nerja mayor, Rosa Arrabal, and former mayor, José Alberto Armijo, as well as other councillors and 26 companies are being investigated by Malaga's environment public prosecutor and the Guardia Civil for their involvement in an illegal rubbish tip in Nerja.

The tip, which has been used for 15 years, is in the Río de la Miel area and near to the Río Chillar, which are located in the Sierra de Tejera, Almirajá y Alhama natural park. The whole area is protected and is home to native plant species, some of which are in danger of extinction. According to sources, a fire, which could easily break out, particularly during the summer, would have "catastrophic" environmental consequences. The investigation is being led by court in Torrox and is due to finish soon.

Beach lifeguards check in for summer duty**VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA / ALMUÑÉCAR**

¶ **J. R.** Both Vélez-Málaga's and Almuñécar's lifeguards will be on the towns' beaches until September, the respective town halls announced earlier this week. The presence of lifeguards in Torre del Mar and Caleta will run from 1 June until 30 September, while in Almuñécar and neighbouring La Herradura the season will start on 15 June and end on 15 September.



Rescue vehicle fleet. ¶ SUR

Burst sewerage pipe repairs complete**NERJA**

¶ **E. C.** Work to repair a burst sewerage pipe, which was spilling raw sewage into the sea 200 metres off the El Chucho and El Playazo beaches in Nerja, has been completed. The town hall reported the breakage in March, which they said was caused by strong easterly winds earlier this year and trawler boats fishing in the area. Nerja's new waste treatment plant remains three-quarters built.



Francisco Salado with councillors who supported the vote of no confidence on Monday. ¶ NITO SALAS

Francisco Salado returns as mayor following vote of no confidence

The socialist-led coalition at Rincón de la Victoria had been breaking up since October 2016 when councillors were accused of mismanagement

¶ EUGENIO CABEZAS

RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA. Councillors at Rincón de la Victoria town hall put an end to months of speculation on Monday when 12 representatives from the Partido Popular (PP), Partido Andalucista (PA) and Ciudadanos supported a vote of no confidence against socialist

(PSOE) mayor, Encarnación Anaya.

The vote means the return of Francisco Salado as mayor of the town, who held the post previously from 2005 to 2007 and again from 2011 to 2015. He lost his job in the last local elections when Anaya formed a pact with Ahora-Rincón Podemos, Izquierda Unida (united left) and the Partido Andalucista.

Salado, who is also vice-president of the Diputación, (the body which oversees town halls across Malaga province), said that his objective was "to once again drive forward a paralyzed town."

Since October 2016, the four-way coalition headed by Anaya had lost

four councillors, resulting in a two-party coalition of just PSOE and Ahora Rincón-Podemos. The collapse was largely due to disagreements over the management of cleaning company, EMMSA, and the 2017 budget. In October 2016 the two PA councillors were dismissed and in March it emerged that family members of PSOE and Podemos had been short-listed for EMMSA jobs, which led to the two Izquierda Unida (IU) councillors resigning.

Salado was supported this time by the former Rincón mayor, José María Gómez Muñoz ('Pepin'), who was suspended amid accusations of nepotism in 2002.

Nerja Cave bosses open up hidden parts to promote idea of a new UNESCO day

The director and chief conservationist at the site gave a guided tour of parts of the cave not usually open to the public

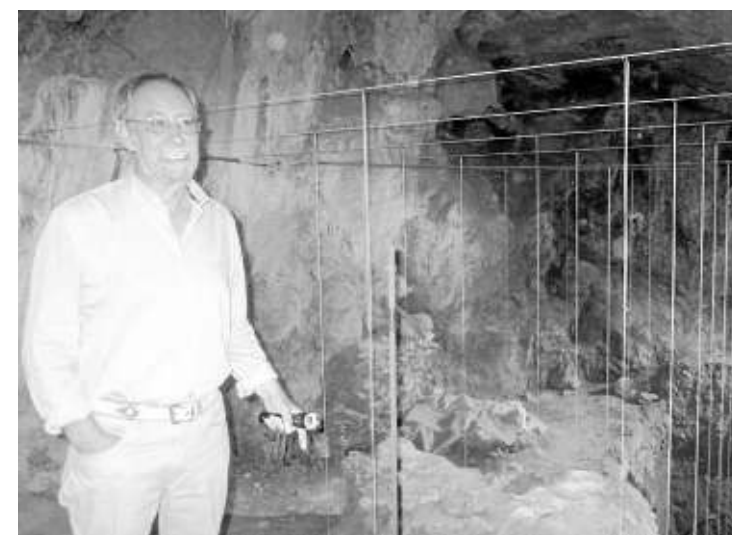
¶ JENNIE RHODES

NERJA. Leading representatives from the Nerja Cave foundation allowed journalists access to parts of the Nerja cave system not usually open to the public on Tuesday, with the aim of promoting the idea of making June 6 a UNESCO international subterranean world day.

The visit was led by the foundation's director, Carlos García, and

conservationist, Luis Efrén Fernández. It included showing an ongoing archaeological dig, where scientists from a number of different countries, including the UK, USA, France, Belgium and Italy, are working, as well as the entrance first used by the five discoverers of the cave in 1959. Luis Efrén Fernández said, "The caves aren't just about visitors-it is important to remember that work continues to learn more about them."

The United Nations General Assembly designates a number of 'International Days' to mark important aspects of human life and history, which may be proposed by UNESCO or other UN specialised agencies.



Luis Efrén Fernández shows the archaeological site. ¶ J. R.

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The fashion world says goodbye to its 'enfant terrible'

The Malaga fashion designer who rose to global fame died on Saturday, aged 46, after a year-long battle with cancer

by R. C.

MADRID. Fashion designer David Delfin died in Madrid on Saturday after losing his battle with cancer at the age of 46. Born in Ronda in 1970, he was considered the 'enfant terrible' of the Spanish fashion world for the audacity and unconventional spirit he brought to the catwalk.

His career took off in 2001 when he created the brand Davidelfin along with the Hermanos Postigo (Deborah, Diego and Gorka) and the model Bimba Bosé, his friend, muse and partner, who also died recently from cancer.

However, it was his debut at Cibeles (Madrid Fashion Week) in September 2002 where he really came into the public eye for his controversial collection which saw models hooded, with rope around their necks and bandages all over their body, coming out to the sound of an orgasm. It closed to the sound of booing. He later apologised.

This controversy didn't hold him



Fashion designer David Delfin with some of his creations, in 2013. :: EFE

back, though. The following year, at the same show, he picked up the award for the best collection by a young designer.

Delfin took a leap onto the international stage in 2009 when he took part in New York Fashion Week for the first time. He would do another

four seasons there.

In 2011, the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. organised a retrospective exhibition of his work.

His last appearance at Madrid Fashion Week was on 16 February 2016, where he presented his final

collection. A month previously he had been diagnosed with cancer. He announced that he was suffering from three brain tumours.

He withdrew from the public eye to undergo treatment, reappearing in September 2016, saying that he "felt really strong" and he

didn't find the thought of giving up "very attractive".

In November, the cultural ministry gave him a national fashion prize, one of many accolades he received throughout the course of his career.

The judging panel praised "the strength of his creative message", his ability to "transcend the boundaries between fashion and art, genders and generations", and the "social conscience" shown in his work.

He rarely shied away from his social responsibilities and in 2011, he used his graphic design skills to help the Costa del Sol health agency warn about the dangers of sun exposure, designing the slogan: "Disfrutar del sol sin dejarte la piel".

Despite his fame, he kept his native Marbella close to his heart. He lived in the town from the age of three and he returned there during his illness, seeking refuge in the Puente Romano hotel.

His family still reside close to the town centre and his body was brought home on Sunday. The funeral took place at the Iglesia de la Encarnación on Monday and was attended by family and close friends.

The mayor of Marbella, who was also present, said that the town would be honouring its "favourite son" with a posthumous tribute.

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MONEY AND CARE

REVD
ADRIAN LOW



You must be reading this post Election UK 2017. I write as the polls suggest a hung parliament after a campaign that, as always, tends to focus on the economy. How does any country support the elderly, ensure security, find sufficient funds to run the health service, maintain pensions, build new houses and pay for education etc? Will Brexit make the UK/the EU/Spain richer or poorer?

Money was a great invention as important as the wheel. It enables us to buy what we need without having to barter. Bronze-age men like Abraham had to barter to live. "Shall we swap some of your cloth for my goat?" With the 'in-between' of money you can sell your goat to one person and buy cloth from another.

But money is a servant, not a god, and as Saint Paul said, "Love of money is the root of all kinds of evil."

When money becomes the reason why the elderly cannot be looked after, why some expat pensioners are on the breadline, why countries are crippled by debt, why

politicians become corrupt, then money has taken charge.

Our psyche automatically asks how much everything is going to cost or earn. We blithely accept that capitalism, by definition, must be driven by the profit motive, but that motive encourages people to want more wealth, usually for themselves. It relies on people being selfish, and, for a Christian, that is the opposite of what Jesus called us to be. To my shame, some churches even preach that God will bring you great financial wealth if only you put money in the plate now. That is not how God works!

I want to live in a world where, irrespective of cost, the elderly and infirm are looked after, the hospitals have sufficient staff, people are safe and educated to their potential and everyone has enough to eat and a roof over their head - irrespective of money. I want money to be the servant, not the tyrant that cuts love out of society.

It takes a major mind shift to think like that, but governments must learn that running a country is not simply like the bookkeeping

of a corner shop, because it deals with humanity, not commodity.

One day the banks lending to Greece, for example, will have to do a massive mind shift. Greece, and a dozen other countries, will never be able to grow themselves out of their horrendous debt, instead they need their debts to be forgiven - like in the year of Jubilee in the Bible - when debts were cancelled. If it doesn't happen the prospect is dire. Macroeconomics fails when it drives Trump to dump the Paris agreement on climate change. It failed when, in 2008, the US banks foolishly speculated on unpayable mortgage debts. The media reported that recession caused 10,000 more suicides, 20 million lost jobs and, amazingly, half a million more cancer deaths. All in the name of money.

The economics of the school tuck shop should never be applied to the macro-needs of dementia care, drug provision, reciprocal health, refugee care, feeding the hungry or housing the homeless. Such economics forces the weak to be poor and the poor to be hungry.

Meanwhile, I have a friend, with severe dementia and no family to look after her. Her apartment was sold a year ago, and now that money is running out. What will happen to her when it is gone and the care home has to turf her out? I'm reminded of the Scottish version of the Lord's Prayer: Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

The election may be over but the wait continues

Many British expats suspect that negotiations about their future will take time, no matter who is in government

DEBBIE BARTLETT

MALAGA. There may be a general sigh of relief in the UK that the snap election is over and Brexit negotiations can now begin, but the waiting continues for British people living in Spain who are concerned about their future.

British residents watched on Thursday as voters in the UK went to the polls. Rather than excitement

there appeared to be a sense that nothing is likely to change, at least in the immediate future, whoever ends up forming a government.

The EU, negotiating as a bloc, wants to settle the arrangements for EU nationals in the UK and British nationals in other EU countries as a priority, but Theresa May was reluctant to move forward and refused to unilaterally guarantee rights for EU nationals in the UK.

The wait is being described as frustrating, especially for those who were denied a vote in the referendum and in the general election despite a Conservative pledge to introduce votes for life.



A London polling station on Thursday morning. **EFE**

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British police officers carrying flowers and remembering victims of the Islamic terrorists. :: AFP

Delay in naming Spanish victim of London Bridge attack criticised

Ignacio Echeverría died trying to stop terrorists with his skateboard as many question why it took over three days for UK police to confirm his death to his family

:: SUR

LONDON / MADRID. At midday on Wednesday the news finally came officially confirming what the family of Ignacio Echeverría were expecting. The 39-year-old Spanish banker, who lived in London, was among the victims of last Saturday's terror attack at London Bridge.

It brought to an end ninety hours of anxious waiting for his family who had received no news from him since the night of the attack and whose friends had already confirmed that he had been caught up in the atrocity.

Ignacio's parents and siblings were supported by the Spanish embassy in London, where they had travelled to on news of his disappearance, in trying to get the British authorities to confirm his death to them and allow them to view his body.

"We want to see and be with Ignacio's body. We want the British government to let us be with him," said the victim's sister, Isabel, as they waited earlier this week.

Increasing calls for the identification process to be sped up caused a small diplomatic crisis between the two countries. There was disbelief as to why it was taking so long, a view which was echoed across Spanish media.

Spanish foreign minister, Alfonso



Ignacio Echeverría. :: EFE

Dastis, said, "We don't think that any [identification] protocol can justify treatment that is now really bordering on inhuman." Reports said that British investigators had fingerprint proof but were waiting for DNA tests.

The skateboard hero

Accounts of how Ignacio died say he was killed as he was returning by bike with two friends, also Spanish residents in London, from skateboarding alongside the Tate Modern art gallery. They cycled into the middle of the attack in nearby Borough Market. Ignacio, at the front of the group, began hitting the terrorists with his skateboard, heroically helping a woman being attacked, but suffered fatal knife wounds.

After receiving reassurances from officials in London on Thursday that all was being done to allow them to take Galician-born Ignacio's body home, the family said they expected to be able to see the body but repatriation might not take place until Tuesday, after the autopsy.

Spaniards caught in terror tell of ordeal and how they helped

:: SUR

LONDON Borough Market in London is an area heavily frequented by the city's Spanish expatriate community. On Saturday night many Spanish residents and visitors were in the area and shared their accounts of their narrow escapes on social media and with journalists.

One of the most heroic accounts of the night came from workers and customers at the bar managed by Spaniard Sergio Fariña. Sergio, who has lived in London for sixteen years, can be seen in a CCTV video circulated by media closing windows and holding his weight against the door as the knife-wielding attackers unsuccessfully tried to get in.

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Santander buys Banco Popular for just one euro to avert its collapse

The move is the first test of new eurozone bank-bailout mechanism set up after the 2008 financial crisis and sees Popular's shareholders lose all their money

■ SUR

MADRID. Banco Popular, one of Spain's biggest banks, has been sold to Banco Santander for one euro to avoid its collapse. The emergency measure was brokered by eurozone central bankers after a run on deposits in the beleaguered financial group and the risk of it running out of cash.

Santander will now increase its share capital by seven billion euros to shore up the finances of its new acquisition as well as paying for all the costs of the merger.

Banco Popular, known as one of the biggest lenders to small companies and the self-employed, has been suffering since the financial crisis of 2008 hit its accounts. Despite raising new capital twice, the 91-year-old bank went from profits of 1.3 billion euros in 2007 to a record loss of almost 3.5 billion euros in



A branch of Popular next to Banco Santander in Barcelona ■ REUTERS

2016. Its share price had plummeted and sources said that customers had withdrawn over 18 billion euros in the last ten days of its life, leaving it no money left to pay out.

The deal with Santander is a forced sale by the EU and is the first time that new European-wide measures have been adopted when a bank faces problems, to prevent huge bailout costs falling on the shoulders of taxpayers in individual countries. The eurozone's new Single Resolution

Mechanism was activated and other banks were invited to bid for Banco Popular, with Santander offering the best conditions.

Santander believes it can make 500 million euros in cost savings and that the deal will be profitable by 2020. Its shares fell 0.88 per cent.

Banco Popular shareholders and debtholders, some 300,000 in total, have lost all their money, while customers have had their deposits saved.

Struggling bank ordered to pay back Coín resident for unbuilt flats

■ F. TORRES

COÍN. A court in Malaga has ordered a Coín resident to be compensated for a 111,333-euro down payment on two flats that were never built.

The prospective buyer handed the money over to Banco Popular as a 'ring-fenced' deposit on the properties that were due to be built in Fuenigrola by the now-bankrupt Aifos

group. However the development with the flats in was halted as it broke local planning regulations and the man has been trying to get his money back from the bank since 2015.

Now a judge has found in favour of the Aifos customer and ordered the money to be repaid, plus interest and legal costs. The decision is based on four similar Supreme Court

rulings from 2015 and opens the way for more legal claims from people who lost money in a similar way, lawyers for the buyer said.

Banco Popular, now owned by Santander, was given a period of 20 days to lodge an appeal against the decision. In its testimony, the bank said the buyer had been aiming to speculate on the flats by selling them on, and therefore the risk was all his.

However the judge said that this wasn't definitely the case and that he could have been planning to connect the adjoining properties or give one to a family member.

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MESSAGE NOT RECEIVED

One of the Popular Party's key messages to the Spanish electorate is that it is the only party fit to run the economy. This week, further proof of the PP's economic competence was offered - so Mariano Rajoy would say, anyway - by Bank of Spain governor Luis María Linde, who announced on Tuesday that Spain's GDP growth this year might exceed the official forecast of 2.8%, possibly even climbing above 3%. This supports a similarly optimistic prediction offered by economy minister Luis de Guindos a couple of weeks ago - although of course he would make such an announcement.

It is, incidentally, virtually impossible to keep track of the number of times "official" economic forecasts are revised, which makes something of a mockery of them. Nevertheless, it's clear what we're supposed to conclude from the rosy macroeconomic outlook confirmed by Linde this week: that the Popular Party is doing a commendable job of driving the Spanish economy forward.

Why, then, do two recent polls suggest many Spaniards are, at best, indifferent to this message? A survey carried out by GAD3 for the Spanish newspaper ABC this week showed that the PP's support has slumped by 3.5% since February, down to 30.7% from 34.2%. Meanwhile, a report released by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) last Sunday contained the finding that 78% of Spaniards born between 1980 and 2000

think that their opinions are ignored by Spanish politicians. Among the same cohort, the FEPS study revealed, 94% want to see someone in high office who is committed to fighting corruption.

The latter statistic confirms what we've known for a while now: that younger voters in Spain are completely disenchanted with the ruling political class - which includes the PSOE as well as the PP - because of its association with corruption. Indeed, the FEPS report came out on the very same day that Spain's anti-corruption chief, Manuel Moix, was revealed to have been a part owner of a Panama-based company since 2012.

More damaging to the PP, though, is the fact that in July Rajoy will become the first prime minister in Spanish history to appear as a witness in court: he will testify in the so-called "Gürtel" case, involving a raft of kickbacks-for-contracts allegations among senior PP figures. For younger Spaniards, a gradually expanding GDP is irrelevant when compared to such apparently deep and endemic corruption within Spain's ruling party.

More surprising is the ABC poll, which suggests that over the last four months Rajoy has lost support among his core - and traditionally older - voters, who are usually indifferent to the PP's dire public image. More and more Spaniards, it seems, are neither listening to nor believing Rajoy's constant assurances that the PP is qualified to run the Spanish economy.

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Security is stepped up in Gibraltar in the wake of UK terror attacks

Temporary barriers have been erected in Main Street and the government is considering installing retractable bollards

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. Extra security measures are being implemented in the town centre of Gibraltar, following recent attacks in London where terrorists used vans to drive into groups of people.

Temporary barriers have been erected at the ends of Main Street and intersections with it, and the government is working with the Royal Gibraltar Police on the viability of more permanent measures, bearing in mind that residents and emergency and delivery vehicles need access to the area despite it being mainly pedestrianised.

One idea being considered is the installation of retractable bollards in strategic locations.

News of the latest attack in London, in which eight people are known to have died and over 40 were injured, has increased concern among many people in Gibraltar about a similar attack being possible there, and a situation arose on Tuesday where the police were called at 2pm to investigate reports that a possible terrorist had been seen in the Casemates area.

Like Chinese whispers, the rumour quickly spread that the man in question was carrying a sword.



Extra security measures have been adopted in Main Street. :: SUR

The police used social media to publish a photo of him and ask for information about his whereabouts, and he was located and apprehended about 3.30pm.

His 'sword' was found to be nothing more than a musical instrument, but the authorities have adopted a 'better safe than sorry' approach and welcome any reports of possible problems even if they later turn out to be false alarms.

In fact, the RGP website www.police.gi is encouraging people to be vigilant and always re-

port any type of suspicious behaviour, as part of its counter-terrorism policy. The emergency phone number to ring is 199 in Gibraltar, and the non-emergency line is (00350) 20072500.

The police have also published an Awareness Guide with contact details so members of the public can help them protect the community and improve safety. It can be downloaded from the website, together with their 'Stay Safe' leaflet with advice on what to do if caught up in any terrorist incident.

IN BRIEF



Juan Carlos Perez (centre), Fabian Picardo and Joe Bossano :: SUR

Tributes pour in for Juan Carlos Perez

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. Juan Carlos Perez, a founder member of the Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party, former government minister, opposition MP and party leader, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday evening. He was 61 years old and had been in ill health for some time.

The news came as a shock in Gibraltar, where Juan Carlos was a very popular figure. Chief minister Fabian Picardo described him as "a giant of a man, a political genius and a massive rock of support to all the GSLP family".

Joe Bossano, the co-founder of the GSLP, former chief minister and currently minister for Economic Development and Trade, said Juan Carlos was "like a son to me", and that his passing was a great loss to all.

This Saturday is 'Calentita Night'

GIBRALTAR

D.B. Anyone who loves food and fun should head to Casemates Square and the nearby area on Saturday evening for the annual 'Calentita Night'. About 50 stalls will be taking part in this food festival and street party this year, and the activities begin at 7pm and go on until the early hours of the morning. The live music performances will take place on the main stage and Corral Road stage.

Cross-frontier understanding

GIBRALTAR

D.B. The chief minister, on behalf of the Gibraltar government, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cross Frontier Group for Gibraltar and the Campo Area this week. The document signed by Fabian Picardo sets out common objectives which aim to facilitate and promote growth in the economies of Gibraltar and the nearby Campo area, and ensure a fluid border.

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THERE IS A PRIZE FOR THE BEST
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More treatment of the elderly

I too live in Mijas and must say that I cannot agree with your reader James Binyon and his complaint (SUR in English, May 19th). My husband suffers from Parkinson's and every request I have made for anything to make life a bit easier has been met plus some that have been suggested.

For instance we have the wonderful tele-assistance who have come to our rescue on several oc-

casions. We also have the help of a kind home help every week-day morning for two hours, without whom I don't think I would manage. Our blue disabled ticket for the car was most efficiently dealt with. I am quite certain I would not have received this amount of help or attention in Scotland and I can only say THANK YOU to all those concerned.

MARJORY STROUD
MIJAS

Airport design faults

As a frequent visitor to Marbella via Malaga Airport, I sympathise with all the criticism of the 'upgrading' developments (SUR in English, May 19th).

There is, however, an aspect of the development which I have not seen mentioned. I have recently become disabled, and now walk with difficulty with a stick. The assistance service at the airport is extremely welcome, and much appreciated; the staff who operate the service are excellent.

But travelling with no hold bags means that one just wants to exit the building as quickly and as easily as possible. When I was dropped at the far end of the baggage hall last week, I then had to walk the full length of the hall to get outside, and then walk the same length back again to reach the car park, with only a wall between the two. Surely it cannot be impossible to make an exit at the far end of the hall which would be an enormous boon to many, avoiding a long and tedious walk.

I do not believe that the planners took the problems of the disabled into consideration at all. Perhaps SUR would care to take up my cause and apply some pressure.

TONY COHEN
HERTFORDSHIRE, UK

Gas scam

I have recently been a victim of a scam regarding Butane Gas.

We were visited by a Spanish man who was wearing overalls

and with ID in a white van bearing the name of his company.

He indicated that he had tried to call on us on several previous occasions and mentioned our house number, which is by the gate. He appeared to know that we had a Butane Gas barbecue that needed to be checked.

Although I was a little unsure about what was happening, he was so brusque and took control of matters, claiming that the gas hose was out of date and needed to be changed, which he did.

He then wrote out an invoice and quotation form together with a five-year certificate with a cost of 120 euros only payable in cash, all of which took about 15 minutes.

I am embarrassed to be writing this report, as it makes me look like a complete idiot; I would generally regard myself as worldly wise and not vulnerable to this type of situation, but I have to admit that the whole operation was very clever and designed to con the unwitting householder into paying for something that is completely unnecessary and a very expensive piece of Gas hose.

I did check that his company actually exists but this operation is clearly a scam, and probably legally covered by the paperwork they issue, but extremely devious and underhand. I checked online and it is not an uncommon event. The advice was generally, if you are not expecting a visit, do not let anybody into your house.

JOHN GAY
BY EMAIL

Summertime blues

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Here comes summer, then, crashing in as usual, like a local middle-aged drunk at the annual student party - totally expected but really annoying anyway. The temperate beauty and modesty of spring is simply barged out of the way by an unforgiving heat and a coarse brashness that leaves us all suddenly gasping for air amid flotillas of flies and an infinite ocean of dodgy tattoos.

In the same way that some scientists study the ebb and flow of nature to orientate themselves with regard to the changing seasons, I like to keep a steady eye on what we might call 'the flip-flop factor'. As soon as the first couple of pairs have been seen - or, often, simply heard - parading down Calle Larios, you know that it's game over and that you'll spend the next three months in a film of constant sweat, unable

to get anything done because everybody seems to be on some kind of mutually agreed perma-holiday, even if some of these people are, on occasion, physically present. From about the middle of June, the popular local refrain of "Ok, good idea - let's talk about it after the Feria" begins to fill the air. Never mind that what you're proposing is extraordinarily urgent and the Feria is ten weeks away, the die has now been cast and no new projects will be considered until the last of the biznagas has lost its one remaining petal.

For the first four or five years that I lived over here, I'd try to fight this phenomenon, mistakenly thinking that I'd be able to get much more done while others were distracted by brightly-coloured bikinis and beach balls. Not on your life; it was like running through treacle - exhaust-

ing and, ultimately, totally ineffectual. No, the best thing you can do is simply accept the fact that there are three months of the year during which everything grinds slowly to a halt and the wisest plan is to conserve your energy for "after the Feria" when a kind of frenetic anxiety falls upon proceedings as thousands of people realise simultaneously that they've just spent twenty five per cent of the calendar year in a chiringuito.

Summer does, of course, have its merits but it's just that I don't like any of them - roof terraces (expensive), all other terraces (beggars), swimming pools (fat children 'bombing'), the beach (don't get me started), and.. er, well.. that's about it, really.

Roll on October, then - apparently that's the name of a month that occurs in these parts sometime "after the Feria".

IDÍGORAS



Rich and poor by EU standards

JENNIE RHODES

Recently Vélez-Málaga was awarded 10 million euros of European funding for projects to restore a number of historic buildings in its old town and coastal areas. At the same time Marbella, Benalmádena and Ronda heard that they had missed out on EDUSI funding, which translates as integrated sustainable urban development.

The money comes from the European Union Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which was set up by the European Union to help, as the name suggests, with

regional development. These 'regions' by nature are supposed to be 'poor'. As an example, Cornwall, the East Midlands, the northwest and northeast of England are all eligible for this type of funding as towns and cities in those areas have either suffered the loss of major industries and mining in recent decades or have few job opportunities.

Large parts of Spain are also able to access the funds. However, Marbella town hall opposition councillor, Félix Romero, wasted no time in attacking the current administration for not doing

enough to secure the funding for his town when the announcement was made. He said that, "There are few towns in Andalucía that are more deserving of this type of subvention than Marbella." One might be forgiven for questioning his belief that Marbella is "more deserving" of such funds compared to the rest of the region.

EU funding has always attracted criticism, with northern European countries, considered to be generally richer than their southern neighbours, saying that they are giving money to the corrupt south and the 'poorer' southern countries in the south believing that the rich north reaps all the benefits.

Either way, Vélez-Málaga is hoping to attract more tourists, and create jobs with its investment and at least in Andalucía, perhaps eventually the difference between 'rich' and 'poor' will be less noticeable.

Correction: The concert by pianist Thomas Kaurich at St George's Church in Malaga is on Friday June 16th and not 17th as stated on Page 30 in last week's edition. We apologise for any confusion caused.

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"Winning Eurovision was a dream, but it actually made my life a lot harder"

Dana International was the first transsexual woman to participate in the Eurovision Song Contest



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Dana put her parents under increasing pressure when she was selected for the Eurovision in 1998, because it caused outcry from the ecclesiastical sector in Israel

TORREMOLINOS. Around 40,000 people visited Torremolinos last weekend for the Pride 2017 festival, the third largest LGBTI event in Spain after Madrid and Barcelona.

The highlight of the festival was a spectacular performance by Israeli singer, Dana International, which took place in the Plaza La Nogalera on Saturday night.

Dana shot to fame after winning the Eurovision Song Contest with the song *Diva*, in Birmingham in 1998. She has enjoyed international success following her victory in the competition, but it was a stage of her life that caused a lot of heartache for her family.

Born Yaron Cohen in Tel Aviv in 1972, the 45-year-old singer descends from a family of Yemenite and Romanian Jews. Though assigned male at birth, she identified as female from a very young age and in 1993, she underwent male-to-female sex reassignment surgery. In the same year, she released her first CD, *Danna International*, from which her stage name derives, and a string of hit albums followed.

However, Dana's fame had a huge impact on her parents and they have never really come to terms with her sex-change operation. Dana's mother is a "very old-fashioned orthodox Israeli" and so the impact was quite difficult for her to comprehend.



Dana performing at the Pride 2017 in Torremolinos. :: TONY BRYANT

"I don't think a normal family can support a child who realises that he or she has been born in the wrong body. I understand the pain that families go through, because it is not easy for them to cope," Dana told SUR in English.

It took her parents a long time to adjust, although Dana's mother chose to ignore the issue rather than face it.

"Many people used to say to my mother that I was like a girl, but, you know, your mother is always the last one to want to recognise this, even if she knows it to be true," the singer explained.

Dana put her parents under increasing pressure when she was selected for the Eurovision Song Contest in 1998, because it caused outcry from the ecclesiastical sector in Israel. Orthodox Jews tried to have Dana disqualified from the competition. This gained world me-

dia attention and although it served to further her celebrity status throughout the world, her parents were utterly embarrassed by the whole affair.

"There was a lot of controversy instigated by Israel's combined orthodox religious sector and, of course, someone like me is like a devil to them," she says.

Dana believes that there will be no place for this old-fashioned type attitude in future society, although she accepts that religious attitude will not change for some time.

"Religion is thousands of years old and they have brainwashed the public into believing what is right and wrong. Even though I think that attitudes against the gay community are changing within the church, I think it will take another 200 years before society really can accept it,"

Dana declares with conviction.

Winning Eurovision brought extra pressure for Dana's parents. Her mother found it extremely difficult to handle her new-found, although unwanted, celebrity status.

"Winning Eurovision was a dream, but it actually made my life a lot harder, because I don't think my parents are proud of what I have done. I think my success and the stardom have made it harder for them, because I have made them famous as well," she says.

Off stage, Dana is a completely different person to the disco queen diva she portrays on it. Although she gained world attention for becoming the first transsexual to perform in Eurovision, there are times when she would prefer to be just an ordinary girl.

"It all looks very glamorous from the outside, but it really is not all it's made out to be, because you must act out a character that really is not you," Dana says in her Mediterranean-tinted English accent.

Although she has since become one of the most popular and respected transsexual women in the world, it is a role that Dana would prefer not to have.

She was 22 when she had reassignment surgery and she is completely satisfied that she made the right decision, although she will never advise someone else to do the same.

She feels that far too many people consider having sex reassignment surgery when they are still in their teens, which, as she points out, is the wrong time to make such an important choice.

"I never recommend people to do it, because everyone is so individual. All I can say is be very careful about your decision, and please do not consider this operation until you are old enough to really understand what you are doing. You have can plastic surgery on your nose 20 times, but once you make the decision to change your sexuality, there is no turning back."



Dana International. :: T. B.

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The LGBT pride flag could be seen all around Torremolinos. :: NITO SALAS

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40,000 turned out in Torremolinos over the course of the event

Thousands of people arrived in Torremolinos last weekend to participate in Pride 2017. The four-day festival presented varying shows and activities aimed at the LGBTI

community. During the inauguration, the mayor of Torremolinos welcomed Jimena Rico and Shaza Ismail. The young couple hit the headlines earlier this year after

fleeing Dubai fearing for their lives when Shaza's family refused to accept their relationship. The couple looked relaxed and happy during their stay in Torremolinos.



Many chose to wear provocative costumes. :: NITO SALAS



Jimena and Shaza with the mayor of Torremolinos. :: SUR



A drag queen during the main event on Saturday night. :: T. B.



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Quietly helping others in distress

Maggie Galliano Director of a London branch of the Samaritans

Twelve years ago this Gibraltarian became a Samaritans volunteer and now runs a busy London branch

When someone is distressed or feeling suicidal and rings a Samaritan helpline, the calm, friendly, non-judgmental voice at the other end of the phone will give their name, but it might not be their real one, especially if it would make them easily recognisable.

The caller usually gives a name, but it doesn't have to be their real one, either. The number they are calling from does not show up on the phones in the Samaritans office, and their call cannot be traced. This anonymity gives people the confidence to call for help, and has saved many lives over the years.

It is interesting, then, to think that of all the people we see during a normal day, one or more of them could be a Samaritan. In fact, friends and acquaintances could be Samaritans, without us being aware of it.

That was the case with Maggie Galliano, the director of a large branch of the Samaritans in London. People in her native Gibraltar had no idea that she was involved in the Samaritans until recently, when she discovered by sheer coincidence that a group was to be started there and offered them help.

Maggie has spent most of her

adult life in London, which she loves, but it is obvious that her heart lies in Gibraltar. Growing up there was, she says, a wonderful experience. "I had a brilliant childhood. We all did. Although the border was closed, we didn't know anything else so it didn't really affect us. It affected the adults more, because they had known what it was like to be able to cross into Spain freely," she says.

It was a very outdoor life, not only because of the climate but because Gibraltar was safe and parents were therefore easygoing and the youngsters had a great deal of freedom. They formed close bonds and a sense of belonging in that small community, and when Maggie visits Gibraltar today she catches up with lifelong friends who are more like a large extended family. "Our parents were friends, so we spent most of our time together when we were young," she explains.

After being educated at the Loreto Convent, Maggie spent a year doing her A levels at a Swiss school, before returning to Gibraltar to pack her bags and move to London. "That's what everybody did in those days," she says. "It was so exciting at first, walking down the street and not knowing anyone!"

Things were different then, and jobs were easy to find. Maggie did



"We all had a brilliant childhood. We had never known the border open so it didn't really affect us"

"London was so exciting, especially walking down the street and not knowing anyone!"

"All kinds of people ring the Samaritans, from all walks of life and different backgrounds"

a secretarial course and temporary work for a while, but "I always went back to Gibraltar in the summer; I definitely wasn't going to stay in London then!" she says.

Her life in London has been rather glamorous; through contacts she had made at the Swiss school she went to work firstly for a Mexican bank, and then progressed to other companies, and in her thirties she decided to work part-time and take a degree in Hispanic Studies, which she really enjoyed.

Later, Maggie went on to open the London office for Paloma Picasso and her husband, which was another interesting and exciting job. She still works there, but it requires less energy these days, "which is a bit of a relief, actually," she laughs.

So, with such a busy and interesting life, what made Maggie become a Samaritan? "I volunteered about 12 years ago. I had some free time, and it had been in the back of my mind for a while. One day, I saw an advertisement in the paper about a Samaritans Information Hour, and went along."

Does it take a special type of person to be a Samaritan? "All kinds of people ring the Samaritans, from all walks of life and different backgrounds, so there are no special requirements but you do have to be able to put your Samaritans hat on and leave yourself behind. You never give people advice, or tell them what to do; that can be hard some-

times because it is a natural instinct, but it's essential. Being a Samaritan can be draining, but there is an incredible support system and you can always offload to someone if you need to," she says.

A Gibraltar branch of the Samaritans is now being set up by a lady called Marielou Guerrero and will be in operation later this year, as Maggie discovered coincidentally when she received an email asking if a delegation from Gibraltar could come to her branch on a fact-finding visit.

It may seem strange that a place as small as Gibraltar should have a Samaritans service, but last year several people committed suicide. Marielou knew three of them and felt that there was a need for a hotline of this type. An information day for volunteers was held recently, at which Maggie helped, and anyone who may be interested in training as a volunteer is welcome to get in touch with Marielou.

With her busy lifestyle Maggie doesn't have much spare time, but even Samaritans have to relax sometimes and she switches off by going to the cinema. "I love all types of films, but especially foreign, art and offbeat films," she says.

When she eventually retires, will she stay in the UK? "I love living in London, and haven't really thought about it, but I probably will go back to Gibraltar," she says. "London is expensive and cities get tiring when you get older. Gibraltar is an easier, nicer place to live. So yes, I think I'll probably go home."

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The first village I moved to in the Axarquía was a good 45 minutes - and a similar amount of neck-breaking hair bends - from the sea and had only one small supermarket. I didn't think I'd be able to buy any kind of fresh fish locally. Much to my surprise several different fish vans visited us each week, beeping their horns wildly as they manoeuvred through the steep streets. By the time my favourite fishmonger, José Miguel, had expertly backed down into the main square there would be a queue of customers waiting for him.

Even more surprising was the display on offer. In season there were sardines always and often hake and skate wings. But also squid and baby squid, octopus, cuttlefish and fresh anchovies which José Miguel showed me how to gut, just using a finger and a deft action.

When we returned to Britain I knew that we'd struggle to get many of the fish we bought every week, for a few euros a kilo. There's no squid, no octopus, no navajas

nor jibia on sale in the fishmongers of East Anglia though it is possible to buy marinated anchovies in titchy exorbitant pots in our poshest supermarket.

However, plus ça change, as they say. Here in our Suffolk village we too are visited several times a week by fish vans. And though my husband spent our first few weeks plaintively asking the fishmonger if he had any squid ("Er no," he replied with incredulity and increasingly less patience) we have embraced what is on offer which comes every day from the fishing boats off Lowestoft. Of course there is cod but also haddock, sea trout, wild sea bass and in the winter mussels from North Norfolk. Now we can buy dressed Cromer crabs, fillets of plaice and handfuls of samphire. And as in Spain, John the fish man will take orders and hang bags of fish on his customers' front doors if they're out.

If we venture further, to the estuaries and coast of East Anglia, the choice just gets better and better.

In West Mersea, near Colchester, it's possible to get native oysters that are rated among the best in the world. In Orford there is a long established smokehouse selling oak smoked mackerel, trout and eel. In Aldeburgh and Southwold the traditional black wooden shacks which line the shore sell just what comes off the boat each day. But the one thing my husband still really craves is almejas. His favourite stall in Malaga market was the clam man's in the corner of the fish section. All he sold was a heaped pile of small clams - "sin arena" - and once they'd gone he would pack up and go home. We could buy almejas every day except Sunday even in our inland village.

Recently we went shopping in Bury St Edmunds which has a twice-weekly street market with a fish stall. Once again my husband attempted to buy clams. Once again the fishmonger explained that yes he could get them but they would have to be especially ordered from - guess where - Spain and that they would be very expensive. "But," interjected the fishmonger's wife, "Why don't you use cockles instead? We've got kilos and kilos of them, they come from the East Anglian coast and they cost almost nothing".

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La Tarasca is the pagan figure which leads the Corpus procession in Granada. :: RAMÓN PÉREZ



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1 day in Granada and 1 day in Seville

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Very few places in Spain still maintain the tradition of holding a Corpus Christi procession 60 days after Resurrection Sunday, which this year will be Thursday 15 June.

In Andalucía, only two provincial capital cities, Granada and Seville, still do this. Not only are the processions extremely popular, but the whole event is celebrated with great enthusiasm.

Although by definition Corpus Christi is meant to be a solemn occasion, this doesn't mean that there cannot be fun and entertainment as well, or at least that is how the people of Granada see it.

In fact, the 'Feria del

Corpus', as it is known, has become one of the city's most important festivals, after the May Crosses.

Although the main celebration takes place next Thursday, the activities will begin at midnight on Saturday when the fairground lights are switched on; the fair will continue until the following Saturday and there is plenty to enjoy, day and night, including bullfights, altar competitions, and competitions for the best shop window display.

However, the most unusual aspect of this religious tradition in Granada is that it includes a pagan element: on Thursday the procession will be led by

the image of La Tarasca, a type of large doll, as well as giants and 'big heads'. These add a touch of colour and individuality to the proceedings.

Corpus Christi is also celebrated as a festival in the city of Seville, where the Holy Sacrament will be taken from the cathedral on Thursday and carried through the streets. The procession will walk on a carpet of rosemary and other aromatic herbs, which is also customary in other towns and villages. The entourage will be accompanying a very valuable silver custody which was created by Juan de Arfe in 1578.

On this day and those following, local people will also be celebrating one of the city's most ancient traditions, known as Los Seises: these are songs and dances which are performed before the Holy Sacrament. This folkloric tradition is believed to date back to the 15th century.



BASIC GUIDE

What to see in Granada

◀ **La Alhambra.** Palace, city and fortress, considered one of the most important monuments in Europe. Calle Real de la Alhambra, s/n. 18009 Granada.

Albaycín. Ancient Moorish district situated opposite the Alhambra. Barrio del Albaycín, s/n. 18009 Granada.

◀ **Cathedral.** Its construction began at the end of the 16th century, on the site of the main mosque. Gran Vía de Colón, 5. 18001 Granada

La Cartuja monastery. Considered one of Spain's most important Baroque churches. Paseo de Cartuja, s/n. 18011 Granada.

What to see in Seville

The Cathedral and Giralda.

Gothic building, with La Giralda minaret as one of its towers. Avenida de la Constitución, s/n. 41004 Sevilla.

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REVISITING LAURIE LEE'S ANDALUCÍA

MARK NAYLER



In search of pure sources of feeling

How much of the Algeciras captured by English writer Laurie Lee in 1955 remains in the city today?

When the English writer and Hispanophile Laurie Lee stepped off the boat and onto the harbour of Algeciras in November 1951, pandemonium greeted him. It was 15 years since Lee had been in Spain, but the seafront of this chaotic, dirty fishing village was just as he remembered it: "Beggars crowding the quayside, picking up the heads of fish...the tiny, delicate-stepping donkeys, and the barefoot children scrambling around our legs... Here were the bars and the talking men, the smell of sweet coñac and old dry sheries". This is from Lee's first book about Spain, 1955's *A Rose for Winter*, written after a four-month, five-city tour he made of the region with his wife Kati in 1951. Algeciras was their first - and last - stop.

Fast-forward to 2017 and you find little about the city's now-enormous port to identify it as the subject of Lee's description. There are no donkeys, no beggars stealing fish heads from the straw-strewn floor and no barefooted children running about. Separated from the rest of town by a busy main road is an area dominated by giant cranes and stacked freight containers - a mini-city with an angular, steel skyline all of its own.

Arabic kebab shops and scruffy stalls selling ferry tickets to Africa - the northern coast of which is only about 30 kilometres away, over the Strait of Gibraltar - line a dilapidated marina. There is still poverty here, but even someone as in love with Spain as Lee was could find nothing to romanticise. Homeless people shelter under the grim concrete canopy formed by quayside hotels, their shapes barely distinguishable from filthy blankets that provide scant privacy. Lee's "merry, dirt-grained beggar children" have been replaced by adults who are simply and sadly



The port of Algeciras 2017 - cranes and freight containers. :: REUTERS

Lee's "merry, dirt-grained beggar children" have been replaced by adults who are simply and sadly without a home or opportunity

without a home or opportunity.

Still very much in evidence, though, is what Lee called "the open market of Mediterranean life", which he observed unfolding on the old town's prettiest space, Plaza Alta. It is still true that one sees all kinds of life playing out on streets and squares of Andalucía and, as I found out when I retraced Lee's steps to Plaza Alta, Algeciras is no exception. Moments after I'd found a bar and ordered a drink, a scruffy-looking man of about forty came in carrying a half-drunk plastic cup of beer, talking animatedly to himself and wearing denims that had obviously not seen a washing machine for years. Gypsy-dark and unshaven, his voice was gravelly and hoarse from countless cigarettes. He asked for change and, while he

worked the fruit machine, embarked upon a loud and passionate monologue about the misfortunes of his gambling career.

Chuckling to themselves as he rambled on were several old men - the "talking men" that Lee identified as a staple of Spanish bars - enjoying a pre-dinner sherry and chatting to the bar staff. Outside on the square, meanwhile, a group of anti-bullfighters chanted furious slogans of opposition to the controversial Spanish spectacle, surrounded by playing children and dogs. The occasional beggar wandered among them, asking their well-dressed parents for money or cigarettes. This was perhaps a more sanitised version of the street life Lee observed in the Algeciras of 1951, but its basic elements were the same.

Harder to find are the sea-hardened fishermen that enlivened the city's dank boozing taverns in the early fifties, before industrialisation made a relic of their way of life. Lee describes an encounter with one such character named Pepe, a wine-soaked man of the sea "who looked as though he had landed that



Modern day Plaza Alta :: SUR

day from a voyage that began five thousand years before". Pepe belts out love songs to the Englishman's beautiful wife as they all get annihilated on "black wine". Lee admires his earthiness, his utter lack of pretension: "He reeked of wine and olives, of garlic and the sea. He also reeked of glory." The refined English writer also envies the drunken Spanish fisherman for inhabiting the "pure sources of feeling that once animated as all".

Visiting the city's wonderful Mercado de Abastos, you sense that locals like this still exist in Algeciras, even though they are less conspicuous than they were 66 years ago. This is a rough-and-ready, noisy and joyful market in which old men shoot the breeze over cold beer and

fried fish served out of tiny kiosks (Bar Antonio is the best). Though standing right next to each other, they talk incredibly loudly - in the notoriously thick Cadiz accent - and the clatter of their conversation cuts through the market's hot, sea-spiced atmosphere. Though just a couple of hundred metres away from the somewhat depressing marina, the Abastos market is full of colour and life: indeed, it makes you understand more why Algeciras - with all its dirt and poverty, its beggars and its smugglers - was so special for Lee.

In some cases, as the writer says when talking about Pepe, the rough charm of Algeciras' older citizens may be attributable to a lack of formal education or cosmopolitan "sophistication", sarcastically described by Lee as a "triumph of enlightenment and comfort". Certainly, there is little cosmopolitanism here: tourists are few and far between, with most of them jumping on the ferry for Morocco shortly after arriving in the city. Yet although mechanisation and industry has eaten into the numbers of Algeciras locals like Lee's sea-hardened fisherman, the city - and in particular the Mercado de Abastos - is still rich with characters in touch with "pure sources of feeling".

PAST AND PRESENT

This is the first in a series of features in which Mark Naylor retraces the steps of writer Laurie Lee around the cities of Andalucía, searching for evidence of the enchantment described in books written in the middle of the last century.



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tance, because my brother had signed a will designating her as his heiress. The problem is that now she wants to include our bank account in the inheritance and demands me to give her all the money, whilst part of it is mine. Is she entitled to take all the money existing in the bank account just for being the heiress of one of the holders?

In principle she is not, since you were also a holder at the time of your brother's death. Unless it could be proven that all the money existing in the account had been contributed by your brother, his wife will not be able to take all the money, as it is considered that at least half of the balance at the time of the death is yours. Therefore, the widow can demand to receive a part of the money, which would normally amount to half of the balance existing in the account when your brother passed away.

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ALHAURÍN EL GRANDE. Around 100 people attended the recent sell-out charity cabaret evening in Alhaurín el Grande. The audience was treated to popular numbers from the 50s right through to present day, and showed their appreciation by joining in with the choruses and dancing in the aisles to a rock 'n' roll number.

The event raised more than €1,200 for Gift of Life Cat Rescue and

A.R.C.H. (the Andalusian Rescue Centre for Horses), both in the Alhaurín el Grande/Coín area.

Performing were Alex Bell, Ricky Leach, Lynne Gaskell, Cath Bradley, Barry Steele, Janette Lockett, Bobbie Capewell and Rex Abbott.



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Following the success of the recent FOTA (Friends of the Theatre) Fashion Show at La Farola, board members entertained the models and their friends to a Mad Hatters' Tea Party. It was also an opportunity to bid farewell to Helen Tomlinson, a backstage crew member in the Salon Varietes theatre for 12 years, who is returning to the UK.

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Gaucín, home to art in every shape and form

The annual Open Studios event, when visitors are able to meet the artists and see them at work, took place over two weekends

DEBBIE BARTLETT

MALAGA. From textiles to clocks, weaving to mosaics, ceramics to paintings, sculptures to photographs: the works of the artists who took part in the recent Open Studios event drew hundreds of people to the picturesque village of Gaucín over the past two weekends, some of them travelling long distances to enjoy this annual event.

It is very unusual for a place so small to be such a focus for the arts, but Gaucín has always had an active artistic community and over the years the Open Studios weekends have attracted a very large following.

It is a lovely experience, wandering through the streets of this beautiful village in the Serranía de Ronda and popping into some or all of the 17 studios. The variety of the works on display is quite remarkable and it is fascinating to be able to chat to the artists and, in some cases, see them in action.

One of the most surprising displays this year was by textile artist Belén Montero, whose quilting and patchwork pictures were exhibited perfectly in a bright and tranquil room in the Casa de la Juventud, which was the first studio to be visited on the route.

A display which had a real impact was that of Michael Roschlau, whose colourful and intricate works, including clocks, act like a magnet to make one draw closer for a better look, and then often reveal a darker and more disturbing, some-



Sebastian Fisher's sculptures are inspired by Nature and Indian art :: SUR

times sinister, side.

The visit to ceramic artist Caroline Gullick's studio struck a more delicate note, with her beautiful representations of flowers and plants on pale-coloured wall-hangings, jugs and dishes, while Nozomi Hatano's minimalist paintings were a delight as always, often reflecting solitude or incorporating unicorns as a representation of masculine power or shells and spirals to reflect feminine elegance and sensuality.

Techniques

Like Nozomi, Sara Webb finds landscapes inspiring and her works are often based upon scenes from her travels through Andalucía and Morocco. Sara learned various printing techniques including etching, woodcut and lithography when she was studying in Singapore, and she also uses inks, water colour and oil paints.

Scenes from daily life in Spain and Morocco also inspire photogra-

pher Vivienne Whiffen, a founder member of Art Gaucín, the association which organises the Open Studios event. Vivienne has lived in this country on and off for over 40 years and her atmospheric photos, whether in black and white or colour, capture moments in time which will be as relevant in the future as they are today.

Sebastian Fisher describes his sculptural work as an exploration of both natural form and a reflection of his own inner quest for meaning and beauty. He often works in metal, hand forging his creations which are inspired not only by Nature but also by his deep interest in the sacred elements of Indian art.

Unfortunately there is only space to mention a few of the 17 artists who participated in the Open Studios in Gaucín this year, but this event never fails to be fascinating and it is definitely a date that all art lovers should put in the diary for next year.

Press Club rewards communication skills at gala dinner

The association for international journalists on the Costa del Sol celebrated its 15th anniversary gala event on Thursday

RACHEL HAYNES

MALAGA. The Costa Press Club announced the winners of its Communicator 2016 awards at its 15th anniversary gala dinner on Thursday evening.

The association for international journalists on the Costa del Sol launched its annual awards in 2006 with the aim of honouring excellence in English-language journalism on the Costa del Sol. The competition is open to professionals in all forms of media, from printed press to broadcasting, photography, digital and multimedia.

The 2016 winner is American-born Abby Roule, who started her lifestyle and travel blog about Malaga, Spain and the rest of the world six years ago.

Abby's Andalucía Travel Guide features Malaga, where she has been living for the last two years, as well as towns, villages and cities in the rest of the region.

The bilingual blog 'El boquerón viajero', which 35-year-old Abby writes with her 'malagueño' partner Pedro, covers the couple's travels around the globe, a hobby that turned into an occupation when they opened their travel boutique, Auténtico Nueva York.

"Abby has a broad, popular appeal and has made the most of new media to convey her messages, as well as embracing bilingualism," said the panel of judges.

For the first time this year the Costa Press Club introduced a



Abby Roule. :: SUR



Andrea Henderson. :: SUR

new category for the under-20s to find its Young Communicator for 2016.

Sixteen-year-old Swans International School student Andrea Henderson de la Fuente collected her award on Thursday for her portfolio of written work and photography produced last year. Andrea, who says she has been writing "all my life", has published a summer blog and edits her school magazine. She has won awards, not just for writing, but also for playing chess on a regional, national and international level. Andrea told SUR in English that in the future she will use her creativity and imagination to study astrophysics.

Members of the Press Club and their guests were entertained at the gala dinner, held at the Avanto restaurant in Mijas Costa, by Barcelona-based British journalist, author and stand-up comedian Tim Parfitt.

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

9 JUNE 1976

An important step towards post-Franco democracy in Spain

On 9 June 1976, the Spanish authorities approved a law to authorise the existence of political parties, an essential step towards the country's first democratic elections since 1931, following the Franco dictatorship. Those elections took place in June 1977.

General Franco established his fascist government in Spain after overthrowing the democratically elected Republic government in the 1936-39 civil war, and he ruled with an iron hand until his death in 1975.

Franco had always said that the monarchy, which had been deposed in 1931, would be restored after his death, and in 1965 he named Juan Carlos de Borbón, the grandson of exiled King Alfonso XIII, to succeed him as head of state, bypassing Juan Carlos' father, Juan de Borbón.

The period between Franco's death and the election of a new government is known as the Transition, and it was a difficult time politically and economically although it was a key factor in Spain later joining the European Economic Community and NATO.

In July 1976 King Juan Carlos chose Alfonso Suárez to be the new head of government; he became the country's 138th prime minister. The move was greeted with suspicion by many because of Suárez's links with the Franco regime, but he gained the confidence of the electorate by offering several political amnesties and dismantling elements of the dictatorship.

He introduced the right to strike and to join a trade union, and established a new law through which Spain's electoral system resembled



Adolfo Suárez is sworn in as prime minister in 1976. **sur**

that of a liberal parliamentary democracy.

The four main parties in the 1977 elections were the Union of the Democratic Centre, Spanish Socialist Workers Party, Communist Party of Spain and the Popular Alliance. The UCD won

the election but without a majority, so it was forced to form a coalition with other parties.

Parliament began to draft a Spanish Constitution in mid-1977, and it was then approved in a referendum in December 1978.

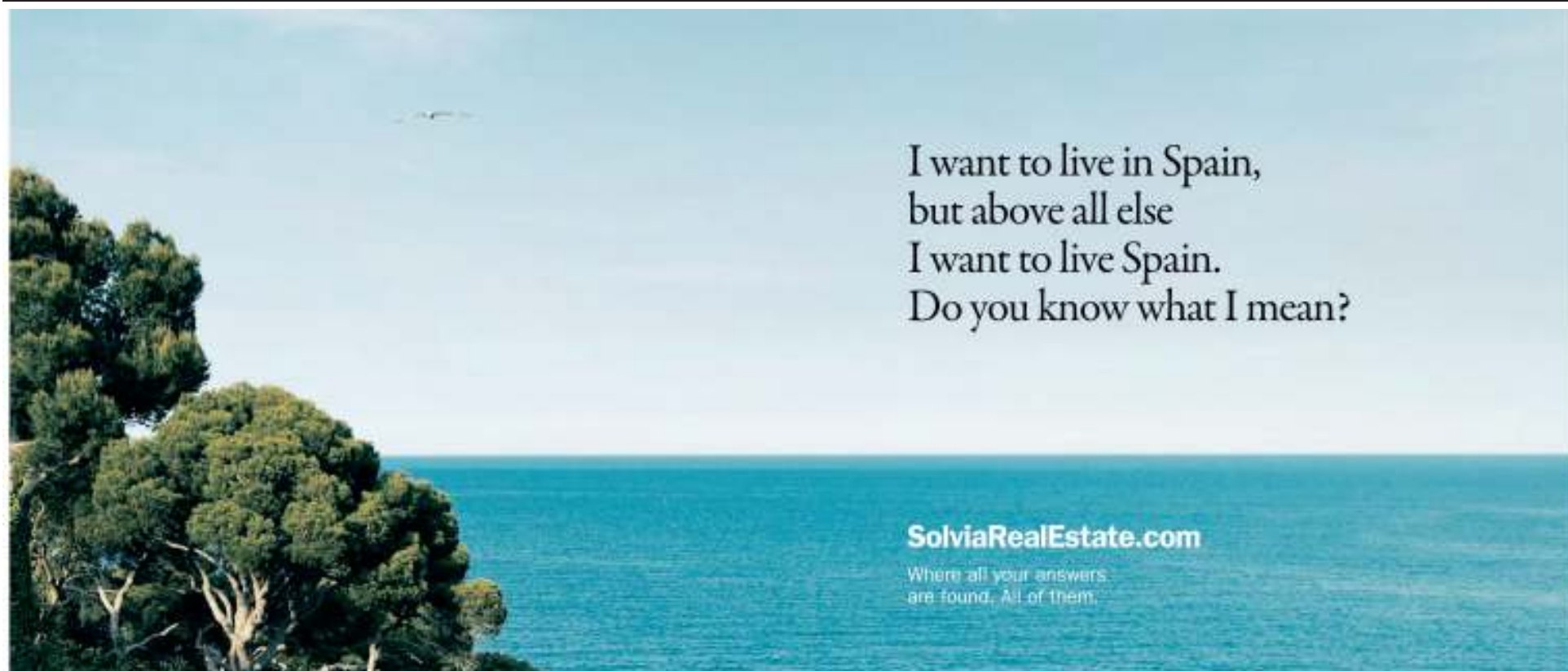
LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Democracia	Democracy
Dictadura	Dictatorship
Gobierno	Government
Guerra civil	Civil war
Monarquía	Monarchy
Rey	King
Transición	Transition
Amnistía	Amnesty
Partido	Political party
Elecciones	Elections
Coalición	Coalition
Cortes	Parliament
Constitución	Constitution
Referéndum	Referendum
Dimitir	To resign
Político	Politician
Fascismo	Fascism
Republicano	Republican
Huelga	Strike
Sindicato	Trade union
Derrocar	To overthrow

However, tensions steadily grew within the coalition and the UCD party, and as a result Adolfo Suárez resigned in 1981.

Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo was appointed to lead the government in his place. He later went on to become the leader of the party.

Bilingual crossword
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GARDENING

Creeping Baby's Breath

Creeping Baby's Breath forms a ground-hugging mat of grey-green foliage with masses of dainty white or pink flowers through the summer

Gysophila or Baby's Breath is mostly associated with floristry where it is used extensively in bouquets of cut flowers. However there are a number of different species native to Turkey, Eurasia, Africa, Australia and the Pacific Islands. They are a member of the

Caryophyllaceae family, more familiar to most people as the carnation family. Gysophila repens is low-growing forming a dense mat of grey-green foliage which is covered by airy sprays of tiny, star-shaped, white or pink flowers in

spring and summer.

The mat of leaves will reach about 10cm high by about 40cm wide and is great for trailing over a wall or large pot, as an edging or in a cottage-style garden planting scheme.

This fast-growing perennial is both heat and drought resistant once established, although occasional watering is preferable during the hottest months. It needs full sun to partial shade and a well-drained soil. It will not survive if it becomes waterlogged.

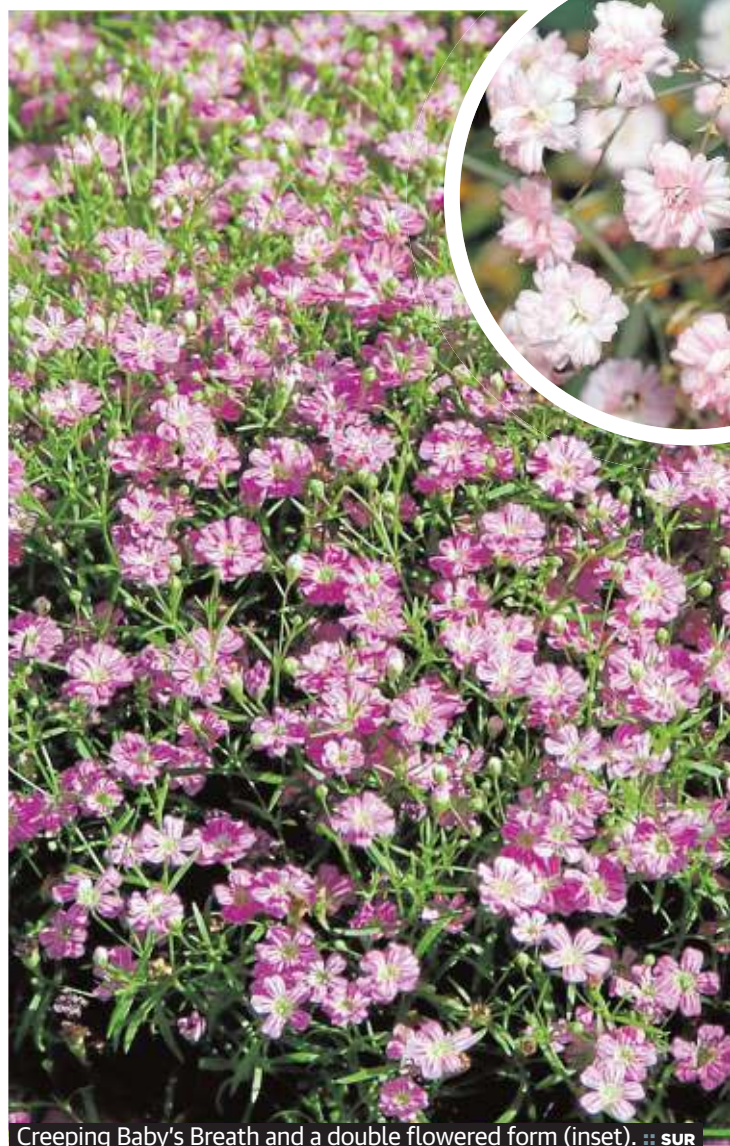
G. repens will also adapt to various soil types although it prefers alkaline, and is tolerant to salt air and pollution.

The flowering season usually lasts from early spring until the end of summer. A light clipping in the spring will help to keep it tidy and promote flowering and a gentle 'hair cut' in late summer may produce another flush of flowers.

Propagation is by seed although germination can be a bit irregular. G. repens has a large tap root so cannot be divided successfully nor will it transplant well.

Varieties to look out for are Gysophila repens 'Dorothy Teacher' which has masses of the tiniest pink blooms and G. repens 'Dubia' which has striking dark-red stems and white or pale pink flowers.

G. repens is cold hardy but in inland Spain it is best to give the roots some protection by covering the base with a thick layer of mulch.



Creeping Baby's Breath and a double flowered form (inset). :: SUR

READER'S PHOTO



:: ANN PENNINGTON

BLOWING ITS OWN TRUMPET

This photo of an Angel's Trumpet (Brugmansia) literally leaning over with the weight of its blooms was sent in by Ann Pennington.

GARDENING HINTS FOR JUNE

Hardy geraniums

Hardy geraniums (cranesbills) are among the first plants to flower in spring and by now they may be looking a bit straggly. Cutting them back hard may seem a bit cruel but it will invigorate the plant and promote a new flush of blooms. The hardy geranium group does not include zonal pelargoniums or ivy geraniums. It refers to the geraniums that can tolerate frost and which are commonly called cranesbills. They can be identified in several ways: the leaves of true

geraniums are usually deeply divided while those of most pelargoniums are not. Pelargoniums also have thick, succulent stems, whereas hardy geraniums have slender stems which tend to turn woody.

If you are not planning on collecting the seed which forms in the long pods (said to resemble a crane's bill), then you can cut them back hard now, to about 5cm above ground level. Then sit back and await a fresh mound of greenery studded with flowers.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

We know that many of our readers have lovely gardens, or enjoy growing plants on their terraces or balconies, so why not share them with others?

Email your photos to english@diariosur.es or send them to SUR in English, Avda Dr Marañón 48, 29009 Malaga, with a caption and a few words of explanation, or send them via Twitter @SUR_English or Facebook @surenglish and we'll do the rest!

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REVIEW
JUNE RENDLE

LARK IN THE PARK

I have been a member of the International Theatre Studio since 1983, but last Sunday I was one of the audience in Benahavis for their production *Lark in the Park*.

What a splendid evening it was! The setting, in the lovely park in Benahavis with the background of the mountains bathed in sunshine, is spectacular, and ITS filled the 'Roman' auditorium with a most enjoyable evening of drama and music.

The host, Carmel Rogers, opened with a minute's silence to remember and respect the unfortunate people killed and injured in the London Bridge terror attack the previous evening.

The play, by David Tristram, was *Last Tango in Benahavis*, a farce based on the demise of an amateur drama society, and the one-liners produced gales of laughter from a very appreciative packed house. It poked gentle fun at village people of little talent struggling to present drama – one exchange brought the house down.

"I can't do this," says Bernard, the set builder, "I can't act." To which the director replies, "You don't have to act, just do what the rest of us do."

With a small cast of Eileen Audas, Rachel Armstrong, Andrew Gommersall, and Miles Rendle, Martin Curd made his directing debut, and they all performed with zest and enthusiasm. To have Debbie Fisher parading across the stage to denote scene changes was an inspired idea, and it all added up to a riot of fun.

Over the years the interval has become a very large part of the evening's enjoyment, with everyone arriving laden with tables, chairs, blankets and cushions to spread among the trees on the lawn, drinking and eating.

ITS was lucky to have Stella, Sam Oliver, and Karen Danzig giving, free of charge, their professional singing in the second half to bring a lovely evening to a close, and we all staggered away carrying our picnic equipment with happy smiles on our faces.

The entire proceeds of the performance and raffle, were in aid of the charity Age Concern España, and produced in excess of €3,000.



A moment during last Sunday's performance. :: SUR

Ian Gibson tells of his Iberian Adventures

:: SUR

Irish-born Hispanist Ian Gibson launched his '*Aventuras ibéricas*' at the Malaga book fair this week. Gibson's book, written about Spain for Spaniards, reveals his love for his adopted country as well as his criticism of "the bits I don't like".



Ian Gibson in Malaga. :: A. C.



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A clear line of distinction between the Spanish wine drinker and his US counterpart can be seen in the way each deals with the restaurant wine list. In the USA the first question asked the sommelier is often, 'What new wines do you have?' In Spain there is a similar lack of interest in the wine list, so the order will be for the same Rioja or Ribera del Duero as always. New wines? Any wine waiter who suggests trying the latest product from a bodega in Ampurdán or Toro, or

A. J. LINN

BRAND LOYALTY



any of the other 60-odd designated wine regions, will be considered a little crazy.

The famous Californian wine, Screaming Eagle, was once just such a new wine, so while it caught on very quickly and successfully in the US because of its novelty value quality, it would have disappeared without trace over here. With an annual 5,000+ bottles per year production, it admittedly needed the now-retired Robert Parker to help it to success. He awarded the 2010 and 2012 vintages the maximum

100 points and the 2013, 97. Often referred to as 'the perfect Cabernet Sauvignon', what is now one of America's landmark wines is the consequence of the purchase of an undistinguished winery in 1986 by an estate agent. Inexplicably the new owner tore out all the vines except a hectare of Cabernet Sauvignon, following this by the appointment of a young and relatively inexperienced lady wine-maker. Rather as in a fairy tale, the first vintage (1992) was successful and it just got better and better.

In 2006 financier Charles Banks made the owner an offer she later admitted she could not refuse, and proceeded to take the brand to new heights. With a retail price of 3,000 euros and the aforesaid Parker ratings, it needed nothing more to convince Banks that 'new' wines were what the business is all about. With the advice of consultant Michel Rolland, he continued to acquire other wineries in Oregon, Napa and New Zealand. Hardly a recipe for success that could be copied in Spain.

PORTIONS OF FRIED FISH FOR FIVE EUROS AT 'FISH AND FRESH'

Torremolinos is promoting its trade mark dish, 'pescaíto frito' (fried fish) during the event 'Fish and Fresh'. Over 70 establishments in the town will be offering portions of fried marinated fish, anchovies, whiting, rock salmon, squid, sardines on skewers and other seafood dishes for just five euros. The event has been organised by the town hall with the support of local companies and the chiringuitos (beach bars) of La Carihueta, El Bajondillo, Playamar and Los Álamos. Some bars and restaurants in the town centre and in the El Calvario area are also taking part. The fried fish days started on Wednesday and will continue until Saturday.



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EXHIBITIONS

Magpie International Gallery.
Marbella. Until 18 June. C/Virgen del Pilar. 200m from port.
‘The journey of the soul’ is an exhibition by Gabrielle Ange. She works in oil on canvas, acrylic, mixed media and charcoal and makes murals and other decorations for apartments, hotels, wineries etc. Winner of the “Best picture of the year” award.

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

Picasso’s birth place
Malaga. Until 11 June, Sala de Exposiciones, Casa Natal de Picasso
Two exhibitions, the first, entitled ‘Arte Recuperado (1916-1957)’ is a selection of works by Spanish artists on loan from Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia. The second, ‘Junto al aura de Picasso’, consists of works that harmonise with Picasso’s style such as Tàpies, Julio González and Miró.

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.

Arte Recuperado
Malaga. Until 11 June. Casa Natal de Picasso, Plaza de la Merced.
A selection of paintings entitled ‘Arte Recuperado 1916- 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.

The Exodus of Malaga
Torremolinos. Until 16 June. Town hall.

The exhibition of photographs and artefacts highlights the horror that faced the fleeing Republican refugees as they tried to escape to Almeria during the Civil War.

Tolox Art Festival
Tolox. From 16 until 18 June.
An open-air festival of art over three days featuring international artists working in various parts of the town. Also live music and workshops for children and adults.

Mujeres Aventureras
Torremolinos. Until 19 June. Casa de los Navajas. 11am-2pm, 6-8pm.
An exhibition of photos, water colours and collage which pays tribute to 12 women who, through history, have been at the vanguard of politics, science, culture and communications.

Noel Lewis
Cómpeta. Until 25 June. Centro de Bellas Artes, C/San Antonio.
An exhibition of watercolours and oils by Irish artist Noel Lewis.

CHARITY

AID Charity Auction
Alhaurín el Grande. 9 June, 14 July 7pm. La Cuchara restaurant, Polígono Rosa.
Every second Friday of every month a charity auction to raise funds for Animals in Distress. 15 per cent of each item sold goes to the charity. Donations and items to sell 24hrs before, tel: Chris 628 239 174 / Joe 626 942 427

Sunflower Power
Calahonda. 9 June, 8.30pm. Plaza Beach Restaurant, Doña Lola.
Lourdes Adab & Co. will be singing songs from the 60s and 70s..Order off the menu and 10€ from each meal will go to Cudeca Hospice. Info tel: 663 083 249.

Charter Dinner and Dance
La Cala. 9 June, 7.30pm. Tamisa Golf Hotel. 45€
The La Cala de Mijas Lions are holding the summer Charter dinner and dance evening at the Tamisa Golf Hotel. Price includes a three-



Gabriel Ange, Magpie Gallery

course meal, wine, soft drinks and beer. Live entertainment provided by Manuela & Brown Sugar. Tickets: tel: 952585988 or 677059061.

Charity concert
Almuñécar. 10 June, 9pm. Auditorio de la casa de Cultura. 5€.
Fran Fernández will be in concert

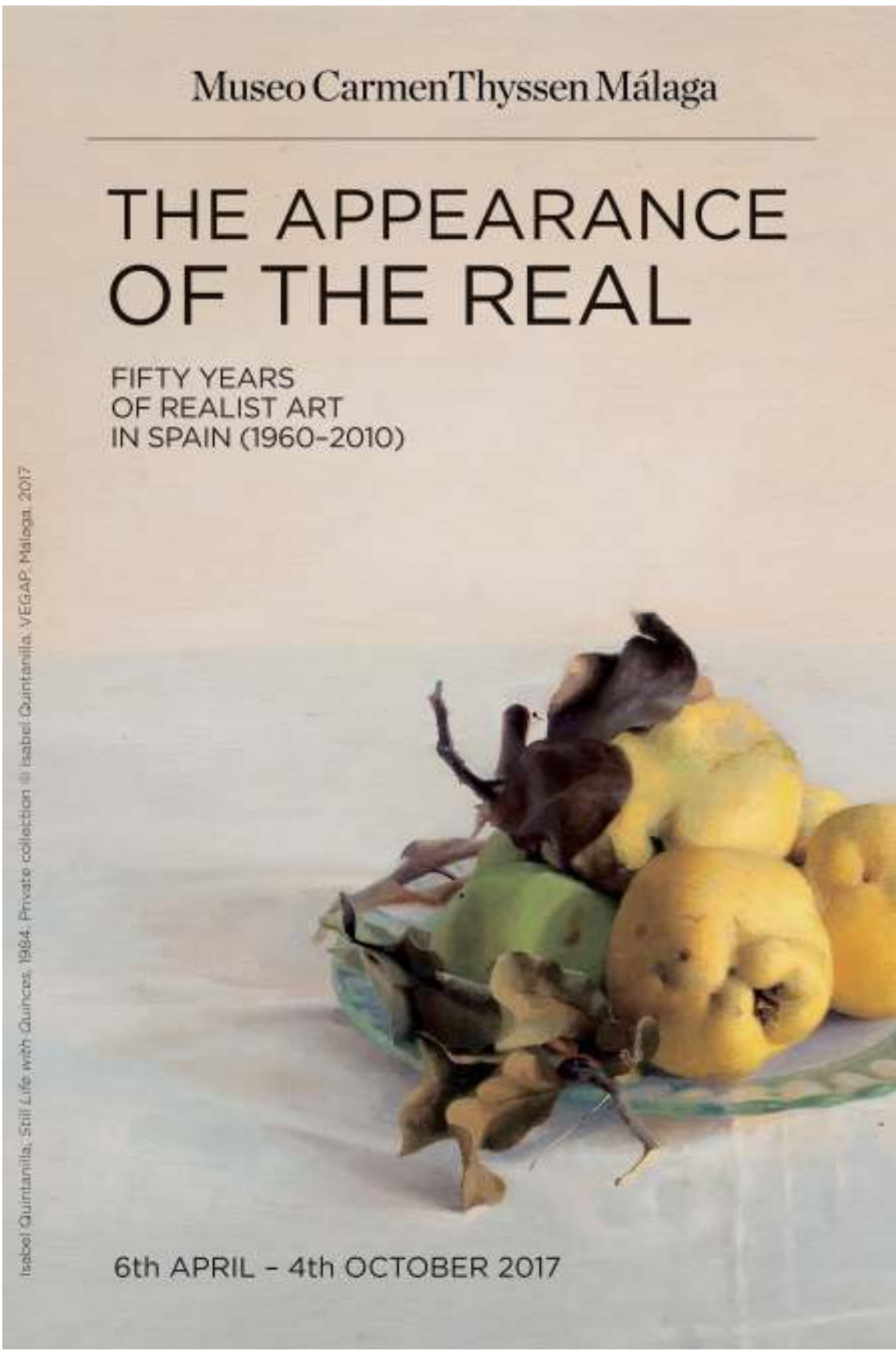
to raise money for Acofa TDAH (Children and families affected by Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder). Reservations tel: 674 651 007.

Summer gala
Marbella. 11 June, 7.30pm. Villa Tiberio. 85€
Sandro Morelli is hosting the Children With Cancer UK Summer Gala at Marbella’s Villa Tiberio Restaurant. Following an aperitif in the garden, there will be a three-course dinner with wine and coffee, as well as live entertainment, dancing and an auction. 25€ of each reservation goes to the charity. Tel: 952771799

Fota Summer Ball
Mijas. 15 June, Restaurante Valparaíso. 35€
Bookings: FOTA desk Salon Varietés or tel: 951313257.

Fashion Show
Marbella. 16 June, 9pm. Hotel Alanda, pool side. 10€
Marbella Design Academy are holding a fashion show for the DEBRA butterfly children charity. Tickets from the hotel, the design academy or DEBRA.

Charity Gala ‘Bhai’
Benalmádena. 16 June, 8.30pm. Colegio Internacional Torrequebrada. 25€ (10€ children)
The charity gala ‘Bhai’(hindi for ‘brother’) organised by students is to raise funds for the Vicente Ferrer Foundation to make improvements to a special centre for brain damaged children in India. There will be dance and live music and a raffle (one of the raffle prizes is a shirt signed by all the Real Madrid players and another signed by Rafa Nadal). Tickets from the school or wwwsolindiarizate.org



CHARITY

70s and 80s disco party

Alhaurín el Grande. 16 June, from 8pm until late. B&B Cortijo Andalus. 10€.

A prize for the best 70-80's outfit. Entry fee includes a drink and a tapa. Proceeds raised go to ARCH horse rescue charity. Tickets ARCH charity shop in AEG or tel: 610845491 / 656935613

SEARCH garden party

Coin. 17 June, 1.30-5pm. Near the Trocha commercial centre. 10€. S.E. A. R.C.H. (spanish equine assoc. for Rescue Care and homing) will be holding a Garden Party to raise funds. Entertainment with Frankie B, tickets 10€ including hot and cold buffet. Tel: 660220700 or email info@serch.es



Fran Fernández, Almuñécar

Candlelit summer fair

Marbella. 17 June, from 8pm until midnight. Arboretum Marbella. Poetry, readings of short stories, live music from the Pequeña

A night with a 'wow!' factor

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MARBELLA. A night with a 'wow!' factor; a totally different experience. That is how Álvaro Revuelta, the director of Teatro Marbella, describes this remarkable establishment which is opening in Puerto Banús this weekend.

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The show which accompanies the dinner is a cabaret with music, dancing and magic performed by 14 in-house artists, and the activity in the kitchen is synchronised with what is happening on stage in real time. It is a feast of gastronomy and entertainment, and is guaranteed to be a very glamorous evening.

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The cabaret at the Show Dinner is performed by 14 in-house artists. :: SUR

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while having fun on the way. We want to capture the magic of a theatre by also interpreting it through our food, and make it an evening to remember," says Álvaro.

The nightclub offers something very different, with the best international DJs and musical artists aiming to make this the best nightlife experience in Marbella.

After the Grand Opening this weekend some interesting parties are coming up, such as the 'Just Music Just Party' night on 15 June and the Wild Boulevard Opening Party (which the management warns is "not for everyone") on the 16th.



PROGRAMMING

Friday 9th to
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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES

Director Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg
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ADVENTURE - 129 min.

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From Monday 12 to Thursday 15: 19:45, 21:30



GET OUT

Director Jordan Peele and Rhona Rubio
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Saturday 10 and Sunday 11: 15:50
From Monday 12 to Thursday 15: 17:45



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Captains Charity Golf Day

Elviria. 25 June, 9.30am. Santa Maria Golf Club. Shot gun start. Members 35€, visitors 80€. Proceeds to Cudeca. Contact: gillyannballard@yahoo.co.uk or 637 333 800; rmjann@hotmail.com or 600 592 511; patreynolds60@hotmail.com

Armed Forces Day picnic

Mollina. 27 June 11am. La Vina Park. 6€. Entertainment by the Saydo singers. Competition for the Christine Watson memorial trophy. The Mollina branch of the Royal British Legion are raising funds for the Poppy Appeal.

MUSIC & DANCE

Spring Concert

Caleta. 10 June, 8.45pm. Iglesia Caleta de Vélez. Axarquía International Choir will be giving a concert.

International Guitar festival

Ronda. Until 10 June, Convento Santo Domingo, C/Armiñán.

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Swinging sixties, Malaga airport.

Foreigner in concert

Marbella. 11 June, 9pm. Club de Tennis, Puente Romano. 36-275€ With ten multi-platinum albums and sixteen Top 30 hits, Foreigner is universally hailed as one of the most popular rock bands with songs like "Cold as Ice", "I Wanna Know What Love Is" and "Waiting For a Girl Like you". Tickets: www.crazymusicproductions.com

Rob Sas Band

Estepona. 16 June, 11.45pm. Bar Louie Louie.

The Wall Bar

Malaga. Hotel Vincci Posada del Patio, 11pm, entry free.
9 June. Constanza & Javier. Jazz

duet.

10 June. Hermanas Sister. Funk and international jazz.

Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes
9 June, 9pm. Symphony n°3 in D minor by Mahler with mezzo soprano María José Montiel and the Ópera de Málaga and Escolanía Santa María de la Victoria choirs. Conducted by Manuel Hernández Silva. www.orchestrafilarmonicade-malaga.com

Piano recital with Tom Kaurich

Malaga. 16 June, 9pm. St George's Church, English Cemetery, Avda de Pries, 1. Tickets 25€ Pianist Tom Kaurich will be performing Impromptu Op. 90 No. 4 by Franz Schubert, Sonata Op. 27 No.1 "Moonlight" by Beethoven; Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Op. 22 by Chopin and Reflets dans l'eau by Claude Debussy among others. Reservations tel: 638 33 96 91.

Swinging Sixties

Malaga. 17 June, 6.30pm. Malaga airport behind the San Miguel brewery. Free. Shutterbugs photographic group and the Airport, Navigation and Air Transportation Museum present the TAPAS choir singing hits from the sixties. Jive Spain will also be performing.

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Cuban National Ballet company. :: SUR

Summer concerts in the caves

:: SUR IN ENGLISH

NERJA. The International Festival of Music and Dance in Nerja starts tomorrow with a flamenco performance of the opera 'Carmen' at 10pm. It takes place in the outer courtyard and the dance is accompanied by skilled horsemanship on a pure-bred Andalusian horse.

There is more flamenco the following Saturday, 17 June with the presentation of 'Tablao', the new album by flamenco singer 'Arcángel'.

The following week, on 22 June, the auditorium at the caves will host a performance by the Cuban National Ballet Company. The ballet will represent 'the magic of the dance' with a touch

CONCERTS

► **10 June, 10pm.** Carmen.

► **18 June, 10pm.** Arcángel.

► **22 June, 10pm.** Cuban National Ballet Company.

► **25 June, 10pm.** Arias and duets from opera

► **1 July, 10pm.** Paco Montalvo violin recital.

► Tickets.

<http://cuevadenerja.es/festival-internacional-de-musica-y-danza/>

of 19th-century classical dance pieces such as Giselle, Sleeping Beauty, Nutcracker, Coppelia, Don Quixote and Swan Lake.

The penultimate event takes place on 25 June in the interior of the cave with its famous acoustics. Tenor José Bros will be performing a recital consisting of arias and duets from opera and Zarzuelas accompanied by Malaga soprano, Berne Perles and pianist Ruben Fernandez Aguirre.

The grand finale is on 1 July at 10pm in the Plaza de España next to the Balcón de Europa. Paco Montalvo, who is considered the best Spanish violinist and one of the most outstanding teachers in the world, will present his album 'Alma de violín flamenco'.

➤ MUSIC & DANCE

Sundown Sounds**La Cala de Mijas.** Thursdays from 9pm.

Sundown Sounds are a series of free open air concerts held in the plaza in front of the La Cala de Mijas Town Hall.

15 June. The Rolling Steves – 50s 60s 70s pop songs.**22 June.** Arte Azabache – Traditional Flamenco show.**29 June.** Memphis Trio – One of the best Rock 'n Roll and Blues bands on the coast plays music from the 50s and 60s.**Terral Festival****Malaga.** From 29 June until 7 August. Teatro Cervantes. and La Malagueta bull ring.The festival celebrates all music genres from traditional Spanish and classical to modern pop music. www.teatrocervantes.com

Cherry day, Alfarnate.

Pink Purple Zep Fest**Estepona.** 26 August, Plaza del Toros. 25€ or 70€ VIP.The Pink Purple Zep Fest is a celebration of the music of three of the biggest names in rock history, Pink Floyd, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin. The music will be performed by three of the leading tribute bands from the UK: Think Floyd, Deeper Purple and Whole Lotta Led. www.pinkpurplezefest.com**FLAMENCO****Museo de Arte Flamenca Peña Juan Brea****Malaga.****15 June, 8.30pm.** In the museum.

'José Lucena Cuadro Flamenco'. Marmen Ruiz vocals, Manu guitar and José Lucena dance.

17 June, 8.30pm. In the museum.

Mariola Martín dance, Alejandro Estrada vocals and Manu on guitar. Information and reservations

The fair comes to Marbella

:: TONY BRYANT

MARBELLA. The San Bernabé fair in Marbella got under way on Tuesday and the town is now celebrating six days of continual partying.

Tourists and locals will enjoy the charm of this traditional and colourful event, which is held next to the La Cañada shopping centre in Marbella.

This popular frenzy of gaiety, noise and colour is a time for celebrations and the main objective is to relax and enjoy a few days away from the strains of everyday life. During the afternoon and early evening, the casetas will be packed with exuberant revellers, who dance to the music of the local Sevillana groups.

One of the attractions of the fair is the elegant carriages drawn by pure-bred Andalusian horses that parade through the streets during the daytime. Cordovan hats and tight pinstriped trousers with obligatory cummerbund are the attire of most men, while the women are arrayed in a multitude of traditional flamenco designs.

Marbella town hall has organised a series of events to coincide with the 'feria' and these include the 'concurso de pasodobles y sevillanas' (pasodoble and Sevillana competitions) the traditional bullfight-

email: info@flamenka.com or tel: 687697526 / 952221380**Torera****Malaga.** 16, 17 June, 8pm. Teatro Cervantes.The world premiere performance of 'Torera' by the Antonio Andrade dance company. Tickets: www.uniticket.es**Ángela Márquez****Nerja.** 17 June, 9pm. Centro Cultural Villa de Nerja. 5€.

Dancer Ángela Márquez will be accompanied by Manuel Rodríguez 'Sevillita' singing and on guitar.

FESTIVALS**Día de la Cereza****Alfarnate.** 17 June, 10am - 10pm.

The fair will continue until Monday. :: JOSELE-LANZA

INFORMATION► **When:** Until Monday 12 June.► **Where:** Next to La Cañada in Marbella.

ing and feria music.

A series of free concerts will take place in the municipal auditorium at 11 pm each night. Friday night's

concert will present popular Spanish pop band Funambulista, while on Saturday, top flamenco singer José Mercé will perform the purest flamenco, together with the catchy flamenco-pop music he has become known for. On Sunday night, the auditorium will host the Festival de Rock Andaluz, a festival featuring the popular Andalusian rock bands, Triana, Medina Azahara and Alameda.

The fair will continue until Monday 12 June.

Cherry liqueur, cherry jam, cherry cakes, the day is dedicated to cherries. Diario SUR journalist, Javier Almellones is opening the event and there will be live music and stalls selling local produce.

EVENTS**Terral Market****Torremolinos.** 9-11 June, 6pm to midnight Friday and Saturday, noon until midnight Sunday. Centro Cultural Pablo Ruiz Picasso. Fashion designers, catwalk, food trucks and live music.**Motril Air Show****Motril.** 10, 11 June. Playa Granada. The annual air show is on the 11th June with various events happening the day before.

Fresh&Fish, Torremolinos

show.com.**Fish & Fresh****Torremolinos.** Until 10 June. Selected bars and restaurants.

The Fish& Fresh gastronomy days are an opportunity to try some of the best fried fish in Malaga for just 5€ a portion. 72 establishments are taking part in the initiative which is backed by the town hall. Besides a plate of fried fish, a glass of beer will be one euro. A list of participat-

ing bars can be found on the town hall website.

Circus of horrors**Malaga.** Until 11 June.The tenth edition of Manicomio Circo de los Horrores comes to Malaga. Tickets: www.entradas.com/manicomio-circo-de-los-horrores-entradas**FOTA summer ball****Mijas.** 15 June, Restaurante Valparaíso. 35€.

A summer ball organised by Friends of the Theatre Association. Book at the FOTA desk Salon Varietés or tel: 951 313 257

Fashion Shows**Monda.** 9 June.The Marbella Design Academy will be holding a fashion show on 9 June, 8pm in Monda. Entry is free. www.designschool.com or tel: 952 457 090**Bloomsday****Fuengirola.** 16 June, 8-10.30am. The Beach, Paseo Marítimo Rey de España. Free.For Bloomsday on 16 June, artist Roger Cummiskey and a small group are planning a simple reading of chapter six from Ulysses. No need to book beforehand. www.rogercummiskey.com

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Malaga. 16 June, 8pm. Bar Don Carlos, La Malagueta. Free.

Writers Luis Sanz and Juan Francisco-Ferré have organised an event to pay tribute to the Irish writer James Joyce and his novel 'Ulysses'. There will be a performance and free tastings of whisky, beer and tapas.

DFAS Fiesta of art, music and dance**Sotogrande.** 21 June, from 11am until 2.30pm. La Cabaña.

Interactive demonstrations of pottery and dance and over 25 artists and artisans exhibiting their work at this show which this year has a salsa theme. Oils, watercolours, acrylics, sculpture, photography and pottery as well as stalls selling crafts, antique clothing, jewellery etc.

Bio hemp day**Tarifa.** 28 June, from noon until midnight. The Canna Patio, C/Manuel de Falla

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Cultural fortnight

Arenas. *Until 17 June.*

Arenas town hall has organised excursions, conferences, traditional games and art and cookery workshops. Also live music.



James Joyce, in Dublin.

Cultural day

Árchez. *From 9 until 17 June.*

The town hall in Árchez have organised a special cultural event in honour of the 133 foreigners that live in the area. The majority are British but include France, Germany, Finland and Denmark. There will be live music from the Jukebox Bandits and Money makers, a market selling international foods and free beer for attendees.

Zombie night

Antequera. *10 June.*

Corners of Antequera will become dangerous places for families trying to survive on zombie night. A scary and fun theatrical event in various locations around the town.

Auditions

Fuengirola. *Salon Varietés.*

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Get Out: 20.20 (Tues)

The Mummy: 19.05, 21.20 (every day); 16.50 (Mon-Thurs)

The Promise: 12.00 (Sat, Sun); 16.30 (Tues)



Ewa Kolosowska with some of her works :: SUR

Ewa Kolosowska

:: JENNIE RHODES

TORROX. Polish artist, Ewa Kolosowska, is exhibiting her work in the Sala de Exposiciones at Torrox Costa's tourist information office until 14 June. Ewa has lived in Spain for 16 years, having graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Poznan. In 2003 she completed a PHD in Fine Art at the University of Barcelona and since then has exhibited around Europe and in the USA as well as holding various exhibitions in Malaga.

Ewa says that her art "comes from natural landscapes". This exhibition demonstrates Ewa's interpretation of the textures and

INFORMATION

► **When:** Until 14 June, 9am - 2pm and 4.30 - 10pm

► **Where:** Sala de Exposiciones, Torrox Costa tourist office in the town hall

► **Further information:** Facebook- Ewa Kolosowska Artista

colours she sees in crystal-clear water, wood, the flatness of fields, curves of hills and mud, among other natural elements.

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The starting point for the womens' training sessions is La Duquesa port. :: C. MÁRQUEZ

Surfing cancer

Five female cancer survivors have set themselves the challenge of paddle surfing 6.5 nautical miles

The 'Surfing life' challenge aims to demonstrate that when people have the right attitude they can overcome any obstacle.

CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. Cancer is like a storm which can sink you or make you stronger. Battling bad weather, the wind and the waves, is exhausting. It saps your energy, but beating it makes you feel more alive and gives you a different perspective of life. You put things in their place, and understand what is really important and what is not.

Yolanda Preciados, Carmen Díaz, Patricia Alonso, Mari Ángeles Santiago and Susana Laguarda have something in common: they have all overcome cancer. They have surfed through wild waters without falling off the board and now they want to get the message across to other cancer patients and their families, and the world in general, that any challenge can be overcome. You just need the right attitude.

Together, and with support from the Navigator, Mistral and Marinas del Mediterráneo companies, they have given themselves a difficult test. On 24 June they plan to travel from Estepona port to La Duquesa port on a paddle surf board. This won't be a normal board, though: it is a family-sized one, measuring 5.5 metres in length and with space for eight people.

The five women have been training for two weeks so far, for an average of four hours a day, to prepare for the 'Surfeando la vida' (Surfing life) challenge. It is not their first. Four of them have already taken part in the 'Reto Pelayo Vida 2016' which involved crossing the Atlantic on board a sailing yacht.

The newcomer in this adventure is Carmen Díaz, a pharmacist from Fuengirola who has been living with cancer since she was four months old. Her mother, who is a nurse, realised in hospital that her baby daughter had a strange reflection in her eye and she was diagnosed with retinoblastoma (cancer of the retina). She was the first baby to be diagnosed with this at the hospital in Granada.

"It is very difficult to diagnose and the children tend to die, because the cancer passes from the optic nerve to the brain and is only discovered when it is too late," says Carmen. From the age of three, she had to go regularly to the USA for operations and check-ups. As well as the retina cancer, she had a sarcoma on one of her legs when she was 27. She doesn't normally practise sport "because I can't judge distances well with only one eye," she explains. This is also the first



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time she has ever been on a surfboard.

Carmen says her false eye "isn't like the little balls you see in films." She describes how the prosthesis which simulates the orbit was implanted and how the iris was painted with water colours. "The man looks at your good eye and paints the other one. They even used pieces of wool to simulate the veins in the eye," she says.

Yolanda Preciados, who runs a real estate business, has had cancer of the uterus, ovaries and fallopian tube. "It left me sterile, but I'm still here," she says. Yolanda is optimistic because she has never had to undergo chemotherapy, unlike Mari Ángeles, who is a Guar-

dia Civil officer, Patria, a biologist, and Susana, another Guardia Civil officer who helps to protect the royal family. All three have also had breast cancer.

The difficulty in their forthcoming challenge will be the currents, the wind and the waves on 24 June. "We never complain because we have been through difficult times with cancer and everything else is wonderful," says Yolanda.

As well as a personal challenge and a demonstration of strength and determination, their trip will raise funds to help a woman with cancer who has been the victim of gender violence, and who is being assisted by the Zontra association.

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Aarón and his electricity

The parents of this little boy, who is permanently connected to an artificial respirator, have collected 276,000 signatures to call for cheaper electric bills

ALFONSO TORICES

MADRID. David Cobisa and Verónica González are the parents of Aarón, an 'electrodependent' child who is not yet three years old, and who needs to be connected to an artificial respirator 24 hours a day in order to survive. David and Verónica are putting pressure on the government to make something which is indisputably fair become enshrined into law.

Accompanied by their young son, who was connected via portable batteries attached to his wheelchair, they went to the Ministry of Energy to deliver a petition containing 276,000 signatures, demanding that families of 'electrodependent' patients be automatically entitled for the 'social voucher' - which would give them the right to discounts on their electricity bills - or at least that they should be given the legal right to a reduction in the VAT that they pay on their electricity. "In cases



David Cobisa and Verónica González with their son Aaron, outside the Ministry of Energy. :: R. C.

like ours, electricity is essential for life," they argue.

At present they are paying their electricity bills with no help, but are finding it difficult. Under current law, the only people eligible

for the social voucher are large families, those who have been unemployed for a long time or pensioners with very low income. David, who earns about 1,000 euros a month, and Verónica, who has

been working reduced hours since the summer of 2014 so she can look after their son, have to pay about 250 euros a month for the electricity, which is much higher than the 80 euros which

they were paying before Aarón was born.

He cannot live for even one minute without his electric respirator. The parents claim that medical negligence caused him to suffer anoxia in the womb, so the birth had to be induced, and resulted in neuromuscular disability and a chronic respiratory problem.

This couple's fight began last autumn when, with the help of Change.org, they launched a campaign to collect signatures to protect the rights of people who are 'electrodependent'.

A similar battle has been won successfully in Argentina, where a campaign resulted in free electricity for people in circumstances such as these, and in New Zealand, where the electricity will not be cut off even if the bill isn't paid. David and Verónica stress that they aren't trying to avoid paying, they just want "fair conditions" to be applied to their case.

They are feeling more hopeful since visiting the Ministry, where they were told that new regulations are currently being drawn up regarding the social voucher. The draft text includes a 25 per cent reduction on bills for families with one child who is more than 33 per cent disabled (Aarón is 77 per cent) and who earn less than 1,333 euros a month.

This could help David and Verónica financially, but they still consider that the law should specifically stipulate a reduction for any family with a member whose life depends on a connection to electricity.

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Festival highlights the practical and medicinal benefits of hemp

Bio Hemp Festival will offer advice about the medical advantages of CBD oil for people with muscular injuries, eczema and arthritis

TONY BRYANT

MALAGA. A new venture in Tarifa, the Canna Patio - a restaurant and eco-store that uses locally produced organic ingredients and products - is hosting a Bio Hemp Festival on the last Thursday of every month throughout the summer.

The ecological festival, which will be held in Calle Manuel de Falla in Tarifa, will include a street market with stalls selling an array of products made from hemp. These will include honey, tea, oils, creams, clothes, wine and even artisan beer brewed with hemp. There will also be an eco-store where visitors can seek advice about the medical advantages of hemp oil, particularly people with old muscular injuries, eczema and arthritis.

Hemp comes from the same species of plant as cannabis (marijuana); however, it contains only trace amounts of THC, the compound that

BIO HEMP FESTIVAL

► **When.** The festival will be held from midday until midnight on the last Thursday of every month throughout the summer.

► **Where.** Canna Patio. Calle Manuel de Falla, Tarifa.

causes the effects of smoking marijuana.

Cannabidiol (CBD) is the second most abundant cannabinoid in marijuana after THC. In hemp, however, THC is only present in trace amounts, while CBD dominates the plant's makeup.

Unlike other medical marijuana products made from plants with high concentrations of THC, CBD products are much safer, although they still offer significant health benefits.

The festival is the idea of Oscar-nominated film director, Paco Pozo, who has spent many years researching, and experimenting with, the healing powers of CBD oil.

At the age of 25, a surfing accident snapped Paco's L5 vertebrae and pushed his shoulder blade

through his chest. He spent six months in hospital, but because of his aversion to pharmaceutical drugs, he began to experiment with CBD oils and creams to relieve pain and aid his healing process. He made a full recovery and he has since helped other people, including his sister when she developed cancer. Today, his sister is cancer-free.

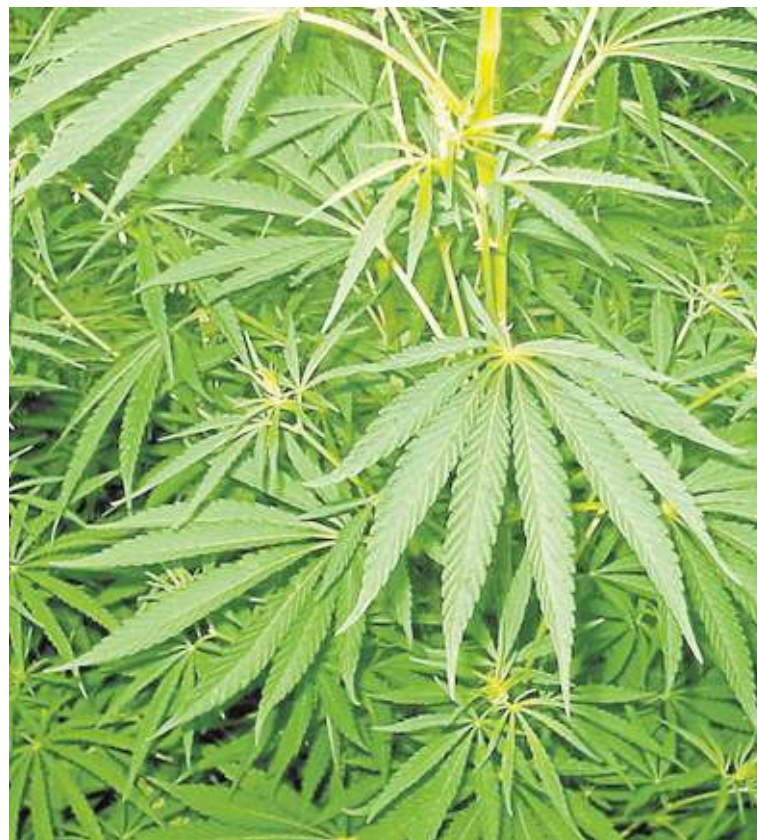
Paco is a firm believer in the medicinal benefits of CBD, and he is on a mission to educate as many people as possible about the healing power it possesses.

"This stuff is a miracle. It alleviates pain and reduces inflammation, because the CBD crystals boost the immune system. Best of all, it's totally organic," Paco said.

The legality of hemp oil-based products varies considerably between countries and many governments permit only hemp that is grown with an especially low THC content.

CBD is considered to have a wide scope of potential medical applications because it interacts with the body's endocannabinoid system (ECS).

Endocannabinoids are the chemical messengers that help maintain optimal balance in the body. When



Hemp is grown for the use of its derived products. :: SUR

the body does not produce enough endocannabinoids, you are more susceptible to illnesses. It can affect a variety of things including sleep, appetite, immune function, reproduction and fertility. CBD helps to regulate all of these problems and is also claimed to help people with muscle disorder and epilepsy.

Numerous researchers say that

CBD is a potential anticancer drug and many oncologists support this theory as well. Although the positive effects of using cannabis to alleviate cancer symptoms have been well documented, there is not enough certifiable evidence to prove that cannabinoids can effectively treat cancer, although research is ongoing around the world.

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Malaga's emotional tribute to organ donors

The city marked Spain's National Day of Organ and Tissue Donors on Wednesday

:: ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MALAGA. This year's tribute to organ and tissue donors at the monument in the Plaza de la Solidaridad included the reading of a school essay written at the age of 14 by Pablo Podadera, who was killed in Malaga on his 22nd birthday in April.

Podadera suffered a fatal beating when he tried to stop a fight outside a nightclub. His family agreed to do-

nate his organs and participated in Wednesday's events to mark National Day of Organ and Tissue Donors. His mother read out the essay dating back to 2009 in which Pablo explained how he had donated bone marrow to help his sick brother, José. He wrote how José had been able to finish his secondary studies after the transplant. José's illness later returned, however, and he died six years ago.

Families and professionals took advantage of Wednesday's events to raise awareness of organ donation, and celebrated news that the number of refusals by relatives to donate organs had gone down to just 8%.

Cudeca hosts international palliative care congress

:: TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. The Cudeca Cancer Hospice has organised the first International Scientific Conference on Palliative Care as part of its twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations.

The conference will consist of a series of seminars that will bring together health professionals and researchers from different countries who share the common vision of caring for people in the last stage of their life.

Doctors from the UK, Spain, Norway, Switzerland, Argentina and Australia will participate in the three-day seminar, which will provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and research.

Promoted by the Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute of Liverpool, the event has been organised with the assistance of the International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person.

The conferences and workshops will be held at the Cudeca Hospice in Benalmádena, and at the University of Malaga's Rectorado building from Monday 12 until Wednesday 14 June.

A commemorative conference, 'The Values that Constitute our Identity', will be held in the University of Malaga on Wednesday at 4pm. The renowned doctor in oncology and coordinator of the Palliative Care Program of the Balearic Islands, Enric Benito, will talk at the event.



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Santa Maria Golf Club to host two charity golf tournaments

The proceeds of the two tournaments will be donated to Cudeca and the AFA, an association for the families of Alzheimer's patients

TONY BRYANT

MARBELLA. As part of its twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations, the Santa Maria Golf and Country Club in Marbella is to host two charity golf tournaments.

The club, which is considered to have one of the best-looking-after courses on the Costa del Sol, has already held several events to celebrate its silver anniversary.

The first event will be the Captains Charity Tournament on Sunday 25 June, and this year Cudeca has been chosen as beneficiary. The second is the AFA Santa Maria Golf Tournament taking place on Saturday 1 July.

This tournament will be held in aid of the AFA, a Marbella-based association that cares for relatives

TOURNAMENTS

► **Captains Tournament.** Sunday 25 June. Tee off 9.30am. Price 80 euros including lunch and shared buggy.

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The Cudeca Captains Tournament will consist of an 18-hole better ball competition for over 100 players. The tournament will begin at 9.30am with a shotgun start, a format in which all players tee off simultaneously from different holes. Players will return to the club house at around 2pm, where lunch will be served. There will be

a prize draw with more than 70 prizes, and a silent auction, where participants can enter written bids for a selection of gift vouchers for green fees, hair and beauty sessions and candlelit dinners.

The visitors' price for the tournament is 80 euros, while members pay 30 euros.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Cudeca Cancer Hospice in Benalmádena.

The AFA tournament on 1 July, which has been organised with the collaboration of the Marbella town hall, will also begin at 9.30am.

The club is offering advertising space to potential sponsors on each of the 18 holes.

A bank account has been opened in order to enable benefactors to transfer contributions directly.

The final amount will be given to AFA. The club will also give AFA the money collected from the green fees sold at the tournament.

The tournament costs 85 euros and those wishing to take part can find details on the Santa Maria Golf Club website.



Santa Maria Golf and Country Club in Marbella. :: SUR



AMATEUR MALAGA GOLFER COMES SECOND IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Malaga golfer Ana Peláez came second in the recent Women's Amateur Championship of Spain held in Burgos after a magnificent final day performance which saw her rise three places. Based in the United States where she competes for the University of South Carolina, Peláez returned to Spain for her first competition of the summer. The competition was won by Paula Neira but Peláez's performance should see her rise to number one in the national rankings and into the top 20 in the world. Next, she will compete in the Ladies British Open Amateur Championship at Pyle and Kenfig from 13 to 17 June.

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Narrow defeat brings the curtain down on a successful season for Unicaja

The side's 76-73 defeat, their third in a row against Real Madrid, sees them miss out on the Liga Endesa playoff final



JUAN CALDERÓN

MÁLAGA. Unicaja's season came to an end on Sunday night with an undeserved 76-73 home loss to Real Madrid.

The hosts led for 36 minutes of the game, but tiredness, poor decisions and the opposition's talent eventually brought about Unicaja's exit from the play-offs, after los-

ing the previous two ties in Madrid.

The season was nonetheless a success for Unicaja, with European glory in the form of the EuroCup trophy and consequent EuroLeague qualification for next season, in addition to reaching the semi-finals of the league playoffs, an excellent return from a season which started on the back foot.

Unicaja came out of the traps much quicker than their rivals, with their impressive rebounding and defensive performance causing several problems to Real Madrid.

Unfortunately, Joan Plaza's side failed to convert their domination into a significant points haul, going into the second quarter with a slender 14-11 lead.

A lack of points from Unicaja's pivots resulted in a lack of balance in their game, misplaced passes and some inaccurate close-range shooting. Nevertheless, three consecutive three-pointers from Carlos Suárez saw Unicaja extend their lead against the side from the capital to eight points.

Pablo Laso was forced to call a time-out as a result, but Real Madrid's head coach made sure his side hit back, with Felipe Reyes and Gustavo Ayón scoring their first three-pointers of the game to bring themselves within touching distance of the Málaga side, with



Unicaja led for much of the game. :: NITO SALAS

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Head coach Joan Plaza. :: EFE

Doubts still persist over the future of Joan Plaza

ENRIQUE MIRANDA

MÁLAGA. Unicaja's head coach Joan Plaza refused to comment on his future after the loss to Real Madrid.

The 53-year-old from Barcelona has previously stated his desire to stay and even talked about buying

a property on the Costa del Sol, but when asked in his press conference if he could confirm that he would remain as head coach of the Málaga side, he stated that he "only wanted to talk about today's game, nothing else".

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the scores 33-31 at half-time.

Dejan Musli led from the front at the start of the third quarter, with his eighth point of the match in the 28th minute putting the Malaga side into a 50-41 lead.

Plaza's side had Madrid where they wanted them, but a couple of attacks which led to quick turn-overs saw the visitors hit back in some style by scoring 10 points while conceding just two, bringing the score to 52-51.

The final quarter saw another individual rise to the occasion, but unfortunately for the hosts it was Real Madrid's Luka Dončić. The Slovenian youngster responded to nearly every Unicaja basket with one of his own, and put Real Madrid into a 67-64 lead with just three minutes remaining.

Christian Eyenga attempted to restore the hosts' lead with a little over a minute remaining, but a rash three-point effort saw Real Madrid break and Sergio Llull score four free throws in quick succession.

Nemanja Nedović gave Unicaja hope with two three-point baskets, but a final effort from Llull decided the game once and for all and ended what overall has been an excellent season for the Malaga side.

"I do not want to talk about what will happen, nor who will leave, nor who will stay," he added.

Plaza's contract runs until the end of next season, and while happy in the area, is said to be open to a change of scene if a club in the EuroLeague offers him an ambitious project.

Italian interest

EA7 Emporio Armani Milano have been credited with a strong interest according to reports in Italy, after the Italians decided not to extend the contract of current coach Jasmin Repeša.

A move to Milan may appeal to the coach from Barcelona, given that he would earn more than the 750,000 euros a year that he does at present, and that the Italian side are one of eleven teams to hold a EuroLeague A license, which guarantees them a permanent berth in the competition every year.

Release clause

Any EuroLeague side wishing to acquire Plaza's services have until 10 July to activate his release clause for a fee of 150,000 euros.

However, it is understood that he has not yet received any offers.

Season tickets to include all play-off matches next year

by J. CALDERÓN

MALAGA. Season tickets at Unicaja will, for the first time next season, include all home games in the Liga ACB and EuroLeague alike, the club announced on Sunday.

As a result, supporters will not have to pay any extra for any possible eliminators or playoff matches

that Unicaja may be involved in.

Those supporters renewing their season tickets have been given a discount by the club.

The 'Single' season ticket is the cheapest at 170 euros, which is for the top-tier seats. Otherwise, prices range from 234 euros to 590 euros depending on the block.

Prices for new members are higher, ranging between 170 euros and 640 euros. For young people they will vary between 120 euros and 416 euros, and for children over seven years, prices go from 85 euros to 298 euros.

Children under the age of seven, who until now have gained free entrance, will have to pay 10 euros a year for entry.

The club has also decided to keep the 'Families' and 'Groups' ticket.

7,200 were sold last season and the club hopes to sell a further 500 for the upcoming campaign.

Spain to face Israel in Estepona and Benahavís friendlies

MALAGA

by J. C. Spain's national basketball team will meet in Benahavís for a training camp from 16 to 23 July in order to prepare for the upcoming qualifiers for the 2019 World Cup.

During that time, they will play two friendly games, both against Israel, on 22 and 23 July, in Estepona and Benahavís, respectively.

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Malaga looking at ways to fill La Rosaleda

The club wants to increase the average attendance figures at the ground which this year came in at less than three quarters of the capacity

■ PEDRO LUIS ALONSO

MALAGA. In total, Malaga managed to sell 23,000 season tickets this season, including winter purchases, and yet the average attendance at the ground was a mere 22,107 spectators over the course of the campaign.

Something here, evidently, doesn't quite add up though it's a phenomenon occurring across a number of football clubs in Spain and one that requires a solution.

Because of the nature of the issues at play, they cannot be solved by pricing alone. Reducing ticket prices, or even just freezing them, cannot make fixtures on an individual basis more attractive given the subjective variables at play: the level of satisfaction with the level of play, results or even management. Lowering prices also has an effect on the salary cap and therefore how ambitious a team can afford to be - all factors worth taking into account from



La Rosaleda stadium before the season opener against Osasuna. ■ SALVADOR SALAS

a management viewpoint.

LaLiga has recently released its official attendance figures for the top-flight teams and it makes interesting reading. The results are a far cry from those of England and Germany which both enjoy near-full stadia on a weekly basis.

In the Primera División, atten-

dances fell by 0.9 per cent (to 10,527,264) this campaign compared with 2015/16, though this variation was to be expected with the size of the clubs promoted this year.

One of the new sides, Leganés, debutants in the top flight, had the highest average occupation of any side (88.4 per cent), though their stadium can only hold 10,922 people.

Tenth in the rankings

For Malaga, the figures make for a disappointing reading, with La Rosaleda, on average, less than three quarters full. Reaching an occupancy level of just 73.6 per cent, in the year they celebrated a decade in the top flight, this was an unprecedented campaign in the history of the club.

It came tenth in the overall rankings, despite freezing (and in some cases lowering) season ticket prices and offering a wide range of promotions including the possibility of paying in installments or by direct debit, and reductions for those who had been loyal to the club in the past decade.

However, the problem for most fans lies with La Liga's scheduling. With a number of possible kickoff times from Friday through to Monday - mostly to target Asian TV audiences - it is almost impossible to predict when any given fixture will ac-

tually take place. Quite often the kickoff time is only announced with a couple of weeks' notice, making planning almost impossible for fans.

What's more, Malaga found themselves more often than not pencilled in for the late evening kickoffs (they didn't once play at midday), complicating travel arrangements for fans travelling from far-flung towns within the province, as well as those with work commitments.

Three 'full houses'

The club hung up the 'tickets sold out' on three occasions (against Betis, Barcelona and Real Madrid), but they didn't register officially as full houses with a number of members unable to attend.

Club launches 'Be Malaguista' ticket to attract foreign fans

It is not unusual to hear foreign voices around La Rosaleda with a number of foreign supporters' clubs, such as the Guiri Army and the Peña Malaguista de Finlandia, now long established.

THE FIGURES

Attendance figures at La Rosaleda for 2016/17:

Osasuna:	22,199.
Villarreal:	21,800.
Eibar:	19,318.
Athletic:	23,080.
Leganés:	19,065.
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Barcelona:	28,314.
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Celta:	20,552.
Real Madrid:	27,855.

The largest crowd was for the 2-0 win against Barcelona, with 28,314 people in attendance, followed by Real Madrid (27,855) and Atlético (26,912).

Malaga's season was far from typical with the majority of the 'big boys' coming to La Rosaleda in the second half of the season, which never saw attendances fall below 20,000. In the first half, though, numbers were low, none more so than the 4-3 against Deportivo, when only 12,679 were in attendance, mostly down to the heavy rain and the 1pm kickoff time.

While the figures have been poor, other clubs have done much worse. Espanyol could only manage to fill 49.6 per cent of the RCDE Stadium, while Celta, despite reaching the Europa League semifinals, averaged home gates of 58.1 per cent.

However, to consolidate and grow this fanbase, the club has created the 'Be Malaguista' season ticket, available for 275 euros.

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The forward's departure is now almost a certainty, but Atlético Madrid, with their problematic transfer ban, hold the final piece of the jigsaw

MALAGA. The future of Sandro Ramírez, Malaga's leading scorer this season, remains well and truly up in the air. Signed from Barcelona last summer, his contract includes an attractive six-million-euro release clause which has interested Premier League clubs Tottenham Hotspur and Everton, as well as most recently, Atlético Madrid.

The player himself recognises that he needs to be playing at a higher level if he is to go on to represent Spain at the 2018 World Cup. However, despite interest from the Premier League, which would be much more lucrative for the 21-year-old, he has his sights set on staying in Spain and has expressed his wish to join Atlético.

However, the transfer ban laid down by FIFA and ratified by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) means that no move would be possible until 1 January 2018.

This, of course, leaves Atlético in a sticky situation, but it also has consequences for Malaga who would prefer to cut their losses immediately and be able to plan their summer's recruitment. However, with Sandro keen not to rot on the sidelines (in a similar way to Arda Turan and Aleix Vidal at Barcelona), he wishes to stay at Malaga until the end of the year to maintain his form, but also repay some of the faith the club has shown in him.

This decision was welcomed by

head coach Michel who would be happy to have the player at his disposal for the first half of the campaign.

However, this would leave Malaga in need of a forward in January - a notoriously difficult window to bring in quality players - and this is where the deadlock is at present.

Malaga would like to sign the deal off immediately and receive the transfer fee up front so that they can bring in another forward in this window to reduce the risk of signing a player who may be out

of shape, because of lack of involvement, on an inflated fee later down the line. A sale would also potentially increase their salary cap for the season.

Atlético, however, would prefer to loan Malaga one of their players to sweeten the deal and reduce the

eventual transfer fee. The names mooted, though, hardly set pulses racing. Most suited would be forwards Luciano Vietto (23) and Rafael Santos Borré (21), who spent this season on loan at Sevilla and Villarreal, respectively. Neither lived up to expectations and won't be making their moves permanent.

Another option is Amath Ndiaye (20), a forward who has set Segunda alight, scoring a dozen goals in 33 appearances.

However, whatever happens, it looks almost certain that Sandro will be at the Wanda Metropolitano at the turn of the year.

What happens in the meantime will be certainly be without precedence.

Never before in La Liga history has a player turned out for a side, knowing that he will be playing for a rival in the near future. How the fans will take to the situation is anyone's guess.



IN BRIEF

Deal close for Espanyol keeper Roberto

MALAGA

A. GÓNGORA. An agreement has been reached between Malaga and Espanyol over the signing of goalkeeper Roberto.

The 31-year-old has found himself on the bench for much of the season after the Catalan side signed veteran Diego López and is looking to reunite with Michel after they enjoyed a fruitful spell together at Olympiakos.

Details of the deal still need to be ironed out but Malaga are confident that a deal will be done and Carlos Kameni will have competition next season.

Sociedad set to seal Diego Llorente transfer

MALAGA

A. G. Malaga are set to miss out on a major target as Diego Llorente closes in on a move to Real Sociedad.

The central defender, 23, has been on a season-long loan from Real Madrid and had committed to extending that loan for next season.

Real Sociedad, however, have jumped to the head of the queue by proposing a permanent transfer and are about to seal a deal with his parent club.

Malaga are unable to match the transfer fee so must now look at other targets.

Malaga join list of clubs interested in Baysse

MALAGA

S. CORTÉS. Malaga are the latest club to join the long list of admirers of Nice centre-half Paul Baysse.

The 29-year-old is now a free agent and comes off the back of an impressive season with the south coast team which finished third in Ligue 1.

The Frenchman played 22 league games, scoring two goals.

Known for his aerial prowess, Baysse would fill the void left in the squad by Diego Llorente and the recently-retired Martin Demichelis.



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Top-drawer targets

Real Madrid will be spending big again this summer as they look to sign Mbappé and De Gea

I can only imagine the scenes as the Real Madrid president and coach sit down to plan for next season - it must be like a game of poker. "I see your De Gea and raise you an Mbappé."

Florentino Pérez will be pushing for a new "Galáctico" as Zinedine Zidane wants to bring in the next "bright young thing".

It's a battle of the economical, shirt-selling signing versus the need for footballing reinforcements.

When I started writing this, the news broke that interest had been dropped in David De Gea.

It takes me back to the summer of 2003 when I was dispatched to cover the David Beckham saga. As

I landed in Madrid the club president went on record saying: "Six times I tell you, Beckham will not be joining us". A couple of days later he was unveiled in Hollywood fashion.

The De Gea story has been strung out for months and I still anticipate

he will be a Real Madrid goalkeeper before the season starts. I'm not sure the champions actually need a new goalkeeper but I'm sure the president will get his way.

De Gea fits the bill, he'll look magnificent alongside Señor Pérez at a glitzy unveiling on some extravagant Bernabéu plinth.

It would fulfil the money-man's desire to sign a marquee player

every season. Some: Figo, Ronaldo, Zidane have worked; others: Beckham, Kaká and James didn't really add to the potency.

To quote Pérez: "In our model it is fundamental to understand that in every signing of every player, we have to consider the income generated."

Meanwhile Zidane is more pragmatic and considers the football rewards rather than the fiscal dividends.

He appears to have set his sights on Kylian Mbappé. There have been reports of world-record bids for the Monaco wonderkid. This smacks of Zidane's influence. Mbappé is only 18 with one full, yet sensational season behind him. He's been likened to Thierry Henry, a team-mate of the Real Madrid coach when France were dominating the world.

Mbappé may not be an instant shirt-seller, in fact he may not be an instant part of the team and could be loaned back to Monaco as part of his development, but it's an investment.

There's French influence on



De Gea has been linked with a return to the Spanish capital. :: EFE

the other signing who could also be loaned out immediately after signing.

Marseille-born Theo Hernández will join for around 24 million euros from Atlético to eventually replace Marcelo but in the meantime he will probably be parked at Alavés where he excelled last season.

Manchester United fans have been desperate to find out whether Álvaro Morata will be leaving Madrid for Manchester. I suspect that he is still vital to Zidane's plans and the Real coach will be trying

to persuade him that he is the long-term centre-forward at the club. I think the media storm is a way of Morata's "people" letting the club know of his value.

So United fans, it looks like the best bet is James Rodríguez one way as De Gea goes the other. James is still a world-class talent but like Ángel Di María and Mesut Özil before him, he hasn't quite fulfilled himself in the Spanish capital.

This is all speculation, of course, but informed speculation.



Kylian Mbappé. :: AFP

IN BRIEF

Álvaro Morata's late header rescues draw for Spain in Colombia friendly

MALAGA

:: KISHAN VAGHELA. Real Madrid striker Álvaro Morata's 86th-minute header saved Spain from defeat against Colombia in a friendly at La Nueva Condomina in Murcia on Wednesday night.

Spain started the game in a dominating fashion, and took the lead in the 22nd minute when David Silva converted Pedro's cross past David Ospina, who got a strong hand to the effort but was not able to stop

it from trickling over the line.

However, just over five minutes before half-time, Colombia were level when a mix-up in the home side's defence involving Gerard Piqué, who was whistled once again by Spain supporters, César Azpilicueta and goalkeeper Pepe Reina allowed Edwin Cardona to clip the ball over the Napoli keeper to equalise.

More poor defending from Julen Lopetegui's side saw Colombia take the lead after Radamel Falcao headed home James Rodríguez's corner in the 54th minute.

Nevertheless, Spain would not suffer defeat thanks to substitute Álvaro Morata, who headed Saúl Ñíguez's cross from the left past Ospina and into the far corner.



The win was Madrid's third European triumph in four years. :: AFP

Real Madrid become first side to retain Champions League with Juventus win

MALAGA

:: K. VAGHELA. Real Madrid created Champions League history by becoming the first side to defend the trophy with a 4-1 win over Juventus at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

Cristiano Ronaldo swept home Dani Carvajal's cross to open the scoring in the final, before a spectacular overhead kick from Mario Mandžukić restored parity.

However, the second half belonged to Madrid, who ran out comfortable winners with strikes from Casemiro, Ronaldo and Marco Asensio.

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Skating towards a victorious future

Fuengirola pair Natalia Baldizzone and Jorge Granell have recently been crowned Spanish roller dance champions

:: FÁTIMA ÁVILA-CASANOVA

MÁLAGA. Elegance, passion and technique are the secret weapons which have made roller skaters Natalia Baldizzone and Jorge Granell the most feared couple on the Spanish circuit. The pair, from El Tejar skating club in Fuengirola, have just become Spanish dance champions in the adult category, adding to the collection of titles and medals they have already won at home and abroad.

The maturity they show when they put their skates on (Natalia is 17 and Jorge 19) has been achieved through hard work and sacrifice.

ce. They have been training together for 11 years and have travelled all over Europe to find a niche among the world roller skating elite. Last season, competing as juniors, they won the bronze medal in the European championships and came sixth in the world

championships.

The pair normally train with Angélica Morales at the Juan Gómez 'Juanito' sports centre in Fuengirola, but several times a year they go to Italy for master classes with Lorenza Residore, who trained the present world champions. They spend ten days at a time with her, working intensively to improve their technique.

"With Lorenza we always work on the obligatory part of the skating routine, the purely technical aspect which the judges

will be looking at very carefully. The creative expression comes from inside you, but the judges will be noticing how smoothly and correctly we make the movements," explains Natalia.

Family of skaters

Natalia's passion for skating comes from her family: her mother is her coach and her father works for the Spanish Skating Federation. She was just two

They have been skating together for 11 years and say they are like brother and sister

years old when she put skates on for the first time, and is highly experienced despite her young age. Jorge Granell, meanwhile, is the only member of his family to be interested in roller skating.

Their next challenges are likely to be the European and World Championships. They are almost certain to compete in Europe now that they have won the Spanish championships, but it will be down to the Spanish Federation to decide whether they attend the biggest competition. "This year it will be held in China," says Angélica Morales, "so the Federation has to decide who will represent us. You have to bear in mind that it is expensive to travel to China. If the competition were held in Europe, I'm sure they would be going."

Natalia and Jorge have been working towards achieving their dream for more than a decade, with demanding daily training sessions and stressful international competi-

tions. They are like brother and sister, says Natalia: "I think we know each other better than our own mothers know us." They do argue at times. "We're both very stubborn and sometimes we disagree about something, but we always end up with a compromise; Angélica usually helps us to do that," says Jorge.

Skating is their lives, although they are aware that it is impossible to make a living from it in Spain. Jorge is currently studying Mechanical Engineering and Natalia is still at school and planning to go on to study Robotic Engineering at university. Despite the difficulties of combining their studies with high-level competitive sport, they insist they will continue. "When you are passionate about something you always find time for it. When exams are coming up we try to be more flexible about our training, and at the university I have had to talk to some of the lecturers about sitting an exam on a different date because it coincided with a competition," says Jorge.

It is impossible to say how far these young champions will go. It's possible that even they don't know. Judging from their performance so far, however, it is almost certain that within a few years they will be part of the elite in the world of artistic roller skating.



Baldizzone and Granell, competing in the Spanish Championship.

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THE STARS



Aquarius

January 21 - February 19


Watch out for confusion over cash, especially if you haven't been reading the small print.



Pisces

February 20th - March 20th


Be flexible as far as dates and plans are concerned as there is some uncertainty. Being prepared could save you money!



Aries

March 21st - April 20th


Attention is yours but, if it involves money, be sure of a good deal for yourself, not just for others.



Taurus

April 21st - May 21st


A surprise proposition from someone close excites and intrigues. Ask questions, of course, but try not to appear suspicious.



Gemini

May 22nd - June 21st


Working closely with others widens your social net. This is not unexpected and may even have been the aim.



Cancer

June 22nd - July 23rd


Holiday plans are likely to change over the next few weeks so, it may be best to allow a little leeway.



Leo

July 24th - August 23rd


Those who come from the past bring good news but be sure to check the facts. This is especially true if it involves your hard-earned cash.



Virgo

August 24th - September 23rd


This weekend is a time for you to really kick back and relax. An activity that you enjoyed as a child once more appeals.



Libra

September 24th - October 23rd


Offering a helping hand when someone is away can put you in the right place at the right time. Just be flexible.



Scorpio

October 24th - November 22nd


An invitation to a new place or activity does not get you excited. However, you could meet someone special.



Sagittarius

November 23rd - December 21st

You are really being asked to be terribly grown up and wise this week. Although this comes naturally to you, think of the best way to approach a tricky subject.

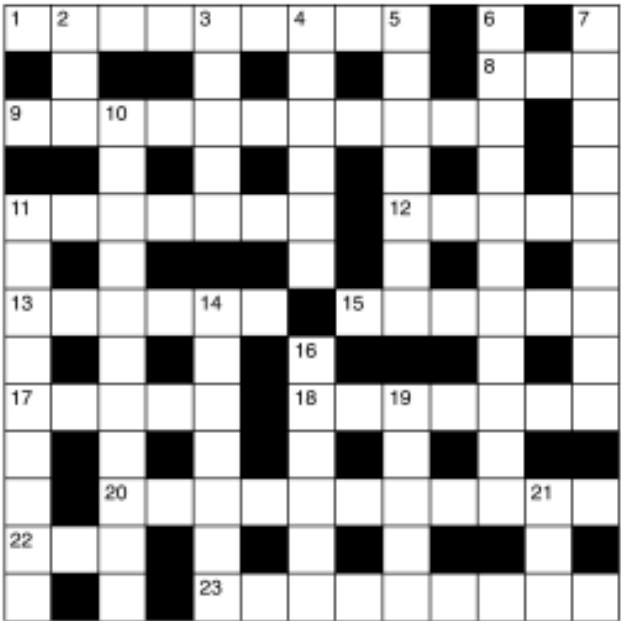


Capricorn

December 22nd - January 20th

You will be given the chance to relax next weekend so don't fill it with work or worries!

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- Across
- Down
- 1

Take a bold course away from home after work stoppage (6,3)
- 2

The rocky hill is almost split apart (3)
- 3

Uniform colour is a prime necessity for the motorist, we haart (5)
- 4

Holds forth for zero municipal assessments (6)
- 5

This will prevent the dressmaker getting needled (7)
- 6

A bit of a cloak, one hears, provides a surround for the fire (11)
- 7

Pencil often seen on old grates (5-4)
- 8

Given excessive load, like a battery containing too much electricity? (11)
- 9

No self-respecting monastics would get into them! (3,6)
- 10

Signified a negative used in legal paper (7)
- 11

Watch for the tape (6)
- 12

It's downright deviation (5)
- 13

Creature running around moorlands, initially (3)
- 14

Retainers at the entrance? (4-7)
- 15

In fact I endeavoured to produce a knotty result (3)
- 16

Unless apartments in which developments take place (4-5)
- 17

Eastern governor elected not for the first time (5)
- 18

A word of choice - but it's badly stained (7)
- 19

Part of a capital place for worship (6)
- 20

Bill takes in fifty small river fish (5)
- 21

Rewritten deed about the company put into plain English (6)
- 22

Comb factory (3-4)
- 23

Support again to change the process of natural multiplication (11)

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

								7
2	7		5					9
9				8	1		6	
6								
4		1	2			8	9	3
	8			9	4	5		
8	2	5					7	
				7		3		
	4		8		9	6		

CLOCKWORD

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

1. Great fear

2. Weather-map line

3. Be significant

4. Mollusc

5. Sore

6. Hamper

7. One who shouts

8. Tremble

9. Column

10. Reply

11. More noisy

12. Epistle

THE WORDPUZZLER

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

CAN you identify the words missing from the proverbs listed below?

1. Any port in a ---

2. A watched kettle never ---

3. It never rains but it ---

4. --- will move mountains

5. He who hesitates is ---

6. All roads lead to ---

7. Great minds think ---

8. Revenge is ---

9. Better --- than never

10. Cold hands, warm ---

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QUIZ

QUESTION 1

Roskilde was the capital of which country until 1443?

1. Outer Hebrides

2. Greenland

3. Denmark

4. Norway

QUESTION 2

According to Guinness World Records, where is the world's oldest, operating university?

1. Valladolid, Spain

2. Bologna, Italy

3. Cambridge, Britain

4. Fez, Morocco

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

Across

1. Dictatorship (9)

4. Elections (10)

10. Sea (3)

12. Amnesty (8)

14. Swiss chard (7)

15. To go into exile (9)

16. Republican (11)

19. Parliament (8)

21. Addition (8)

22. Laws (5)

24. To resign (7)

25. My (2)

26. The same (5)

31. They join (4)

33. Party (7)

34. Wolf (4)

36. You suffer (6)

39. Jeweller (6)

40. Yes (2)

41. Bird (3)

43. Royal (4)

44. Communist (9)

46. Like that (3)

47. Association (10)

48. Trade union (8)

Down

1. Democracy (10)

2. Mild (8)

3. I would start again (11)

5. Key (5)

6. Coalition (9)

7. Unprecedented (7)

8. To deny (5)

9. Suspicions (9)

11. I breathe (7)

13. Transition (10)

17. Action (6)

18. Majority (7)

20. Its (2)

22. Bookshop (8)

23. Bread (3)

27. Government (8)

28. Support (6)

29. Politician (8)

30. Alliance (7)

31. I used (3)

32. It is (2)

35. Strike (5)

37. I relapsed (5)

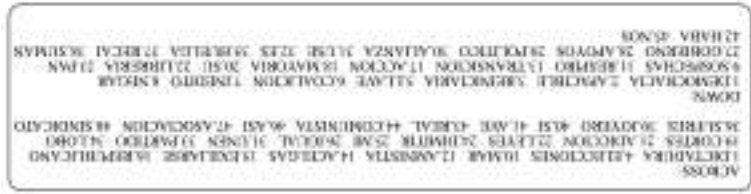
38. They add up to (5)

42. Bread been (4)

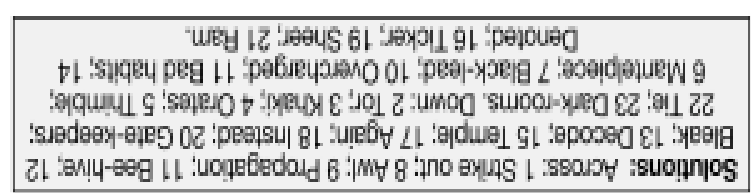
45. Us (3)

ANSWERS

Language Crossword



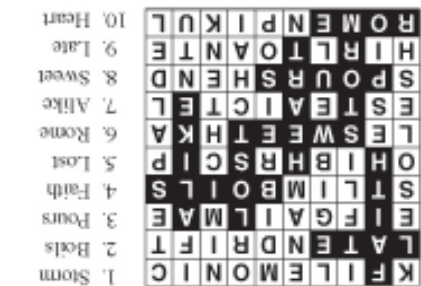
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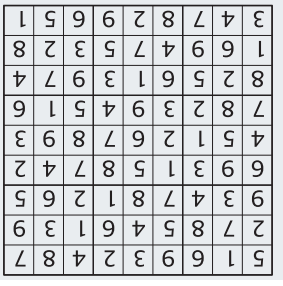
Clockword solution



Wordpuzzler solution



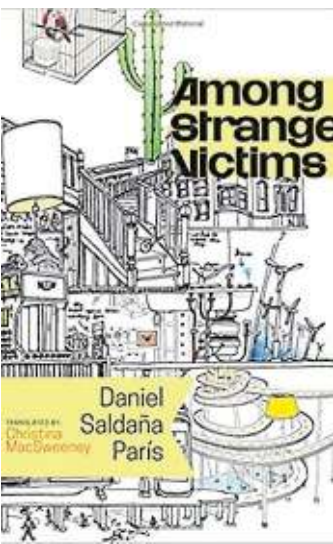
Sudoku solution



Quiz answers

Answer 1: Denmark
Of interest: Roskilde was the home of the Danish monarchs before they moved to Copenhagen and 39 members of the royal family are buried in the ancient St Lucius cathedral which is now a World Heritage Site.
Answer 2: Fez, Morocco
Of interest: The oldest existing, and continually operating educational institution in the world is the University of Karuein, founded in 859 AD in Fez, Morocco. The University of Bologna, Italy, was founded in 1088 and is the oldest one in Europe.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Among Strange Victims
Daniel Saldaña París

Rodrigo likes his vacant lot, its resident chicken, and being left alone. But when passivity finds him accidentally married to Cecilia, he trades Mexico City for the sun-bleached desolation of his hometown and domestic life with Cecilia for the debauched company of a poet, a philosopher, and Micaela, whose allure includes the promise of time travel. Earthy, playful, and sly, Among Strange Victims is a psychedelic ode to the pleasures of not measuring up.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Kind deeds often come back to the giver in fairer shapes than they go

LOUISA M. ALCOTT

THE SUR IN ENGLISH CORNER

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Scenes for new Black Mirror season shot in Malaga

The old provincial prison and Antequera streets will feature in the season four finale of the Netflix series

Filming in Malaga province included a car chase but the actors involved in the shooting are still unconfirmed

FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

MALAGA. Scenes for the fourth season of the British television series Black Mirror were shot in parts of Malaga province last weekend.

The series focuses on the impact of technology on people's lives, as well as its dangers and the alienation it can cause.

The latest season of this series will include scenes at the old provincial prison in Malaga and on the streets of Antequera in the sixth and final episode of the season entitled 'Black Museum', which is expected to be made available to watch on Netflix in the autumn.

Each episode in the season has its own storyline and its own cast and producer, and therefore the identity of the cast members involved remains unknown, with the producers wanting to avoid any spoilers being let out to the public.

What is known is that actress Jo-



Shooting of a scene taking place just outside the old Cruz de Humilladero prison. **ÑITO SALAS**

die Foster will direct the 'ArkAngel' episode, while 'USS Callister' will be directed by Toby Haynes, who is most famous for his work in the famous BBC series Doctor Who and Sherlock.

It is also believed that the plot for 'Black Museum' is inspired by American magician Penn Jillette's never-told story about his time in a Spanish welfare hospital in 1981, and how the

language barrier prevented an initial diagnosis.

Jillette explained that he had met Black Mirror creator Charlie Brooker to brainstorm ideas, and having told him his story, the concept of having doctors who could feel a patient's pain and diagnose it accordingly emerged, and later led to the question, what would happen if one of these peop-

le who felt other people's pain could become a pain addict?

Although the name was initially rejected by publishers and cinema producers alike, 'The Pain Addict', although not an episode in itself, will make up one of three stories that intertwine for the season finale.

Malaga's old Cruz de Humilladero provincial prison will serve as an

American prison, with the story set in a remote Las Vegas museum. Several scenes were shot in the interrogation rooms and also saw the use of intercoms, facilities which are still in place following the prison's closure in August 2009.

A car chase involving a vintage car was also shot last weekend on the streets of Antequera, after shooting had also taken place in the Tabernas desert in Almeria.

Around ten extras, who were selected a few weeks ago, were also involved in the casting.

This is not the first time the prison has been used as a set, with the 2014 film 321 Days in Michigan, directed by Malaga's very own Enrique García, shot there as well as the documentary Drug Lord, from the same year.

The filming for Black Mirror will not be the last time this year that the prison's facilities will be used by the entertainment industry, with English film director Ridley Scott expected to arrive in the summer to shoot his film The Cartel, which is based on the life of Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, the Mexican drug lord who was head of the criminal organisation Sinaloa Cartel.

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