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A total of 38 trains were cancelled on the C-1 line between last Friday and Wednesday

Commuters and tourists on the Malaga-Fuengirola line have suffered disruptions over the last few days as several trains were cancelled last Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A shortage of drivers has been blamed for the problem for which the Spanish rail company Renfe has been unable to provide an immediate solution. The company warned passengers on Thursday evening that another 18 departures would be cancelled today, Friday, due to circumstances that could not be foreseen.

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Costa property prices have risen most in Manilva and Marbella

New developments are being built on the Costa del Sol and a shortage of land in Marbella is benefiting Estepona and Benahavís

:: MÓNICA PÉREZ

MÁLAGA. The Costa del Sol is still reflecting the ongoing recovery of the residential property market along the Spanish coasts, especially in Marbella, Manilva, Estepona and Mijas. Prices have risen most in the first two of these municipalities, according to the latest report by the Tinsa valuation agency: in Manilva property prices have gone up by 15 per cent, and in Marbella by 11.3 per cent during the first quarter of this year, compared with the same period in 2016.

The report also looks at the situation in the holiday property market in Spain, using official figures and local experience in 58 different areas. There was considerable optimism at the beginning of this year in some



A new development under construction last year in San Pedro. :: J.-L.

destinations, including the Costa del Sol, and that optimism has proven to be correct so far.

The Tinsa report shows that the Costa del Sol is in a leading position in the recovery of the property market. Front line properties on the coast in Marbella are now costing about 6,000 euros per square metre, and in Estepona 8,000 euros per square me-

tre, among the highest in Spain.

With regard to demand, if provincial capital cities on the Spanish coasts are not included in the figures, then the places with the highest number of property transactions last year were Torrevieja (5,291 property sales, about 21.7 per cent more than in 2015); Marbella (4,001 sales, -9.8%); Orihuela (3,839 sales, +1.7%) and Mijas (2,506

sales, +5.6%).

There are some new developments, but it is noticeable that these are mainly in certain areas which have always been popular for construction. The Tinsa report only indicates significant activity in this sector in 12 per cent of the country, including Marbella-Estepona, Mallorca, Ibiza and north of Alicante.

The report also shows that property is selling well in Marbella but the stock of residential property is one of the lowest in the country. The most popular properties are two-bedroomed houses or apartments, about 100 square metres in size. New builds are mainly good quality two or three bedroomed apartments and luxury villas.

One problem in Marbella is a lack of available land following the cancellation of the main town plan (PGOU). This means that developers are looking at nearby areas such as Estepona and Benahavís instead, and as a result prices there have risen considerably in recent months thanks to the high demand for those areas.

Junta tourism minister calls for Madrid's help over British holiday-sickness claims

:: PILAR MARTÍNEZ

MÁLAGA. The Junta de Andalucía has issued a plea for more help from central government to stop the wave of claims against hoteliers by British holidaymakers for supposed illness while in Spain.

Regional tourism minister, Francisco Javier Fernández, called on Madrid to do more, saying the situation needed "mediation with the British authorities by the Spanish government...and the help of national security forces on the stretches of coast affected."

The hotel sector has become increasingly concerned about claims organised through UK legal firms in British courts from tourists who say they get sick on holiday, mainly in all-inclusive hotels. The claims are made against tour operators who pass the bill to hoteliers. They say some 90 percent of the claims are false. So far Andalucía has escaped the worst.

La Antigua chiringuito in Estepona demolished

:: CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. La Antigua beach bar-restaurant on El Saladillo beach in Costalita was knocked down by the authorities on Thursday, after a court decided that it had no licence and stood on public land which was classified as a green zone.

The legal action was begun by Estepona council in 2013, but the French owners, who began renting the site 11 years ago and bought it two years ago, applied for the demolition to be postponed until the end

of the tourist season, as they employ up to 50 members of staff during the summer. They also said they would demolish the building themselves in September. However, the request was denied on the grounds that they might continue the business indefinitely, and Estepona council said this had been the case for several years.

The 25 current members of staff watched on as the chiringuito was bulldozed on Thursday morning. Many had been working there for

ten years under French owner Jean Marc, who said he "can't understand the Spanish laws" and didn't know that his bar was on a green zone.

The employees showed their indignation and incomprehension at how their livelihood was being crushed by the machinery. Daniel Romero, the chiringuito's manager, said. "They're taking our lives away, not our jobs, because there are more jobs, but none like this one."

The employees' complaints were aimed mainly at the mayor of Estepona, José María García Urbano. "Muchas gracias, señor alcalde," (thank you, Mr Mayor) were the words chalked on a blackboard pinned to one of the columns that were still standing.



The chiringuito was demolished on Thursday. :: C. MÁRQUEZ

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Staffing problems behind Costa del Sol train cancellations

A total of 38 trains didn't run between last weekend and Wednesday, and a further 18 trains are due to be cancelled today, Friday

by JUAN SOTO

MALAGA. Passengers on the C-1 Cercanías train line between Fuen-girola and Malaga found their plans disrupted on Tuesday morning when they learned that eight trains had been cancelled. Similar chaos reigned on Wednesday when the rail company Renfe reported 12 cancellations that afternoon.

The company maintained that the cancellation of some of the services was due to technical problems caused by staff adjustments. However this is not the first time this has happened recently and it nearly always affects rush-hour trains.

Passengers using the coastal service last Friday also experienced problems, with 18 trains, out of the daily total of 104 departures, cancelled.

Renfe explained that the cancellations could not be foreseen as they

are not caused by one specific issue but by an accumulation of unexpected circumstances.

They admitted that the workforce was tight, with some staff already on holiday, and so any absence due to illness or other reasons can cause cancellations.

"This situation would not occur if there were extra staff," said sources on Tuesday.

Users have complained that the cancellations were not announced with enough time for passengers to plan alternative transport, which meant that people arrived late for work or later than planned at the airport.

While there were no disruptions to the service on Thursday, the company said that 18 trains would be cancelled today, Friday, and couldn't say when the staffing problems would be solved.



A crowded carriage on the Malaga-Fuen-girola line this week. by CELIA ROMERO



A train on the C-1 line. by FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ

Politicians call for the government to find an immediate solution

The train cancellations prompted political reactions on Wednesday when the PSOE Socialist leader in the province of Malaga called for the central government, responsible for the rail company Renfe, to find an urgent solution to the problem. "It's intolerable that thousands

of citizens are suffering and the government had not planned to bring in new train drivers," he said. The Andalusian minister for Tourism and Sport, Francisco Javier Fernández, called for a greater commitment to tourism from Renfe stressing that it was vital for rail services to function correctly.

Renfe said that the first steps had been taken as, in May, 250 new drivers were taken on nationwide, but they are currently still in training.

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Two bouncers still in hospital after knife attack on Torremolinos seafront

The doormen were both stabbed in the back by a man upset after his brother was thrown out from Kokun Oceanclub

:: JUAN CANO

MALAGA. Two bouncers at the Kokun Oceanclub in Torremolinos were stabbed by a young man on Sunday evening after they ejected his brother from the venue.

The incident happened at around 10pm at the club, where MotoGP fans had gathered to watch the Catalan Grand Prix earlier in the day.

The doormen decided to eject a man who was reported by other guests as causing annoyance, escorting him to the door. His brother, who was accompanying him, followed suit, leaving the club, without initially causing any fuss.

However, as the bouncers turned back after escorting them to the street, the brother allegedly took out a knife and stabbed both of them in the back, one receiving two blows, the other just the one.

The two men fled towards Los Álamos beach and not long afterwards were being chased by several bathers who tried to stop them from getting away. Eventually, the



Police were quick on the scene following the stabbing. :: Ñ. SALAS

bathers managed to catch them, and according to eye witnesses, started to hit them.

Soon after, the first National Police patrol, that had received several calls alerting them to the situation, arrived on the scene and arrested the two men.

The two bouncers were taken to the Clínico Universitario hospital. Their condition is described as "serious but stable" and they have since been discharged from intensive care.

The brothers were taken to Torremolinos police station. The older of the two, who is believed to have carried out the stabbing - Jesús R. S., 48- appeared in court on Wednesday and has been remanded in custody without bail. He is currently under investigation on two counts of attempted murder and possession of a weapon.

His younger brother - Oscar R.S., 39- has been released with charges as he undergoes treatment for a broken jaw.

112 REPORTS

Policeman accidentally shoots driver in Marbella

MARBELLA

:: **N. CASTRO.** A local police officer in Marbella who shot the driver of a car in the early hours of Sunday morning did so accidentally and not out of self-defence.

The officer was said to have lost his balance, causing the ready-loaded gun, which the officer had readied when believing that he saw the driver holding something that looked like a weapon, to fire.

The situation began when the officer, who was on patrol with a

fellow policeman, saw a car turn from one road onto another at great speed before it skidded after braking suddenly.

The officers approached the car and gave the driver clear instructions to get out of the vehicle, which were completely ignored.

The vehicle then made another sudden movement, which caused the policemen to fall over backwards and as a result the shot was fired.

The bullet did hit the vehicle as it escaped, and as a result injured the driver, who arrived later at the Costa del Sol Hospital with an injury to his arm.

Four arrested over Manilva burglaries

MANILVA

:: **E. P.** Four men of Moroccan origin were arrested by Guardia Civil and local police officers in Manilva on 27 April.

Their arrests related to eleven burglaries that took place between February and April this year, which the group are said to have carried out. The offences took place when the properties were unoccupied.

However, the men, aged between 18 and 37 years old, were caught red-handed by the Guardia Civil and local policemen just after they had stolen a television, among other objects, from a property.

Mass brawl erupts outside Marbella nightclub

MARBELLA

:: **A. F. / J. C.** A mass brawl broke out outside Marbella nightclub Wall Street in the early hours of Sunday morning between two groups after a man allegedly touched the behind of another man's girlfriend.

Scores of young people were involved in the scrap which was filmed and distributed on social media. A dozen were injured, but it was not reported to police who, upon arriving at the scene, found everyone had gone. Their investigations, however, have helped identify those involved and the first arrests have been made.

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Rescued boat refugee pleads for asylum in sexual torture claim

BY JUAN CANO / ÁLVARO FRÍAS

MALAGA. A recently arrived refugee from Africa has been telling Spanish authorities of the harrowing ordeal he has gone through in his home country of Cameroon.

The 20-year-old man alleges that he was sexually tortured and has asked for asylum, fearing for his life. Officials have been able to prove that part of his penis has been amputated.

The man was brought ashore along with 51 other sub-Saharan immigrants after Spanish rescuers found their tightly-packed small boat adrift off the Costa de Sol on 27 May.

After being checked over by the Red Cross, the immigrants were interviewed by police. Here the young Cameroonian asked for asylum, claiming he had suffered from sexual torture. Speaking in French, he said that men in his country had tried to kill him, succeeding in cutting off part of his penis.

According to his distressing account, his father had been killed with poison and his uncles all murdered as well. After his father's death, the victim was held for five



The overloaded boat being approached by a Spanish rescue vessel. :: SUR

days and tortured, suffering mutilation of his genitals. He said that he was unaware who the torturers were as their complaint was with his late father.

The man has now submitted a request for asylum through a lawyer offered by the authorities for

fear of being killed if he returns to his country.

After leaving Malaga port, the victim was taken to a government reception centre for immigrants in Barcelona and now is in unknown whereabouts pending news of his asylum application.

Man arrested for trying to hang his dog in Fuengirola square

The individual allegedly attempted to kill the dog, firstly with a lead, before using his own hands to try to strangle the animal

BY J. CANO / A. FRÍAS

FUENGIROLA. National Police officers have arrested a man who allegedly tried to hang his dog in a public square in Fuengirola.

The incident took place on Monday at 5.45pm in the town's Plaza de la Constitución, in full view of several people who were in the square at the time.

Having received a call from a witness, the National Police arrived swiftly on the scene, where they found the man chasing after the dog,

which was running away from its owner looking "terrified".

After arresting the man, National

Police officers interviewed eye witnesses, who confirmed that they had seen the man try to hang the animal using a dog lead, and when that failed, he attempted to strangle the dog with his bare hands, but it managed to wriggle out of his grasp.

The dog has now been put in an animal shelter.



Two National Police officers with the rescued dog. :: SUR

IN BRIEF



The Syrian arms dealer's house in Atalaya Park. :: J.L.-L

US court orders 'Prince of Marbella's' home to be seized

MARBELLA

BY H.B. The palatial home of a convicted arms dealer has been seized on the orders of a New York judge. Monzer Al-Kassar used to live in the villa near Marbella, which was not directly in his name, until

2007 when he was arrested in Spain on a US police warrant over an attempt to sell arms to Colombian rebels. He was extradited and sentenced to 30 years in 2009. So prolific was Al-Kassar on the local high-society social circuit that he went by the nickname 'The Prince of Marbella', however the carefree facade hid a web of criminal links that had seen him banned from several countries.

Dead Ukrainian tree pruner 'had no contract'

MALAGA

BY A.F./J.C. A Ukrainian who was electrocuted last Saturday in Alhaurín de la Torre while pruning trees in a private home wasn't employed with a legal contract, investigators say. The owner of the home has said that he contracted the man through a company. Investigators are trying to see if the deceased was officially registered as self-employed.

35k-watch thieves drop mobile phone by mistake

MARBELLA

BY A.F./J.C. Police in Marbella are hunting for two thieves "of Arab appearance" who stole a tourist's 35,000-euro Hublot watch. The incident happened in the Carolina Park area when the victim was approached by the thieves on a black moped. One of them dropped his mobile phone and police are using it to confirm his identity.

Starlite Festival firms reported for 'building' in quarry auditorium

MARBELLA

BY N.C. Environmental prosecutors have reported two companies behind Marbella's prestigious Starlite summer music festival. They say organisers have put in permanent walls and flooring in the outdoor Nagüeles venue used as an audio-

rium for its concerts by famous artists. The former quarry is in a protected rural area and a condition of the original licence with Marbella council was that only temporary structures could be installed there for each summer season. The council has said that it has asked Starlite to remove the structures as a condition of extending its licence, which expired last year, for this season. Starlite did not comment on the prosecutors' decision to report them.

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HERE AND THERE

Plans unveiled for second Torre del Mar air show**TORRE DEL MAR**

:: **J. R.** Details of the second Torre del Mar International Air Show were unveiled by mayor of Vélez-Málaga, Antonio Ferrer and Deputy Mayor, Jesús Antencia, last week. The event, which will take place on 28, 29 and 30 June, will see 40 aircraft flying over the Torre del Mar coast, including participation from the Turkish

Stars, the Spanish F18 fighter jet and Belgian and French air forces.

On Friday and Saturday residents and visitors will be able to see the various planes practicing for the main event, which will be on Sunday. Antencia said at a press conference last week that the 2016 air show brought, "100 per cent occupancy in the town's hotels and a huge economic impact." Organisers of this year's event have said that "safety and security are the priority" and that they are collaborating with Spanish armed forces.

Almuñécar cleans up local environment**ALMUÑÉCAR**

:: **J. R.** Almuñécar town hall is running a series of activities throughout June to promote the importance of looking after the environment. Activities include cleaning up parts of the town, excursions, educational workshops and a 'clean up after your dog' campaign. For a full list of activities visit the town hall website: www.almunecar.es or email: medioambiente@almunecar.es



Environment month. :: SUR

Town sees major clean-up under new mayor**RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA**

:: **E. C.** The new administration at Rincón de la Victoria's Town Hall has started a cleaning blitz following months of controversy over the management of the town's cleaning company, which led to last week's vote of no confidence. Beaches have been the first priority, with beach combing and the installation of more bins. "It was badly needed given the accumulation," said Cllr José Luis Pérez.

Nerja illegal rubbish dump probe reveals further malpractice

The town hall is already facing pressure over the unfinished sewage works while investigations shed light on another unauthorised tip

:: EUGENIO CABEZAS

NERJA. More than a week since SUR first published the revelations over public figures' involvement in an illegal landfill site in Nerja, the accusations and developments continue, with around 40 people under suspicion.

SUR has had access to a document that former mayor, José Alberto Armijo, signed in June 1998, authorising the dumping of rubbish in an area near to the mouth of the Río de la Miel in Nerja. The land in question forms part of the natural park of the Sierras Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama.

The dump was being used until September 2016, when it was closed by the Guardia Civil's environment protection unit, Seprona.

Since then an investigation has been under way in a court in Torrox, and 40 people, including former mayor of Nerja Armijo, and current mayor Rosa Arrabal, are being questioned about their involvement. Other councillors, including Jorge Bravo and José María Rivas, are also being investigated, which has led to questions being asked about how such an environmental disaster was allowed to continue for so many years and why residents' complaints went unanswered.



The illegal tip has accumulated 800,000 cubic metres of rubbish. :: E. C.

Armijo told SUR last Saturday that the dump was "known about and tolerated".

While political party, Ciudadanos called for the PP, PSOE and IU to "distance themselves" from those councillors being investigated over the case last Saturday, the PP replied by asking for "coherence" and "support" for its councillors and ex-councillors.

Experts involved in the case have estimated a cost of 10.7 million euros to clean up the dumping site and the judge in charge of the case has accused those involved of supposedly creating a company to manage the site, in order to save money by not treating waste correctly which the judge has said is also tantamount to fraud.

'Operation Rubbish', as it has been labelled, using the English word, only adds to Nerja Town Hall's problems

with regard to the environment. Considered to be the biggest case of waste mismanagement in Spain, it comes at a time when the local authority is under immense pressure over the paralysis of its waste water treatment plant. The project, which should have been completed in 2016, is still just 76 per cent complete, due in part to financial problems faced by Isolux-Corsán-Corviam, the company responsible for its construction.

In addition to the Río de la Miel site, a further 9,000 cubic metres of illegally dumped rubbish has been accumulating in the Barranco Viejo-Loma de la Vacas area, which is private land near the town centre, since 2007. The current tripartite administration (PSOE, IU and EVA-Podemos) reported the situation to the public prosecutor last month.

Alcaucín councillors vote to continue supporting 'Arcos' illegal homes case

Both the mayor and deputy mayor admitted that the decision was due to party pressure

:: AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

ALCAUCÍN. Alcaucín councillors, including Mayor, Mario Blancke, have voted in favour of continuing to act as private prosecution in the Arcos case, which started in 2008 when it emerged that hundreds of homes in and around the town had been built illegally. Both Blancke, who belongs to the Ciudadanos political party and Socialist deputy mayor,

Florencio Palomo, admitted after Tuesday's decision that they had voted to continue with the case, which is currently being heard in court, due to pressure from their relevant parties, rather than total support from local councillors. Palomo said, "It is the party in Malaga which has asked us to continue. What's done is done."

Blancke confirmed that before taking any decision, the town hall had consulted Save Our Homes Axarquía (SOHA), the organisation which was formed by the owners of illegally built homes. The case is due to finish on 27 September this year.

Mayor threatens to end contract while report finds major failings in tram project**:: A. P.**

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Mayor of Vélez-Málaga, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, has said that he would consider terminating the town hall's contract with public transport company, Traveisa, part of ALSA, if it does not comply with the local authority's wishes vis à vis the town's tram.

Speaking days after a report from

the court of auditors condemned decisions made before the controversial public transport system first started operating in 2006, he said, "It isn't appropriate for the company to create obstacles for a municipal project."

The report accuses the town hall of doing "insufficient" research into a tram system for the town, before going ahead with the project, which was stopped in 2012.

The auditors' report said it had found "practices that did not conform" to the principles of equality, objectivity, transparency and economy in the management of public funds. A series of recommendations were also given, including evaluating the sustainability of such a project.

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La Cala residents start to campaign against the proposed racing track

The residents' association is to distribute leaflets and hasn't ruled out a demonstration

IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. Residents in La Cala de Mijas have begun a campaign against the private project, known as the Ciudad del Motor, that involves the construction of motor racing facilities on land in the area.

The residents' association, whose president is Jesús Sepúlveda, has de-

scribed the project as a "robbery" of the local people as the land in question is designated for public facilities.

Sepúlveda recently announced, after an unofficial survey, that 90 per cent of local people were against the project. Last week's announcement by the council that a 'rigorous' survey would be carried out, to include all residents in Mijas and not just those in La Cala, has angered Sepúlveda, who has said that the association's position would be explained to local people through the distribu-

tion of flyers.

"We 'caleños' aren't going to sit back with our arms folded and we will step up pressure every day," said the president. "If this land, designated for public facilities, is transferred to the private sector, there will be political consequences throughout the municipality."

Sepúlveda likened the potential situation to that of Marbella where "there is no space left for a school or even a nursery, because GIL put all public land into the hands of private developers".



The viewpoint where the work is to take place. :: C. MÁRQUEZ

New square and viewpoint to be built near El Cristo beach

CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. Estepona town hall has approved plans to develop land near El Cristo beach where there is currently a natural vantage point with a wooden fence. The project includes creating a wider open space in the form of a green zone including a public square, which would maintain the area's function as a vantage point.

Work, which is already under way, is expected to take a year to complete, and, along with a new stretch of the coastal pathway, is part of the obligations of the private firm that is developing the area. The local authority has said that its aim is to prevent construction above

ground, ensuring that locals and visitors can continue to enjoy the views from this beauty spot.

Meanwhile the project includes new tourist facilities beneath the planned square, which, said the council, will "meet the demand for leisure and entertainment in the town all year round". More details of these facilities have not been released, although the council has said that "the new area will increase the town's tourist attractions and generate employment all year round".

Improvements also include a provisional resurfacing of part of the area near El Cristo beach to make parking cars easier.

MIJAS TO STEP UP POLICE PRESENCE THIS SUMMER

Mijas town hall has launched what it calls 'Operation Summer' in an attempt to increase security and crime prevention in the peak tourist season. The operation involves more police presence in tourist areas, including bicycle officers who patrol the seafront.



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AVOI is planning more events to meet its financial target. :: A. C.

Association enters Guinness Book of Records

More than 100,000 people attended street parties organised by AVOI, the association of volunteers working in children's wards

:: **ÁNGEL ESCALERA**

MALAGA. AVOI, the association for volunteers who work in children's wards in various hospitals across Malaga province, has entered the Guinness Book of World Records after more than 100,000 people turned up at 30 'verbenas', or street parties, that took place simultaneously on 3 June.

The 160,000 euros raised at the

30 different events will go towards AVOI's charity project to build new bone marrow transplant isolation rooms so that they are more welcoming and child-friendly.

The association is hoping that work to construct the new rooms will begin this year, although it is still short of the 300,000 euros required. To reach that target, AVOI is planning more street parties and other charity events.

The 'verbenas' on 3 June took place in 30 municipalities, from large towns such as Marbella, Antequera, Cártama, Estepona and Fuengirola to smaller locations such as Almogía, Benaolán, Teba, Valle de Abdalajís and Villanueva de la Concepción, among others.

Árchez celebrates its European diversity

British, French and German residents make up a large part of the foreign community in the town, which holds its first Residents' Day today

:: **JENNIE RHODES**

ÁRCHÉZ. The small town of Árchez in the Axarquía is holding its first Residents' Day on Friday 16 June, dedicated to its foreign population. The event forms part of a cultural week which comes to an end on Saturday.

The total population of the village, which is situated north of Cómputa, is 426, according to the latest census, of which 133 are foreign residents. The largest foreign community is British, followed by French, German, Finnish and Danish.

"Our intention is to dedicate more days specifically to other groups that make up our population," said the mayor of Árchez, Mari Carmen Moreno, speaking at a press conference earlier this week.

From 12pm today, Friday, a street market will be open selling typical products from the countries represented as well as free beer for par-



The mayor of Árchez. :: J. R.

ticipants and from 7pm there will be performances from bands Bandits and Money Makers on the Avenida de Andalucía.

The cultural week will draw to a close on Saturday with a mass to mark Corpus Christi as well as activities around the town, including music and dancing.

"We are inviting our neighbours from the Axarquía and from Malaga province to come and see what our town has to offer," said Moreno.

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Torremolinos reveals details of 3.8-million-euro project that will transform town centre

The project to pedestrianise the historic centre of the town was launched by architect Salvador Moreno Peralta

by **ALBERTO GÓMEZ**

TORREMOLINOS. Torremolinos is to undergo one of its most major urban transformations of recent decades. During a meeting held on Monday, Malaga architect Salvador Moreno Peralta presented the project for the renovation of Plaza Costa del Sol and part of the Avenida Palma de Mallorca. The area will be pedestrianised with the aim of creating a Grand Boulevard with shaded spaces, water features and green areas.

The centre of Torremolinos was closed to traffic more than 18 months ago, but a large municipal debt and the lack of a budget have prevented the work going ahead.

The project, which extends over more than 8,000 square meters, will cost 3.8 million euros and will include the restoration of the iconic Maria Barrabino house.

The town hall has announced that the work will begin in October and it should be complete before next year's summer season begins.

The architect claimed that the new look Plaza Costa del Sol will be an ideal area for the Holy week processions, the parade of the three kings or LGBT pride, as well as other traditional festivals.

Palm and orange trees will line the boulevard and green areas will be situated at a distance of not less than 3.5 metres from the facades of businesses, in order to reserve spaces for their terraces.

The plan also takes into consid-



One of the most striking elements of the renovation project will be an elaborate pergola. :: SUR

eration the current bars and restaurants situated in the sidewalks that lead from the main square in the town.

The area will be paved in grey and white non-slip tiles and bench seating, ponds, fountains, flower beds and decorative trees will be installed to create a relaxed ambience in the central square.

The mayor, José Ortiz said, "The project allows the town to create a historical centre that will highlight its history, its relationship with water, its springs and mills."

A pergola reminiscent of the Palmeral de las Sorpresas in Malaga will cover the central space of the



The mayor views the plans. :: SUR

square. This is one of the most striking elements of the project and is designed on a support of metallic grey pillars holding a concave bow and a convex arc whose concatenation creates ripples in both directions.

Other actions include the restoration of the Casa Maria Barrabino and the remodelling of the street that leads to the Plaza Costa del Sol; making it the central heart of the square.

The pedestrianisation of the Plaza Costa del Sol has been one of the mayor's principal projects since taking power in 2015, and although he was first criticised for

closing the centre to traffic, it has proven to be the most fundamental part of the rehabilitation of the town.

Salvador Moreno Peralta said that the transformation projects in the central districts of cities and towns such as Malaga and Estepona "have been an undeniable factor in their revitalisation".

The project, which has the support of the Association of Traders and Entrepreneurs of Torremolinos (ACET), is expected to lead to a gradual regeneration of commercial activity, which has been in a state of deterioration for the last ten years.



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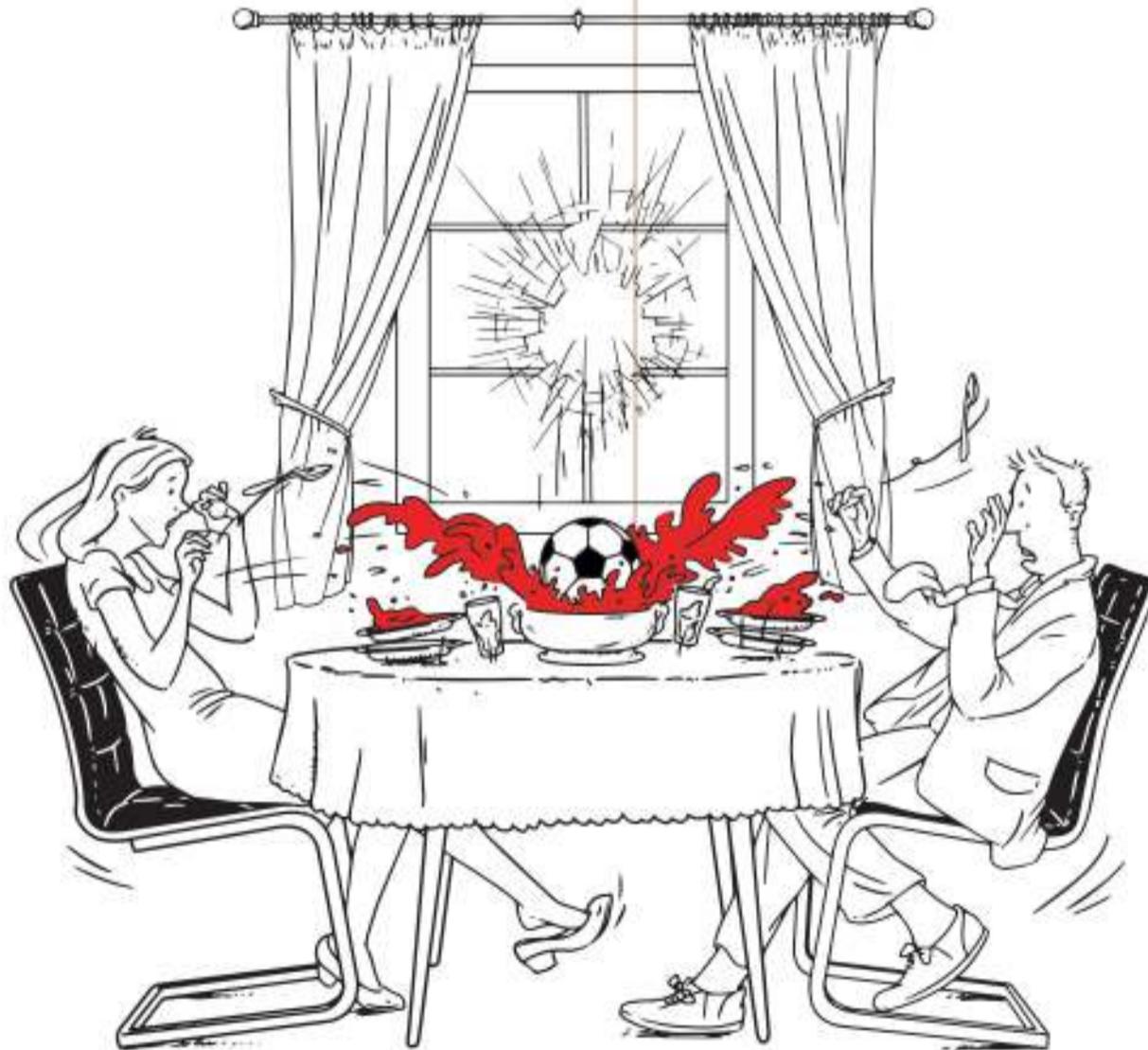
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Council agrees to remove 15 Invader mosaics while vandals attack others

The works by the French artist on buildings in the old city centre will be removed at the request of the Junta de Andalucía

by A. J. LÓPEZ / F. GRIÑÁN

MALAGA. The days are numbered for some of the mosaics the anonymous French street-artist Invader gifted the city of the Malaga last month.

At the end of last week the city hall agreed to remove 15 of the 29 “illegal” works that appeared on walls around the city as an unannounced prelude to the artist’s planned exhibition in the city in September.



Graffiti on one mosaic. :: s. s.

The 15 mosaics, in the artist’s style reflecting space invader games of the eighties, are all in the historic part of the city, protected as a whole as a BIC (asset of cultural interest). A complaint about one of them, a flamenco dancer on the Palacio Epis-

copal building, owned by the Diocese of Malaga, sparked the investigation by the Junta de Andalucía’s Culture department.

However this week, another mosaic, this one near La Malagueta beach and not included in the 15 to be removed, has been ripped off the wall the artist had stuck it to. The piece in question, a red space invader with a blue background, is likely to have broken. To avoid the theft of his works, the artist uses a strong adhesive that not only makes their removal difficult but means it is highly likely that forceful removal would cause them to break.

Further damage, this time graffiti, has been caused to two more pieces in the area, which appeared on Monday with the words “bit”



and “amo” written across them.

Meanwhile the representative of the Junta de Andalucía’s Culture department in Malaga, Monsalud Bautista has said that city hall can remove 13 of the 15 mosaics, while

extra authorisation was required for the work to be carried out on the two buildings declared as BICs themselves, the Palacio Episcopal, next to the Cathedral, and the Palacio de Salinas.

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Politicians squabble over Rincón’s vandalised rare prehistoric cave

The town’s new PP mayor was wrong to say there was irreparable fresh damage to the ancient cave paintings, says the Junta

by E. CABEZAS / F. GRIÑÁN

R. DE LA VICTORIA. The newly sworn-in PP mayor of Rincón de la Victoria has lost no time in rallying against his predecessor over the upkeep of the jewel in the crown of the town’s archaeological heritage.

Francisco Salado took over as mayor on 5 June after winning a vote of no confidence against the existing PSOE administration. Within a few days he had criticised the outgoing party for failing to properly protect the Cueva de la Victoria, a prehistoric cave which is

highly valued as it has both Paleolithic and Neolithic cave paintings next to each other. The cave isn’t open to the public and is reached by climbing down a vertical shaft.

The new bosses at the town hall reported that the lock on the shaft had been forced and damage done to the rare prehistoric artworks, including scratches and graffiti. In addition, tables and chairs, an old mattress and broken bottles of alcohol were found inside the shaft.

After a few days of accusations and counteraccusations, a visit from architects from the Junta de Andalucía and the land’s owners, Edipsa, plus Guardia Civil investigators clarified the situation.

According to their expert analysis, the rare paintings weren’t damaged and the graffiti found predates 1998, when the site was first locked up. “Pending the final report, the



Experts and Guardia Civil inspect the forced entrance to the archaeological site. :: E. CABEZAS



Graffiti inside the cave. :: SUR

initial study shows that there is no new damage to the heritage site,” explained the Junta’s cultural representative in Malaga, Monsalud Bautista.

The cave is normally closed off and forms part of a public park containing the town’s archaeological sites, opened in 2005. This green space also includes the Cueva del Tesoro, which, in contrast, is adapted

so it can be open to the public.

However, despite the clarification that no new vandalism has taken place in Cueva de la Victoria, the town hall has said that the previous PSOE council’s decision to cancel security in the archaeological park has contributed to that cave being misused. Previous mayor, Encarnación Anaya has denied the new mayor’s accusations.



The arrow points to the wall on La Malagueta beach where Invader had stuck the mosaic (in the round photo) which has been removed. :: SALVADOR SALAS

Malaga province's tax HQ to be vacated because of structural damage

Six hundred Hacienda officials will need to move out as the 1970s-built building faces many months of urgent structural repairs

:: JESÚS HINOJOSA / SALVADOR SALAS

MALAGA. A report has said that the main tax HQ in the centre of Malaga will need to be vacated for essential repairs to be carried out.

It means that 600 workers will have to find new office accommodation in the city over the next few months, with no date set for when the building will have to be emptied nor when staff will be able to move back in again.

Trade unions have been told the news this week by bosses at the Hacienda office, which oversees tax collection across the province.



The tax authority office has already had support beams added. :: SUR

The thirteen-storey building, situated alongside the El Corte Inglés department store was built between 1975 and 1979. The engi-

neers' report on its current condition says that the overall structure has weakened and cracks have opened up in certain parts.

At the moment the three basement parking levels are closed after flooding caused by heavy rain last winter. In addition, tax office sources said that other parts of the building have had temporary supports added as an urgent safety precaution. There is no imminent risk of collapse, however, they said.

As the building is relatively new, Malaga city council said that it does not need to regularly inspect the structure and so was unaware of the condition of the building.

No home to go to yet

After hearing the news, union sources said that it still wasn't clear when staff would need to move out, with estimates ranging from within a few months to by the end of the year.

Tax bosses are also scrambling to find alternative accommodation for the many workers. Sources have suggested that existing Hacienda buildings in and around the port will be used. However this won't be enough and extra rented offices will need to be found.

No time has been set for how long the works will go on for but with the scale of the damage to the building, it is expected to stand empty for well over a year.

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Late-night graffiti vandal at the English Cemetery in Malaga caught red-handed

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MALAGA. Police have arrested a 19-year-old Malaga youth for allegedly causing damage to a historic monument after being caught spray painting a wall alongside the city's English Cemetery.

Two vandals were caught in the act at around 1.45am on Wednesday morning after a local person called police. Realising that the police had seen them, the two youths dropped their spray cans and fled the scene. One managed to escape while another was detained on the seafloor.

A third person, also 19 years old and spotted near Hotel Miramar, appeared to have been acting as a lookout.

Police are still searching for the other, escaped vandal with the help of CCTV camera images.



:: FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ

FUENGIROLA'S MATHS WORLD CHAMPIONS

Curro García, 8, (l) and Juan Alberto Gómez, 11, seem like ordinary children enjoying school at Colegio Salliver in Fuengirola. However, behind the cheeky smiles, they are true world-beaters at mental arithmetic. Some 200,000 children globally compete in an annual competition organised by SupertMatik. Juan Alberto is world champion in his category and Curro is runner up. Each category had 20,000 taking part this year.

HERE AND THERE

Junta puts delayed section of Malaga metro out to tender again

MALAGA

:: **F.J.** The Junta de Andalucía is putting out to tender the contract to finish the part-completed section of Malaga's metro between the main railway station and El Corte Inglés. Work started on the 713-metre section in 2009, but after overruns, dis-

putes with the previous contractor and the discovery of a Medieval wall, the Junta finally halted the construction in 2015 with some 65 per cent of the line built. Since then street closures and diversions on the surface have continued. Now the work is expected to be completed by 2020 at a cost of almost 25 million euros. This section will connect with the short metro extension currently being built under the central Alameda avenue.

New Carrefour to open in Antequera next week

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:: **A.G.** The Carrefour hypermarket chain is to open its new 6,500-square-metre store in Antequera next week. The group took over Eroski's hypermarket in La Verónica shopping centre earlier this year and the rebranding to Carrefour is shortly to be completed. As well as guaranteeing the jobs of the existing 58 Eroski employees, an extra 50 jobs will be created, Carrefour said.

Victoria's Secret take prime-corner shop site

MALAGA

:: **J.S.** Victoria's Secret -the international chain of lingerie shops- is to open a new store in a prime location in Malaga city centre. It will be their first high street store in Spain outside Barcelona. There are also stores at Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga airports. The new shop will open on the corner of Calle Larios and Plaza de la Constitución in the most expensive area of the city for shop leases.



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Women in rural areas need more support to achieve equality, forum decides

The role played by women in rural professions is often not recognised and this could cause problems in society

by FERNANDO TORRES

MALAGA. The debate about equality is wide-ranging in Spain, but women in rural areas are often left out. That was the thinking behind a forum called 'Mujeres Más' which was organised jointly by SUR and the Andalusian Institute for Women and took place this week in Archidona.

Taking part in the debate were Victoria Ordóñez, founder and manager of the winery of the same name; Chelo Sanzo, manager of the Nuestra Señora del Rosario olive oil cooperative in Humilladero; Adela Romero, member of the Andalusian Council for Women's Participation; Rosa del Mar Rodríguez, coordinator of the IAM provincial centre in Malaga and Brita Hektoen, director of the Women, Business and Society section of the San Telmo International Institute.

The moderator was María Dolores Tortosa, Vocento's correspondent for



The debate raised some interesting questions about equality for women in rural areas. :: SUR

Andalucía, who started the debate with a simple statement: "Obstacles can be overcome."

Some interesting facts arose from the discussions: 74 per cent of workers in rural areas are men, for example, and farming is becoming an even

more masculine profession which could lead to depopulation of small villages.

Victoria Ordóñez spoke of sexual discrimination in the wine industry, despite the fact that women have played a vital role in wine production

since the 19th century.

After some interesting discussions, the forum agreed that more training is needed to help women in rural areas in their chosen professions, and it is essential for girls in these areas to have access to good education.

Telephone roaming charges came to an end in Europe this week

by DEBBIE BARTLETT

MALAGA. The EU officially put an end to telephone roaming charges within its 28 countries on Thursday, a popular move which began a decade ago when many people started to complain about the shock of receiving extortionate bills after using their phones abroad.

The ban means that anyone who travels to another EU country will be charged as if they were using their phone at home, although it should be remembered that phoning a foreign number can still prove expensive even if you are in the same country at the time.

The ban on telephone roaming charges is not unlimited, however: anyone who spends more time abroad than at home, and uses their phone more there, may find that their operator will be entitled to apply a charge. It should also be remembered that the abolition of roaming charges only applies to phone calls and text messages, not to data usage beyond that included in the normal domestic tariff.



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"Immigration is downstairs"

Carmen Ada Edjang ignored all the people who said nobody had ever seen a black policewoman and that she was wasting her time

She is one of the 8,753 female officers in the National Police, but as a black woman, she is sometimes treated with suspicion

:: SUSANA ZAMORA

MALAGA. She will never forget that day, because it marked the rest of her life. She had gone to the police headquarters in Algeciras to start a seven-month training period as a police officer, after passing her first exams.

"I had to give them some documents. I was told which office to go to and I knocked on the door and went in, but before I even opened my mouth, he said 'Sorry, you're in the wrong place. The immigration department is downstairs,'" she says.

The man who made that comment to her is now her husband, and since 2011 they have both been working at the provincial police station in Malaga. Nine years have passed since that confusion occurred.

"He apologised over and over again afterwards, when I explained that I wasn't an immigrant, I was a new colleague and it was my first day," she says.

Carmen Ada Edjang could write a book about her experiences, because this police officer, who was born in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, 35 years ago, is a black woman. Her parents are from Equatorial Guinea and they emigrated to the Canary Islands when they were children: her mother was six years old, and her father 15.

Carmen is not the only black officer among the 8,753 women in the National Police force, but she is one of the few who have gradually been joining in recent years, along with others of Chinese, Indian or gypsy origin....

"There is no special register of these police officers, just like there



Carmen has worked at the Malaga provincial police station since 2011. :: NITO SALAS

is no list of those who have blue eyes or brown hair. They're all Spanish, and that's that," say sources at the Ministry of the Interior. Official figures only show the number of police officers: on 31 May this year there were 63,930, of whom 55,177 were men.

Here in Spain, some people are still surprised to find that a black woman is a police officer. "People associate black people with illegal immigrants," says Carmen. She says it would be unfair to describe this attitude as racist, but comments, ironically, that "Nobody is racist, until their daughter turns up with a black boyfriend one day; things tend to change then!"

She thinks the situation will

improve over time, as people get used to it, but says there is still a long way to go until it is considered normal to see a black person working in a bank or a law firm.

Carmen has never felt despised because of her skin colour, but says some situations have occurred

"Nobody is racist in Spain, until their daughter turns up with a black boyfriend one day"

which have been disagreeable, in uniform and out. One example: she and her husband were assigned to work at the airport and when they arrived they showed their badges at security. He was allowed through, but she was held back while they checked whether her police badge was genuine. "When I asked them why they were checking mine, they said there were a lot of fake police badges about. But I wondered why they assumed it would be the black woman who would be carrying a fake one."

The second example occurred when she was off duty and out of uniform. She recently went with her husband to a notary's office to sign for the purchase of a property.

The notary asked for their identification and then asked whether Carmen spoke Spanish. "No, I speak Chinese," she replied.

There are plenty of other instances like these, including from colleagues who ought to know that police officers in Spain have to speak Spanish. However, "some colleagues still ask me what nationality I am," she says.

An example of patience

One day, even her uniform was not enough to convince somebody that she was a policewoman. She was on duty outside the polling station on election day, and a woman came up to her and asked if she really was a police officer. Carmen admits that on that occasion she did lose her patience. "No, I bought the uniform in a fancy dress shop," she snapped.

She had always been attracted by the idea of a career in the police force "but I kept putting off doing anything about it, like I did taking driving lessons," she says.

When she finished her studies in Administrative Management, she realised it was what she really wanted to do. She was 23 and started to "do battle" with the studies she needed to pass the exams. One sentence in the first book has remained etched on her brain: "If you're not going to study properly, then don't waste your time." It spurred her on, and helped her to ignore all the people who said she wouldn't pass and was studying for nothing, because nobody had ever seen a black policewoman.

She knew she could pass the exam, but was doubtful about the personal interview. "It involved factors that were out of my control," she says. But she succeeded first time. Now she urges other black women not to be afraid of rejection and she was recently awarded an AfroSocialist prize for equality.

"They didn't give me the award for being the only black policewoman, because I'm not. It was for being somebody who proved that if you really set your mind on something, you can achieve it," she says.

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Inquest confirms Spanish victim of London terror attack was helping a police officer

Ignacio Echeverría received a posthumous medal for civil merit when his body was brought back to Spain

:: SUR

MADRID. A coroner's court in Southwark, London, has said that Ignacio Echeverría, the Spanish banker killed in the London Bridge terrorist attack earlier this month, was fatally wounded as he intervened to aid a police officer and not a member of the public as was previously reported.

During the inquest this week into Ignacio's and other victims' deaths, the court confirmed what Ignacio's family had already stated.

Joaquín Echeverría had previously told journalists that the family had heard reports that his brother had



Prime minister Mariano Rajoy speaks to relatives of Ignacio Echeverría at a Madrid air base. :: EFE

defended a policeman against the attackers, but they had changed the story early on to say he was defending a woman, in the belief that, if Ignacio was found alive, he would be the victim of a reprisal attack for helping a law enforcement officer.

"We were worried that, if he was alive, the jihadists would go to his house or his work to look for him," he added

His brother explained that Ignacio's friends had told them what happened the next morning while they were looking for him in hospitals around London.

"They saw from a distance that the terrorists were stabbing a woman, when a police officer with a truncheon overtook them and fell immediately," he said.

According to his friends, at the same time as the officer went towards the terrorists, Ignacio Echeverría got off his bike to help the police officer.

Echeverría's body was flown back to Spain on Sunday. Prime minister Mariano Rajoy met the aircraft and awarded Ignacio with a posthumous Gran Cruz del Mérito Civil, a medal for civil merit. He was buried in Las Rozas, Madrid, on Monday.

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Vote of no confidence in PM fails as left-wing parties draw closer

Podemos' attempt to unseat Mariano Rajoy fails in a week when Spain remembers 40 years since the first general election after dictatorship

■ SUR

MADRID. Spain's prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, lived to fight another day on Wednesday when an attempt to end his minority conservative government failed.

In only the third 'no confidence' motion tabled against a government since Spain's post-dictatorship democracy started exactly forty years ago, Rajoy secured the support of 170 MPs, against 82 who voted in favour of the motion and 97 abstentions.

The motion was tabled by radical left-wing party Podemos to unseat the ruling Partido Popular (PP) party. Podemos' leader, Pablo Iglesias, had said that the government should be changed after the continued corruption scandals involving the PP party.

In the end, after Iglesias' no confidence vote had failed, as had been expected, both Podemos and PP were able to claim victory.

Podemos, which was supported in



Spain's parliament during the 'vote of no confidence' debate. ■ AFP

the vote by left-wing Catalan and Basque nationalists as well as its own regional affiliates, was heartened that the Socialist PSOE party had abstained rather than vote against.

The PSOE party, under the renewed leadership of Pedro Sánchez, is seen as more in favour of a "progressive alliance" with Podemos to unseat the PP. The Socialists celebrate their 39th full-party conference this weekend.

Iglesias said after the vote in the Congreso de los Diputados in Madrid, "Between votes in favour and absten-

tions, there's a sufficient majority to throw out the PP. Let's hope by Christmas we can get rid of the PP."

The events in parliament come exactly forty years since Spaniards went to the polls in the first general election after Franco's dictatorship ended.

Faced with pressure from a promised, illegal independence vote in Catalonia in October, many MPs who supported Rajoy in Wednesday's failed vote called on politicians to respect the consensus over the shape of Spain reached after dictatorship.



Guardiola (l) with president of Catalonia, Carles Puigdemont. ■ EFE

Pep Guardiola calls at rally for Catalonians to take part in illegal independence vote

■ CRISTIAN REINOM / SUR

BARCELONA. Pep Guardiola, manager of Manchester City football club, has publicly called for Catalonians to vote in the forthcoming independence vote, even though the national government has declared the referendum to be illegal.

The Catalan-born former player and manager of FC Barcelona is a high-profile supporter of an independent state for the northeastern Spanish region.

His appearance, at a rally organised in favour of the vote in the centre of Barcelona alongside na-

nationalist politicians, was a sign that the regional government's plans for a controversial referendum in the autumn were moving up a gear.

Last week, regional president, Carles Puigdemont, announced 1 October as the date for the vote, despite Madrid's refusal to authorise one.

At last Sunday's rally, Guardiola read from a manifesto in English, Spanish and Catalan, asking for international help "against an authoritarian [Spanish] state", saying that democracy was being obstructed.

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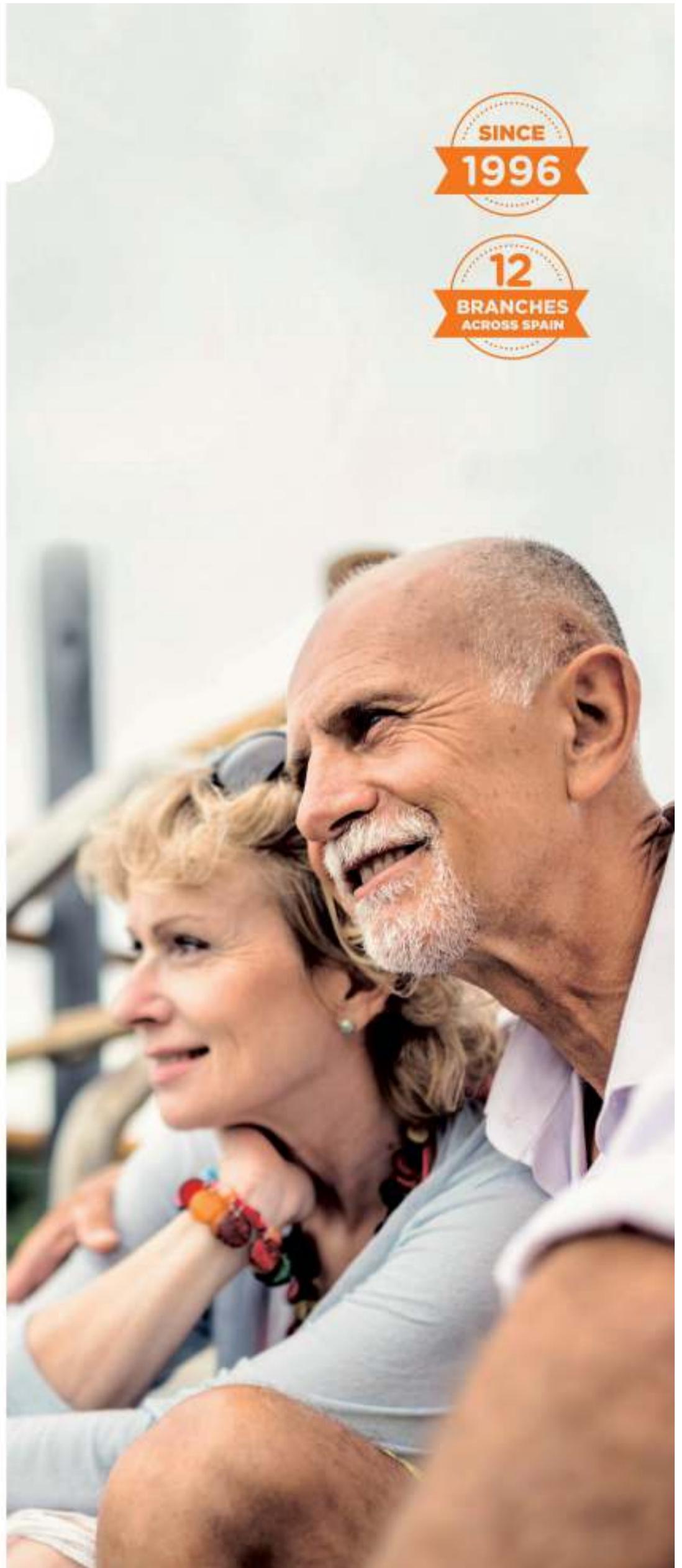
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Sixteen per cent of the Spanish economy is underground

by DAVID VALERA

MADRID. The underground or 'black' economy in Spain is equivalent to 16 per cent of the country's total economic production. This translates into 168 billion euros that escapes the taxman's gaze every year and 25.6 billion euros in tax revenue that goes uncollected.

These are the findings of a study carried out by REAF-REGAF, part of the association of Spanish economists. The good news is that this estimate is less than other studies that have placed the amount of annual tax lost at around 40 billion

euros, as this study takes into account that not all the 'black' money would be taxable. Jesús Quintas, one of the authors of the study, said that the 25.6 billion euros was a "more realistic" figure. He also added that the percentage of fraud is similar to other countries like Germany or Denmark.

The report makes 20 recommendations to fight the 'black' economy. These include educating the general public on their duty to pay the correct amount of taxes and using more automated electronic collection methods.



Almost 26 billion euros in tax goes uncollected. :: AFP



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THE EURO ZONE

COME TOGETHER

The Spanish economy minister has apparently turned into the EU's biggest fan. In an interview with the UK's Financial Times this week, Luis de Guindos said that the only way for the EU to survive in a post-Trump-Brexit world was to come closer together; in particular, he called for greater economic integration and for EU executives to be given more control over member states' economies. The minister admitted that his suggestions were rather "aggressive", but he was emphatic that a more tightly bound EU was crucial to its survival.

Is this really the same politician who has maintained a conspicuously flippant stance towards the bloc's fiscal policies over the last few years? De Guindos' Popular Party govern-

ment has failed to meet Brussels' deficit reduction targets every year it's been in office and only narrowly avoided a fine for its laxity last summer.

When reminded by Brussels that Spain's deficit needs to be a priority for the Ministry of Economy (as he often is), De Guindos usually retorts by saying that continuing the country's growth is more important.

Yet the EU is not assuaged by the minister's focus on GDP expansion: the Commission told Madrid at the end of last month that it will continue to closely monitor Spain's deficit and debt levels even after the country exits the Excessive Debt Procedure (EDP) next year.

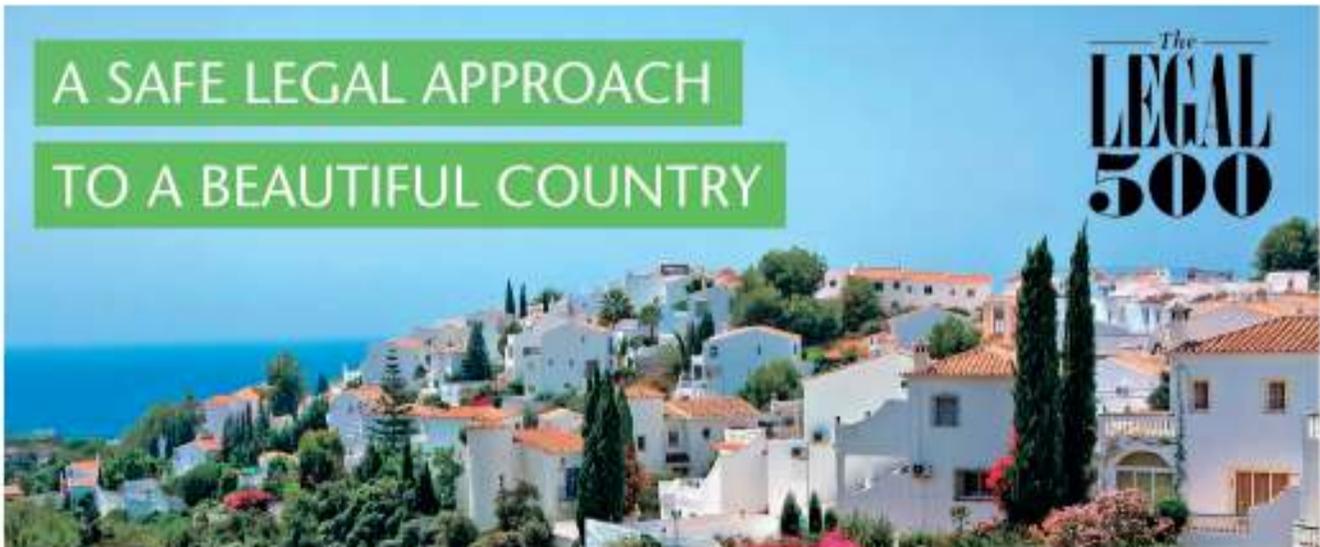
Curious, then, that De Guindos apparently wants the EU to have even more economic control over member states than it

already does. The economy minister told the FT, "You need someone who can say to Spain: 'You need to have a labour market reform and this has got to be done by the end of the year'."

In fact, this is exactly what's happening at the moment. When Spain avoided a fine from Brussels for fiscal lassitude last July, the Commission gave Mariano Rajoy's government an extra two years - until 2018 - to bring its deficit under the EU ceiling of 3%. The PP insists this will be achieved next year, but Brussels remains sceptical, not least because 2017's budget has only just been approved by a deeply fragmented congress.

EU executives are also concerned about Spain's debt, which is forecast to be 98.5% of GDP next year - over 40% in excess of the official 60% target. According to EU rules, the Spanish government will have to reduce debt by 2% of GDP every year until the magic figure of 60% is reached.

In other words, the EU is already bearing down on Spain in the way De Guindos says he'd like it to in a toughened-up, more integrated bloc. Perhaps, before he asks Brussels to be even stricter with his country, he should first hit the targets it's already set for the Spanish economy.



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First participants announced for Gibraltar Literary Festival

From politics to music, history to medicine, interviews to workshops, this is always a fascinating event

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. The names of the first confirmed participants in the Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival have just been announced, and it is already promising to be a fascinating event.

The festival consists of talks by a variety of different experts and personalities, and it will take place from 16 to 19 November. Those attending this year will undoubtedly be enthralled by politician and columnist Ann Widdecombe, a popular figure who has written six books including her autobiography.

Jem Poster, a former archaeologist who became a lecturer at Oxford University and is now Emeritus Professor of Creative Writing at Aberystwyth, will be joining forces with fellow author Sarah Burton, who also teaches writing, to lead a one-day writing workshop called Only Connect.

The Gibraltar Lecture will be



Ann Widdecombe will be participating in the festival. :: SUR

given this year by Laurence Rees, who has written several books about the Second World War, and also appearing at the festival will be famous heart surgeon Professor Steve Westaby who has recently written a book about his 35-year career.

There will also be music, courtesy of violinist Min Kym, who was

the youngest-ever pupil at the Purcell School of Music. She will be interviewed at the festival by BBC journalist Gwenan Edwards.

Another popular face at the festival will be Dame Jenni Murray, presenter of Radio 4's Woman's Hour, who has written several books and will also be talking to Gwenan Edwards.

IN BRIEF



Fabian Picardo with Scott Ferguson and Brent Almeida. :: SUR

World Trade Center boss attends unveiling

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. The 'We Grow Trade' sculpture at the World Trade Center was unveiled on Thursday by chief minister Fabian Picardo, coinciding with a visit from the

CEO of the World Trade Centers Association, Scott Ferguson, who had flown in from New York.

Office space in the building, which only opened in February, is already almost 100 per cent occupied, and many eMoney and Fin-Tech businesses, gaming firms, insurance and wealth specialists are now based there.

Largest ship visits Gibraltar port

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. The port received its largest ever visitor on Sunday, the container ship Triton, which was en route to the Far East from Rotterdam. At 369 metres in length she is one of the biggest ships in the world, and is able to carry over 14,000 containers. The busy port is able to handle ships of all sizes.

Restricted hours for vans in Main Street

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. Under new rules, commercial vehicles may now only enter Main Street from 8am to 9.15am and 6 pm to 8pm Mondays to Fridays. Loading and unloading hubs will be set up in the town to facilitate deliveries throughout the working day, as this will make the street safer for pedestrians.

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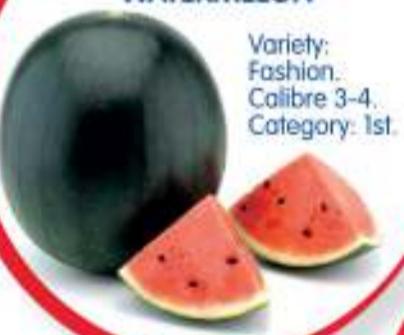
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**BREXIT
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QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS

So many questions with so little time and few answers. Why call a UK election after 75% of MPs backed the triggering of Article 50? Maybe because the House of Lords might try to change the final deal? But they couldn't have blocked anything in the manifesto of a majority government. And if the mandate carried forward from 2015 needed updating, because exit arrangements hadn't been specified, then it's strange that the new manifesto lacked any detail. Of course, the Lords can block things now (if they want to).

We were told that an increased majority would help to get a better deal. However, the actual withdrawal agreement is about the technical arrangements that are needed once the EU treaties cease to apply so, apart from some financial calculations, there is little for the EU27 to bargain on. Besides, telling MPs that their vote

on the deal would be 'take it or leave it' also told the EU that it didn't matter what MPs thought in any case.

Add to that the fact that the EU27 will now be negotiating with a minority government that needs Parliament to pass a bill on repatriating EU laws (which after three 3 months hasn't been seen yet) and an estimated seven additional bills, eg. changing the law on immigration and on customs, as well as contingency laws in case there is no deal.

What is going to happen next? Firstly, when negotiations start next week, the government should just accept the EU27's agenda and sequencing. That includes settling citizens' rights early on even if the issue of future dispute arbitration might take longer to agree.

Further forward, the Conservative manifesto proposed leaving the Single Market and Customs Union and ending European

Court jurisdiction. This is known as a "hard" Brexit, although it covers different deals on the future EU relationship that can only be agreed after the UK has actually left. Not enough voters have approved that to create a mandate but they didn't approve a "soft" Brexit either because the Labour manifesto also proposed ending free movement which restricts the UK's future access to the Single Market.

All this could require a second election, after an unnecessary one. However, the government doesn't want to face questions arising such as: how will the public react and what is the effect of losing time in EU negotiations? Instead, they might conclude that the message from enough voters, even ones who supported Leave, was that domestic and economic concerns are more important. To deliver on these things will need policy changes which in turn require parliamentary time currently likely to be consumed by the preparations for leaving the EU. While that remains the final destination, the big, unanswered question that has been looming for over a year now is how much the public are prepared to pay to get there.

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



MAY SAYS TALKS TO START AS PLANNED

At her meeting with new French president Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Tuesday British prime minister Theresa May said that the UK would start Brexit negotiations with the EU next week as planned. Her statement came despite last week's unexpected election result which left May without a majority in the House of Commons. Macron said that the "door was still open" for the UK to reverse its decision and remain in the EU if it wanted.

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Don't spoil Estepona!

I fell in love with Estepona 20 years ago when I started holidaying and visiting the beautiful bay of Playa del Cristo. The main attraction was because the town was and still is very Spanish. I eventually managed to buy an apartment and for the last ten years have spent many days at the bay.

The bay has two chiringuitos, Lolailo and Havana. These bars set out loungers with cushions and umbrellas daily and, from what I have seen at Lolailo, kept the beach around the loungers clean. They have now been taken away (by the authorities) and new loungers and umbrellas lined up much closer with no cushions. They now charge 7.50 euros instead of five euros as before and no cleaning takes place. They have also placed an ugly container type building for massage etc in the middle of the beach. It's hideous.

To make matters much

worse diggers have moved in and closed off what was used as a car park and, from what I understand, there will be shops, restaurants and who knows what else, Marbella style.

People come from Marbella and all the towns along the coast and even Gibraltar to visit the bay. It is the safest beach along the coast and is popular with Spanish families, Dutch, Scandinavian, Irish, Russian and English owners and visitors.

We have Laguna Beach just along the road, if you like and can afford it; surely we don't need Estepona ruined any more. People visit the town and surrounding area because it has not been spoilt.

Would the authorities PLEASE PLEASE think again. From a very worried and angry lover of Estepona.

JUDITH SIMS
ESTEPONA

Care for the disabled

I feel I need to reply to Marjory Stroud (SUR in English, June 9th to 15th) who lives in Mijas and whose husband has Parkinson's disease. My husband also has Parkinson's and we live in Scotland. We have excellent support there. We receive 45 minutes of care each morning with the option to extend when we feel the need, five weeks respite per year, two days per week he has a day centre where he has company and activities, all aids that he needs to keep himself mobile, a blue badge (invaluable) and an attendance allowance which we can spend on whatever we like to give him a quality of life, and free prescriptions which are made up ready for use and can be delivered free of charge.

I think the aim both in Spain and Scotland is to enable the person with the disability to live at home for as long as possible, hence all the help.

I also feel it is important to set the record straight regard-

ing care in Scotland and I hope you will print this email.

JEANEVE CLINCH
SCOTLAND

Japan postscript

I would like to add a postscript to the very interesting letter from Peter Harrison regarding Japanese customs. The Japanese word O-Kyaku-san means "customer". It also means "guest in my house".

There are many businesses in both Spain and England that could do with implementing this philosophy!

JENNIFER HOWELLS
CASABERMEJA

Avenue blues

Now they've painted the central reservation of the Avenida de Julio Iglesias in Puerto Banús bright blue, will they rename it Avenida de Bluio Iglesias?

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Beer money

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There's been much ado lately about an odd advertising campaign which was launched a couple of weeks ago by a leading Spanish beer company. Actually, it was pretty tame stuff but because so many people are constantly poised to be offended or outraged by everything and anything these days, the whole thing got blown out of proportion to the point where, in the end, the advert had to be withdrawn. So that's all good then.

Except it quite clearly isn't. The publicity in question was based on a true story which involved a rock band being paid in bottles of beer to perform annually at a summer festival somewhere in Spain. Cue hoards of musicians stamping their feet in indignation, using the words 'hell' and 'handcart' a lot and yelling about this kind of stuff encouraging ven-

ues to pay artists a pittance.

To tell the truth, I've never understood this particular controversy. Without exception, the genuinely talented musicians I've known down the years have always been able to pull a crowd and thus have always been paid fairly. It's a sad but stark truth that if people don't come to see you, it's almost certainly because you're not very good and need to up your game or be prepared to play for free or, indeed, a couple of beers.

As far as I understand it, the world of entertainment works like this: an artist presents his work and, if it cuts the mustard, word gets round and lots of people turn up to enjoy the experience. If, on the other hand, it's poor, what usually happens is that friends and family come along to a couple of gigs out of charity before remembering, at the third

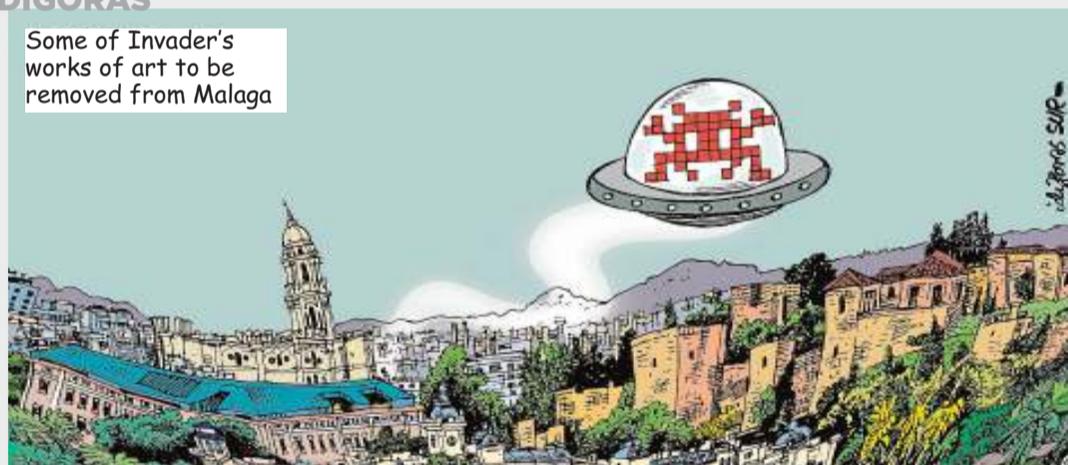
time of asking, that they've got something really important to do like defrost the fridge or empty the cat litter or something.

It all reminds me of those buskers who interrupt your terrace dinner date by waving a baseball cap over your pork chops after having played The Birdie Song and Una Paloma Blanca at a volume more fitting of Hyde Park than Paco's Bar and Grill. Clearly what terrace buskers should do - apart from play more quietly - is produce something that actually moves you and makes you want to get up from your table, dip into your pocket and drop a few coins in the hat. Artists shouldn't need to approach audiences; audiences are supposed to be drawn to artists.

You'll be glad to know that I've never once been paid for a gig in free beer; mind you that's probably because it would have bankrupted the venues in question.

IDÍGORAS

Some of Invader's works of art to be removed from Malaga



I want my floor

IGNACIO LILLO

I'm making this up but it's not hard to imagine: a pleasant meal with the extended family (in other words, the in-laws) on a warm Sunday in spring. The subject of mortgage floor clauses comes up and one sister-in-law announces her success against her bank; they are going to pay her back the huge sum that they had charged her illegally by applying a minimum exchange rate to her mortgage. She's entitled to so much, says the triumphant economist, that she won't have to take out a loan for her daughter's First Communion, when it goes without saying that they're all going to Disneyland Paris.

Anyway, the sister-in-law, green

with envy, does her own mental calculations: if they're paying so much back to her then I'm entitled to the same, or even more, she announced proudly to her brother's wife. She calls one of those lawyers who are advertising all over the place that they will take care of the negotiations or lawsuit, if necessary, in exchange for a modest commission when they win.

As I said, this is an imaginary scenario, but the next part is funny and - I promise I haven't made this bit up - a reflection of the situation in some of our local bank branches. The woman, on the advice of her lawyer, turns up at the bank and demands that they pay back what they

have been charging her illegally for her mortgage floor clause. First of all she speaks to the clerk. He puts her details in the computer and turns back to her with relief. "You've never had a floor rate clause, and so you can't claim for something that hasn't been taken from you."

The woman, by this time irate, demands to speak to the manager who explains, point by point, the same thing, and shows her the mortgage conditions that she signed. Not content with that response she gets her lawyer on the phone, insisting that she should claim her nonexistent clause.

The farce had three acts, as many as the woman's visits to the bank. Eventually defeated, but with a show of financial knowledge, she ended up criticising the bank for not putting the clause in her mortgage.

Whatever the case, the point is that things are always the bank's fault. It's true that they haven't always done everything right, but neither are they responsible for all the troubles in the world.

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The mystery of the Comares prop shop

Items used in Agatha Christie films can be found for sale in an Axarquía village



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COMARES. When thinking of a link between crime writer Agatha Christie and Spain, Poirot's *The Mystery of the Spanish Chest* or the writer's own trips to Mallorca and the Canary Islands may spring to mind. Few, however, would come up with the mountain-top village of Comares in the Axarquía area of Malaga.

For Jim Grindley, 52, a film-set maker originally from London, and his Birmingham-born wife Tammy Haliwell, 41, who runs a property company and teaches dance and fitness, Comares was the obvious choice of location for their shop, bringing a little bit of Poirot and Miss Marple to the Costa del Sol.

The couple opened Props and Vintage Spain in October 2016 and since then have had a steady stream of interested locals and requests for items for fancy dress parties. The plan is to start a website and hire out or sell their eclectic collection of clothes, furniture and props to individuals and local film crews. One of their regular customers is a local Spanish resident, who, Tammy says, "comes in once a month with his pay packet and loves buying lace and scarves from us".

An eclectic collection

Jim has 18 years' experience working on major film and television series sets, from Agatha Christie's Poirot and Miss Marple to the recent and acclaimed *The Night Manager*. At the end of filming he says, production companies either "keep or get rid of the props used on set" and, seeing an opportunity either to use them on other sets, or to hire out or sell them, he often buys their unwanted items.

Having had a base in the Comares area for 12 years, Jim says he is looking to spend more time there and that is why he decided to bring his quirky collection from Ireland,



Props and Vintage Spain.

- ▲ Luis Vuitton suitcase, Poirot's water spray & other props.
- ◀ Jim and Tammy.
- ▶ A vintage dress.
- ▼ Bottles, hats and bags. :: J. R. / T. H.



where he previously had a similar shop, to the village. "I wanted to spend more time here so I decided to relocate it all," he says.

Among the items in their shop, are a large 1920s Luis Vuitton suitcase, thought to have been used by Poirot's cousin in *Evil Under The*

Sun (1982), a small water spray also used by the Belgian detective in several films to water his beloved bonsais, and a lamp used by Timothy Spall in the 2013 BBC series *The Blandings* to check on his pet pig during the night.

The couple are keen to promote

the idea of upcycling, restoration and recycling and have a number of items restored by local craftspeople, such as an antique chair which has recently been upholstered by someone in Alcaucin. "We use local people and have a number of contacts such as car-

penters, upholsterers etc," says Jim.

While Tammy confesses she has never really watched any of the productions that Jim has worked on and has "no previous experience of props or shops", she says she was drawn to helping her husband because she likes the "eclectic, quirkiness of it".

Wedding inspiration

Jim on the other hand says he "pretty much remembers which items have been used on which films and series" and is able to explain in detail scenes from a long list of films. He admits that he has his "favourite items" which include a Victorian shop mannequin, which he says he refuses to sell. The mannequin has been hired by clothes chain Topshop in the past and has appeared briefly in a film about Lord Lucan. The most unusual thing the collector has bought is a 200-year-old opium bed, which he says is "very unusual".

The shop itself is an absolute treasure trove of clothes, furniture, accessories and odds and ends. It feels like it could be behind the scenes of any BBC costume drama. "There are a lot of suitcases and poison bottles," says Jim. "They seem to feature heavily in any Agatha Christie film."

Jim's work even inspired the couple's wedding in 2015, when they got married at the scene in *The Night Manager* where Hugh Laurie's character's son gets kidnapped on the island of Mallorca.

In May the shop's contents were used in another type of wedding celebration, when an animal charity fundraiser, *Married for One Day*, was held in the town and participants used items from Jim and Tammy's collection.

Props and Vintage Spain is open on Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only until the end of June and is located in the small hamlet of Losventorros near Comares. The shop will just be an online outlet, with no physical premises, from July this year.

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Granada, still 'a rose preserved in snow'

The city has changed in many ways since the writer's visit, but the people have kept their 'mala follá'

Laurie Lee wrote that Granada is "probably the most beautiful and haunting of all Spanish cities". Sixty-six years after the English writer visited with his wife Kati, the city has lost none of its incomparable charm. While its centre has changed in some ways - there are more fashionable clothes shops and smart restaurants around than in Lee's day - Granada remains unspoiled by modernity, "an African paradise set under the Sierras like a rose preserved in snow".

Upon arriving in Granada just before Christmas in 1951, Lee and Kati found a small café near the cathedral called The House of Peace. Here, for virtually no outlay, they enjoy generous portions of home-cooked food, good wine and the raucous hospitality of Don Porfino - the café's "melancholic and drunk" owner - and his sprawling family, who invite the couple to stay with them and share their festive feast.

While it would be rare for paying guests to be so included in a proprietor's family life nowadays, it is still the case that in Granada's bars and restaurants the food and drink is plentiful and incredibly cheap. The tapas culture here - whereby a free plate of food arrives with every beer or glass of wine you order - means the good life comes without a hefty bill. Service is friendly too, and in many establishments a second visit is all it takes to be welcomed back like a long-absent friend.

Lee writes perceptively about Granada's mighty Alhambra fortress. One of this monument's most striking features is the contrast between the forbidding, plain-brick outer walls and the intricacy of its pretty interiors: indeed Lee, visiting for the first time, is surprised by the "smallness" of its palaces. He finds "a series of perfect little rooms.... [A] profusion of exotic fancy controlled by absolute self-



Tourists today discover the beauty that Lee found made locals feel both proud and jealous. :: SUR

confidence and taste". Just as it was when Lee visited Granada, this delicate style is still in evidence all over the city as well as in the Alhambra, particularly in the old Arabic quarter of Albaicín.

But this very beauty, observes Lee, poses a problem for Granadinos: "They remain to inhabit an atmosphere which fills them with a kind of sad astonishment, a mixture of jealousy and pride." This is slightly overwrought - at least it seems so in 2017 - but it contains some truth: Granada's locals are justifiably proud of their city's great charm and of the Alhambra. Yet there often seems to be awareness on their part that this beauty is owed to the aesthetics and efforts of another people, a people who left the city indelibly "stained with a delicate voluptuousness" before they were expelled by the Catholic monarchs in 1492.

On Christmas Eve, after an ex-

travagant feast with Don Porfino's clan at The House of Peace, Lee and Kati head out into the streets. After midnight, the writer observes, an air of hedonistic anarchy descends upon Granada: "The drums and cymbals crashed and thundered, and the wide pavements surged with young men, singing and fighting."

There aren't any such Christmas celebrations in modern-day Granada. The week-long Semana Santa draws massive crowds onto the city's streets, but the atmosphere is subdued and serious rather than joyful: indeed, some of the older Granadinos weep with emotion as the maudlin floats are carried past. Granada's inhabitants are still inveterate socialisers and love a good party, but nowadays life in the city centre is played out in the countless tapas bars more than it is on the streets. Gone are the "fugitive fowls...screeching underfoot" and

The defining sights and sounds of the beautiful and scruffy hillside barrio of Sacromonte are the same now as in the early fifties

the "marching crowds, with their bombas and rattles". The "atmosphere of primitive buffoonery and joy" that so enchanted the poet has given way to a more restrained manner of collective celebration. There are no chickens running about, either.

This applies to what is now a smart and cosmopolitan city cen-

tre, at least. But in Granada's more rustic quarters time has stood still since Lee's visit. Nowhere is this more obvious than in Sacromonte, the city's gypsy-flamenco neighbourhood. The defining sights and sounds of this beautiful and scruffy hillside barrio are the same now as in the early fifties: "Shacks of beggars stood here and there and tents of black tarpaulin... The caves among the cacti were throbbing with guitars."

Sacromonte remains immune to the trends of modernity that have changed the city centre down below: this is still a neighbourhood in which homes are cut into the hillside's soft rock or improvised out of scrap metal, wood and tarpaulin. It is an area saturated in flamenco, where - just as Lee says - the strains of guitar and singing drift over the lush Darro valley from the tiny windows of whitewashed caves. Chickens, cats, dogs and donkeys are still very much in evidence. Another 66 years from now, it will probably be exactly the same.

What of the people who have been left to live in a city defined by "alien graces"? Granadinos are just as famous now as in 1951 for suffering from a very particular version of the blues known as the 'mala follá'. Lee attributes their moodiness to a kind of atavistic alienation from their surroundings; in 2017, Granadinos are still "known throughout Andalusia as a people apart, cursed with moods which reduce them at times to an almost murderous melancholy".

Back in England, the writer hears that, after months of self-imposed seclusion in his room "drinking [and] reading comics", Don Porfino cut his throat with a razor. In the absence of any explanation, we are left to surmise that the drunkard's mysterious suicide was owed to an extreme bout of the weird and deadly 'mala follá'. But then again, Lee's former host seemed to be in possession of a great many secrets - just like Granada itself.

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Tandem skydive to aid cancer care

A pensioner shows unfaltering determination to help cancer sufferers, even though he is battling the disease himself

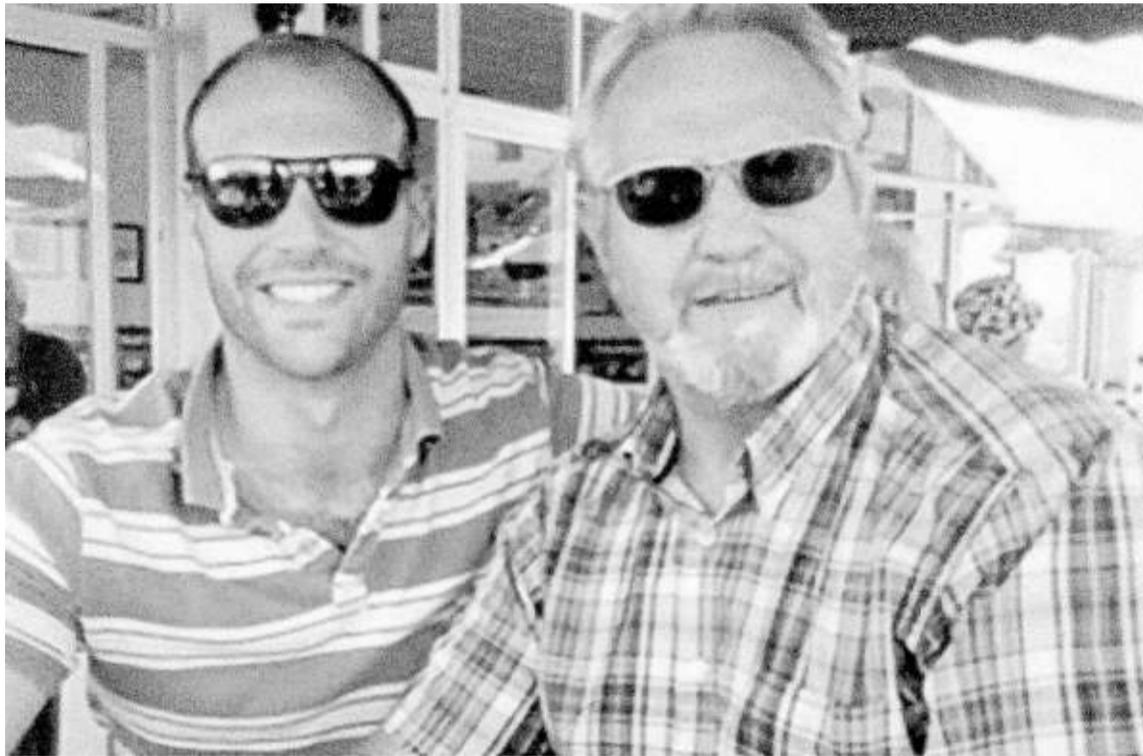
BY TONY BRYANT

MALAGA. A British pensioner is to make a tandem skydive in England next week to raise funds for the Cudeca Cancer Hospice.

Martin Robinson, who is 70 this year, and his son, Joe, will both jump from 15,000 feet; free falling for two minutes before their parachutes are deployed. The fearless expat is no stranger to demanding fundraising projects. In April of last year, Martin raised 2,800 euros for Cudeca by swimming five kilometres - 200 lengths of Cómpeťa's public swimming pool - and now he is raising the stakes with his next daring challenge in Devon later this month.

The event is booked for Saturday 24 June, although jumping from 15,000 feet is weather dependent and so the skydive could take place anytime between 24 June and 4 July.

Martin retired with his wife, Sue, to the small Axarquía village of Canillas de Albaida, near Cómpeťa,



Martin and Joe prepare to skydive 1,500 feet for charity. :: SUR

twelve years ago.

Two years ago, Martin was diagnosed with colon cancer and was successfully operated on under the Spanish health service. He continued having chemotherapy, as the cancer had spread to his lungs, and after twelve months of treatment,

he was given the all clear.

Unfortunately, his lung cancer returned three months ago and following another operation, Martin is now undergoing more chemotherapy to increase his chances of survival. Martin has been researching the effects that a negative or

positive mindset has on survival and recovery in cancer patients undergoing long term treatment.

"This causes patients to cope with psychosocial problems, so I have devised a self-audit kit for patients that identify positive or negative mindset to improve patient support; this is being evaluated by the psychologists at Malaga University Hospital at the moment," Martin explained.

Martin's son Joe, 32, claimed that his father's efforts demonstrate his unfaltering determination to help other cancer sufferers, even though he is battling the disease himself.

"My dad is the most positive person I know and raising money for Cudeca is his way of fighting cancer in a positive way by helping other people; the least I can do is to jump out of a plane with him to support his amazing effort," Joe told SUR in English.

Donations exceeding 400 euros were pledged in the first three days of the charity sky dive web-page going live.

Martin chose Devon because he holds a special affection for the area. It was there that he set up an outdoor adventure school, which has just celebrated its 40 anniversary, and so he will have a big support team going along to give him encouragement on the day of the jump.

"I can't think of a better father-son activity to do on a Saturday afternoon; falling at 120 mph for two minutes from a plane sounds fun," Martin said.

Martin was diagnosed with colon cancer and was operated on successfully, but his cancer has returned

Schoolgirl set to have hair chopped off for charity

A 12 year old from Estepona will be getting her hair cut next week to raise money for the Little Princess Trust

BY RACHEL ARMSTRONG

ESTEPONA. Raffaella has not had her hair cut since March 2016. She has had long hair for years, although it is the longest it has been in a while according to her mother, Helen. However the charity chop she has planned for next week will take her hair to just below her chin.

Helen Hanley, who has lived on the coast for 13 years, said her children have talked about growing their hair and donating it for the purpose of making a child's wig for years. However, when she looked into it properly Helen discovered there was no guarantee that donated hair would be used for a wig.

This prompted the family to raise money for the The Little Princess Trust instead. Helen said the charity "source good quality wigs and provide them free of charge to children who have lost their hair to cancer. Each wig can cost between £300 and £500. So the money we raise should pay for one of these wigs".

Having raised 290.54€ so far, they are well on their way to reaching their



Raffaella and her long hair. :: SUR

target of 340€ but the mother-daughter pair would love to raise even more.

Raffaella is "excited" about getting her hair cut off and said she "feels good knowing the money [she] raises will go towards helping a sick child".

She told SUR in English: "I want to raise money for the Little Princess Trust because there are a lot of boys and girls who have lost their hair due to illness and this charity helps them feel like everyone else."

The hair cut will take place on Thursday 22 June at Hair by Shannon in San Pedro.

To donate: Visit Helen and Raffaella's JustGiving page: Search for Raffaellahair at www.justgiving.com

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REF. B. O. S.

I am the owner of an apartment, and six months ago I rented it to a young couple. Now, the tenants have stopped paying rent, and are already two months in arrears. I have not heard from them, and I spoke to a neighbour last week and he told me that he had not seen them for some time. Given

that I have no news from them and that they owe two months rent, could I consider the contract extinguished and enter the property to check its condition to rent it again?

This kind of matter is very delicate, since if you are not really careful, you could end up having serious problems. First of all, it would be advisable to speak with the neighbours, in order to find out if the tenants told anyone that they were leaving the property, and try to find out if they took any personal belongings (clothes, furniture...). If you are sure that they have left, you could enter the property with some witnesses, just in case you have any problem with the tenants. If you are not sure whether they have gone for good, it would be advisable to ask for the termination of the contract at Court.

REF. P. O. U.

Seven years ago I brought an action against a partner who owed me 11,000 euros. I won the action in the lower court (primera instancia), but my partner appealed and the High Court in Malaga agreed with him. My lawyer did not agree with the judgment, so we submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court in Madrid. This was more than three years ago, and we still do not have a judgment. My lawyer says that we cannot do anything, and that it is normal. Should I report this unjustified delay?

From our point of view, this would not bring any results. The Supreme Court deals with a huge amount of cases, so the delay that you mention could be considered as normal. Unless you believe that the delay is deliberate, in which case you should sue the liable person, we do not think that a claim would be useful.

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Investors have spent a million euros to convert the old Dreamers into a dinner-show venue and nightclub

BY NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. Clients who attended the launch of Teatro Marbella last weekend discovered when they passed through the heavy curtains into the restaurant that they were about to enjoy, not only a delicious meal at the elegantly decorated tables, but also an amazing cabaret show based on the very best of Ibiza and Las Vegas.

This 2,000-square-metre venue in Nueva Andalucía used to be the Dreamers nightclub, but it has now been completely refurbished at a cost of over one million euros by three partners resident in Marbella.

This is now an exciting and original club and restaurant, as those 150 first customers were able to find out for themselves.

"You don't just pay for a meal here, there are plenty of other restaurants if you want to do that," explains the director of the pro-



Teatro Marbella is an exciting and original dinner and entertainment venue. :: SUR

ject, Álvaro Revuelta.

Clients get a taste of what is to come as soon as they arrive and are given a leaflet showing the artists who will be performing, and a stamped entry ticket. As they pass through the curtains into the restaurant, they are accompanied to their tables by some of the artists: the show is about to begin. And what a spectacular show it is, with singing, dancing, acrobatics and theatre performances, as one would expect from a director who has international experience in tourism businesses in Dubai and on Mykonos.

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Laude students in Madrid. :: SUR

Marbella youngsters shine in debating competition

BY SUR

MALAGA. Twenty-nine international students came together last week for the first debating competition to be held across the seven schools belonging to the Laude group in Spain.

Aida Benet, Sammy-Lee van den Berg, David Racovita and Ilan Sasson from Laude San Pedro International College in Marbella travelled to the

Laude Fontenebro school in Madrid to take part. The competition included seven rounds of debating on a variety of topics. The students demonstrated their skills not only in public speaking but also in their use of English in the 30-minute sessions.

Laude San Pedro won two of these debates and Ilan Sasson was given a special commendation for his sharp and convincing debating skills.

FACTS AND FACES



LARK PRODUCES AID FOR AGE CONCERN

The International Theatre Studio Marbella presented a cheque for 4,100€ to Age Concern España on Tuesday morning. Proceeds came from donations and a raffle at their annual Lark in the Park event earlier this month. It is the largest amount ITS have raised at their summer fundraiser since they moved it to Benahavís in 2010. Special thanks were given to Peter Letters and the Ayuntamiento of Benahavís for providing the venue free of charge, The Culture Clique Magazine and all the volunteers and singers who gave up their time. The next event is a staged play reading at Atalaya Park Hotel on 29 June.

More volunteers required to help improve the lives for senior citizens

BY MALAGA

BY SUR. Both branches of Age Concern on the Costa del Sol have sent out an appeal for more volunteers this week.

The Fuengirola and Mijas branch is looking for volunteers to befriend clients at the organisation's three weekly drop-in centres in Los Boliches, La Cala and Mijas Pueblo. Drivers are also needed to take clients to appointments and help with shopping as well as volunteers for the shop in Los Boliches. Contact 652537615 (Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm) for more information.

Meanwhile the Estepona and Manilva branch of Age Concern is looking for volunteers to help with their work in the community and to staff the charity shop in Estepona. For more information leave details at 951318234.



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But the truth about Venus is very different. Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system. Even though Mercury is closer to the Sun, the dense clouds on Ve-



nus are causing a runaway greenhouse effect. The temperature on the surface is over 460°C, hot enough to melt lead. It rains sulphuric acid and more than 160 active volcanoes spew molten lava and noxious gases constantly into the atmosphere. It orbits the Sun every 224 Earth days but it spins very slowly on its axis, a 'day' on Venus lasts for 584 Earth days so a day lasts about twice as long as a year on Venus! It also spins the wrong way. All of the other planets in the solar system rotate in an anticlockwise direction as viewed

from above the North pole but Venus spins in a clockwise direction so the Sun rises in the west, stays in the sky for nearly two years and then sets in the east. Who said that men are from Mars and women are from Venus?

Unless it is the toughest organism ever, the chances of life on Venus are very remote indeed but this has not always been the case. It is quite possible that millions of years ago Venus had a much stable climate and its distance from the Sun placed it in the habitable 'Goldilocks' zone (not too hot and not too cold) for liquid water to be present and for life to exist. Unfortunately the raging temperatures and inhospitable conditions rule out the possibility of a manned landing on the planet to ever explore it in detail. Even unmanned probes have met with disaster and simply melted away.

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SALLY HARRISON

PRESS CLUB CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

Last week the Costa Press Club celebrated its 15th anniversary with a gala meal at Avanto on Mijas Costa. Guest speaker at the event was author and comedian Tim Parfitt -in the centre of the photo above- who entertained the 55 members and guests with stories of his days launching the Spanish versions of Vogue and GQ magazines in Madrid. The club also presented its annual Communicator Awards.

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BIG SHOW

The Amigas de Casa group in Villanueva del Trabuco continues to organise some brilliant events. The infamous talk by a former prostitute from the Guadalhorce industrial estate, excursions around Andalucía and a whisky-tasting event have all been previous successes to which they can now add another, the amazing evening with Johnny G and Ricky Lavazza last Thursday.

Las Talillas restaurant was a great choice of venue, situated just outside the town centre with plenty of parking and a reputation for good food. Although the event was planned to be held outside, strong winds meant it had to move indoors, but there was still plenty of room for the crowd of around 200 mainly British residents.

Once the show started it quickly became apparent that Johnny G and Ricky Lavazza were 'mates'; the rapport between the two went

on throughout the show. They are two of the most popular singers on the coast and it was easy to see why; they both have amazing voices and a relaxed delivery, appearing to be having as good a time as the audience.

Johnny G's tribute to Rod Stewart was just the start; the wig may have been verging on the ridiculous but the voice was unmistakably that of the husky Scot. It didn't take long for some of the audience to join in singing some of the lyrics of Maggie May. He is also well known for his Elvis tribute act and by donning the white, rhinestone-studded suit and another daft wig he was transformed into The King and sang some of Elvis' hits including Hallelujah, for which he received a

standing ovation.

Welsh tenor Ricky Lavazza amazed everyone with his smooth rendition of ballads made famous by Tom Jones, including Delilah and The Green, Green Grass of Home. He too dressed the part with frilly shirt and tight leather trousers. His forceful rendition of I Who Have Nothing by Welsh diva Shirley Bassey, underlined his fantastic vocal range.

The two performers continued with barely a break between songs, paying tribute to Freddie Mercury and Dean Martin. They united again to 'do' the Blues Brothers. Dressed in dark glasses, suits and trilbies, they sang Everybody Needs Somebody. The entire evening was a tremendous success, both for the Amigas and for the performers.



Ricky Lavazza and Johnny G paid tribute to the Blues Brothers. :: SUR



:: HUGO CORTÉS

NYMAN CONCERT IN FUENGIROLA

British pianist Michael Nyman gave a concert in Fuengirola on Saturday night. Born in Stratford and best known for his soundtrack album to 'The Piano' directed by Jane Campion, Nyman performed at the Sohail Castle for a crowd of around 1,000 people. The 74-year-old has also written a number of operas, including 'The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat' and 'Facing Goya'.

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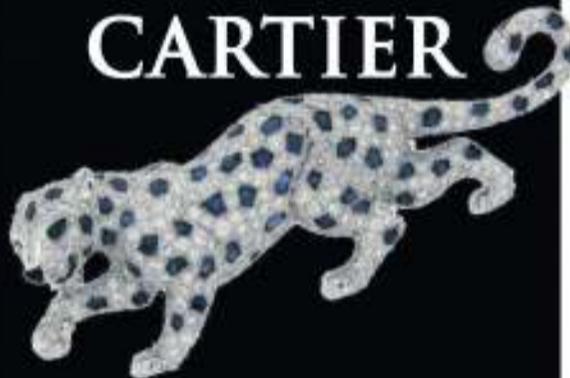



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Music and dancing in the fairground bars. :: SUR

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What to see

Iglesia de Palma This is the main church in Algeciras, and it was built in the 18th century.

Plaza Alta, s/n. 11201 Algeciras (Cadiz).

Town hall. Known to the locals as the 'Ayuntamiento Antiguo', it was built at the end of the 19th century.

Calle Alfonso XI, 12. 11201 Algeciras (Cadiz).

Arab baths. Remains dating back to the time of Al-Ándalus in the 13th century.

Parque María Cristina, s/n. 11201 Algeciras (Cadiz).

Capillita de Europa. A chapel which was built at the end of the 17th century.

Plaza Alta, s/n. 11201 Algeciras (Cadiz).

Where to eat

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Festival time in the Campo de Gibraltar

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Fair: 5 hours.

Cultural visits: 4 hours.



Every June, the town of Algeciras in Cadiz province says goodbye to spring and welcomes summer by holding its annual fair, the Feria Real, which is now one of the biggest in Andalucía.

This fair, which attracts people from all over the Campo de Gibraltar region, starts tomorrow, Saturday 17 June, and comes to an end a week later on the 24th, which is the Day of San Juan.

Most of the fun takes place in the fairground beside the emblematic bullring, where there are bars and attractions to suit children and adults alike.

This fair, which is classified as an Andalusian Fes-

tival of Interest to Tourists, will begin with a livestock market in the bullring.

It was this market which, back in the mid-19th century, was the origin of the fair which takes place today. In recent years the authorities have decided to recover this aspect of the festival, and during this first weekend there will be an interesting exhibition of cows of the 're-tinta' breed.

The opening speech takes place tonight in the María Cristina park, and there will be a parade tomorrow morning, Saturday, from the port to the fairground, marking the start of a whole week of

festivities.

A bullfighting festival also takes place to coincide with the fair, and the programme this year includes conferences with speakers who are renowned experts in the sector.

Parades of horses, children's parties and cultural activities also take place during the Feria Real each year, and this year the event also coincides with the annual Corpus Christi celebrations.

Although there will be an important bullfight in Algeciras on Sunday 25 June, the fair will officially come to a close the night before with a spectacular firework display.

This fair is the perfect opportunity to explore the town of Algeciras, which in addition to its port also boasts some lovely beaches such as the Playa de Getares and interesting monuments to visit, including the church of Nuestra Señora de Palma.



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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

16 JUNE 1779

Spain declares war on Great Britain

The Great Siege of Gibraltar, the longest siege ever endured by the British Armed Forces, began after Spain officially declared war on Great Britain on 16 June, 1779.

The siege was an unsuccessful attempt by Spain and France to capture Gibraltar from the British during the American War of Independence (1775 -1783). The war began as a conflict between Great Britain and its North American colonies, but by 1779 both Spain and France had offered their allegiance to America.

France had already declared war on Britain in 1778, and in April 1779, they, along with Spain, signed the Treaty of Aranjuez.

Spain declared war on Great Britain in 1779 and, together with France, set about recovering lost territory. Spain's main goal, as it was in the Seven Years' War, was the recovery of Gibraltar and Mi-

norca, the latter they took with relative ease.

Gibraltar, which was crucial in Britain's control of the Mediterranean Sea, would prove impossible to conquer.

The Rock had been a British Overseas Colony since 1704, and its defence during the siege was down to the expertise of George Augustus Elliott, a British officer who had served in three major wars during the eighteenth century.

Elliott had been appointed Governor of Gibraltar in 1777 and during the assault he used his engineering skills to good effect in improving the fortifications. He was a self-restrained man - his diet comprising vegetables, biscuits and water - who rarely slept for more than four hours at a time.

Spain expected the capture of Gibraltar to be relatively quick, but the British had anticipated an attack for some time, and a number



A 1791 painting of the siege, with Elliott on the white horse. :: SUR

of ships had sailed to reinforce the Rock.

Although the Spanish deployed a blockade of Gibraltar in order to starve the garrison, the British were able to hold out in the fortress, receiving occasional supplies that were smuggled in by sea.

The Siege of Gibraltar was to last three years and seven months, yet despite the greater strength of the besieging Franco-Spanish forces - around 33,000 - the British managed to defend the Rock under great duress. In September 1782, the Spanish and

French armies initiated a grand attack, involving 48 ships, but the garrison held its position and by 1783, the siege was over. The British Parliament sent their official thanks to Elliott and



Elliott's bust in Gibraltar. :: SUR

he was nominated a Knight of the Bath, an honour invested on him at Gibraltar on 23 April 1783.

Elliott returned to England in 1787, where he was given the title Lord Heathfield, Baron Heathfield of Gibraltar. In recognition of his outstanding achievement, many statues and

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Asedio	Siege
Fuerzas armadas	Armed forces
Éxito	Success
Colonia	Colony
Declarar Guerra	To declare War
Óficial	Officer
Nombrado	Appointed
Ingeniería	Engineering
Mejorar	To improve
Pericia	Expertise
Verduras	Vegetables
Galletas	Biscuits
Rápido	Quick
Anticipar	To foresee
Navegar	To sail
Pasar hambre	To starve
Gobernador	Governor
Reconocimiento	Recognition

portraits were produced in his honour. A portrait titled The Installation Supper, which resides in the National Portrait Gallery, was painted by the British caricaturist James Gillray in 1778.

Elliott died in Germany while returning to Gibraltar in 1790. There is a bust of Elliott in the Botanic Gardens in Gibraltar.

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GARDENING

Rogue's gilliflower

This pretty, herbaceous plant looks very similar to Phlox and is also scented although it releases its most powerful perfume in the evenings

Ideal for a back of border plant, *Hesperis matronalis* grows to around a metre tall. It is a biennial, flowering in the second year and is a member of the mustard family, Brassicaceae. The genus *Hesperis* includes perennials too, although they tend to be shortlived. Common names include Dame's rocket, Night scented gillyflower, Queen's gillyflower, Rogues gillyflower, Summer lilac and Sweet rocket.

Hesperis matronalis is native to Eurasia but is cultivated in many countries around the world, often escaping into the wild. In some places such as in America, it is considered an invasive weed due to its propensity to self-seed freely.

In the first year *Hesperis* forms a rosette of green leaves, hairy on the underside and on the stems. The leaves are wider at the base (about 4cm) and taper to a point. They can measure up to 12cm long. The flowers form in early spring and are carried in racemes on upright stems up to a metre high, attracting lots of pollinating insects into the garden.

The blooms are popular for flower arranging and are usually shades of lilac or plain white; some plants may have mottled lilac and white petals and there are occasional double spots. As each individual bloom dies, a long pod forms carrying the seeds. The quantity of pods eventually causes the stems to flop over with the weight. Flowering usually stops during the hottest months and may resume as the temperatures cool again in autumn.

The ideal situation to grow *Hesperis matronalis* is in full sun or partial shade. It is not drought-resistant and will need regular watering during dry spells. It can be propagated by seed but the resulting seedlings may not come true to the parent. *Hesperis* can also be cultivated from cuttings or by dividing the clump in the winter.

Hesperis is Greek for 'evening' and probably refers to the fact that the flowers release their scent mainly in the evening.



Hesperis matronalis and a white flowering species (inset). :: SUR

READER'S PHOTO

A RIOT OF BLOOMS

SUR in English reader James Binyon sent in this photo. He says he spotted this beautiful pink bougainvillea at Residencia La Fuente in front of the petrol station at the entrance to Mijas Pueblo.



:: JAMES BINYON

GARDENING HINTS FOR JUNE

Lean on me

In June some plants are already reaching their peak and may need staking for support. Some gardeners prefer to chop back perennials to get rid of leggy stems and hopefully promote lots of new, bushier growth. However necessary this task may be, it can be a depressing thing to do when you have plants that are still flowering exuberantly. If you can't bear to be ruthless then the answer is to stake them. Bamboo canes are the most common staking tool although they often remain very visible but there are other alternatives. Obviously staking is best done as early as possible but,

unless you have a gardener or time hangs heavily on your hands, for most of us staking is done when you realise that your beautiful plant is about to, or has already, keeled over. Try sticking in brushwood or peasticks around the plant so it can 'loll' gracefully. A tripod made of stiff wire will also disappear amid the leaves and still provide stable support. Push in any support you use a little away from the base of the plant to avoid stabbing through the root ball. You could also edge a pot containing another plant closer, so that they can support one another.

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A product which is helping men with urinary incontinence

It was invented and patented by a teacher with prostate cancer who was looking for something to improve his quality of life

AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Pedro García Beruezo was a 50-year-old language teacher in Torre del Mar. In 2005 he started to suffer from urinary incontinence after undergoing surgery for prostate cancer, and began to feel desperate because none of the products on the market helped him, says his daughter, Estefanía.

“He was a very ingenious person, so he started to think about some sort of device which would improve his quality of life. He built a prototype and when he had perfected it and found that it completely changed his life, he showed it to his urologist, who advised him to patent it so that other people could also benefit from it,” says Estefanía.

It took a few years, but in 2012 the device, which is called Uriclak, was finally registered and patented. Pedro and his family then began to manufacture it through the Spanish com-

pany Reiner Microtek, situated in Gípuzkoa, with authorisation from the Spanish Medications and Health Product Agency (AEMP).

“We couldn’t find anyone in Málaga or elsewhere in Andalucía with the equipment and authorisation to manufacture it,” explains Estefanía. Uriclak is also registered with the American Food and Drug Administration authority.

“My father died three years ago. He was working up till the last day and had the satisfaction of receiving phone calls from people all over the world who said that his invention had changed their lives,” she says.

Uriclak has been so successful that Estefanía and her husband, David Muñoz, both of whom were working for the Junta de Andalucía in Málaga, have decided to dedicate themselves full-time to selling the product. “It is working very well. For a time we combined this with our other jobs, but at the end of last year we decided to concentrate on Vitalnovax, which is the company we set up to market Uriclak as a commercial brand,” says Estefanía.

New developments

They began with 500 devices and are now selling thousands. “We sell on-

line and by phone, through distributors of health products. Many urologists recommend it to their patients now. It doesn’t last forever, normally between three and six months, but it is so effective that men keep buying new ones,” says David.

The couple are now thinking about new projects and Estefanía’s only regret is that her father is not here to see how his invention is helping others. “He would be so proud,” she says.



The device has been on the market for several years. :: SUR



Estefanía García and David Muñoz now run Vitalnovax. :: A. PELÁEZ

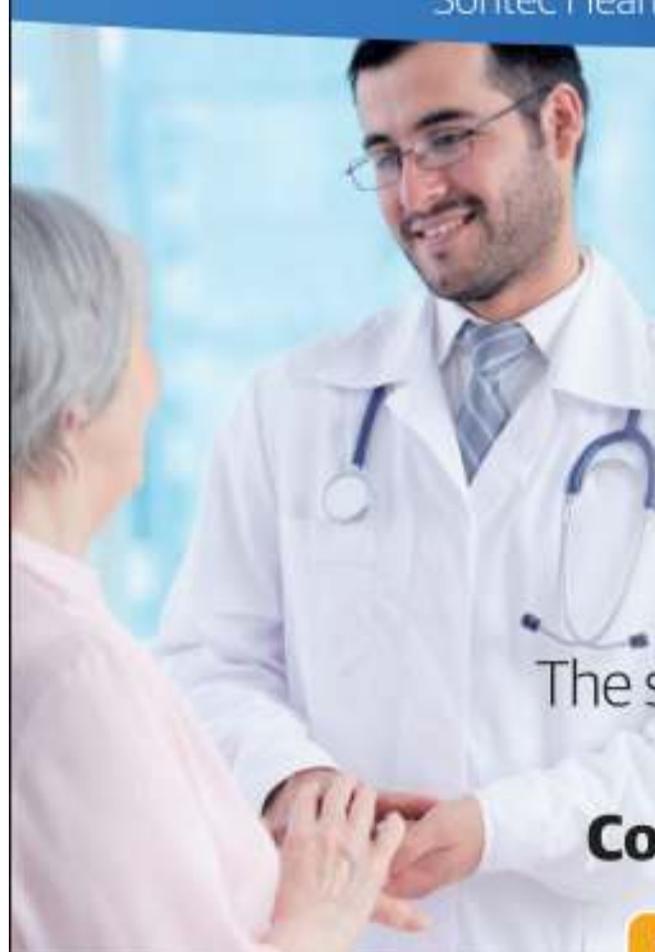
How Uriclak works and who can use it

The Uriclak device functions by exerting gentle pressure on the urethra and controlling the release of urine, thereby avoiding the use of catheters and incontinence pads. It consists of a fully homologised ring of soft medical material with a flexible internal structure. This

mechanism means it can be opened and introduced into the penis. The manufacturers say it is not necessary to remove the device in order to urinate.

It is a very useful product for patients who have undergone prostate surgery, but is also suitable for older men who are unable to control involuntary leaks of urine. Uriclak costs 65 euros and is available without a prescription.

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Palliative care specialists share expertise at conference



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The collaborative has been meeting for almost 20 years, although this was the first time the conference had been held in Spain

BENALMÁDENA. More than 30 medical professionals from different countries came together in Malaga this week to take part in the International Scientific Conference on Palliative Care.

The summer conference was held at the Cudeca Hospice and the University of Malaga's Rectorado building, from Monday until Wednesday.

The conference was organised by Cudeca and the International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person, with the collaboration of the Marie Curie Palliative Care Insti-

tute of Liverpool.

The event, which comprised a series of seminars and workshops, brought together specialists who share the common vision to care for, and respect the dignity of, people in the last stage of their life.

Although any medical professional may provide palliative care by addressing the side effects and emotional issues of cancer, some have a particular focus on this type of care. A palliative care specialist is a health professional who specialises in treating the symptoms, side effects, and emotional problems experienced by patients. The goal is to maintain the best possible quality of life.

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

A welcome meeting was held in the Cudeca Hospice in Benalmádena on Monday, during which various members of Cudeca spoke about the foundation's 25-year history.

Joan Hunt, founder of the charity, addressed the assembly in both English and Spanish, claiming that "solidarity has encouraged and helped

Cudeca to continue to offer its special kind of care".

Marisa Martín, Cudeca's Chief Executive Medical Director, explained that palliative care must be available when no curative treatment is possible and she stressed the importance of the work the collaborative undertakes.

"We meet once a year to share all of the projects and research we are doing. We do a lot of round-table discussions because we have a lot of knowledge from different countries. This can be very positive for us to understand how people work in other countries and we learn a lot from that," Marisa told SUR in English.

"We work really hard, we don't just sit down and listen, we have to integrate and share a lot of information, including quality at end of life, evaluating and improving the care we give and benchmarking our individual programs," Marisa continued.

One of the guest speakers, Professor John Ellershaw, congratulated Joan Hunt for the pioneering palliative care work she has done over the years, while extending his congratulations to the foundation for its twenty-fifth anniversary.

With a focus on education, training and research, the professor of palliative medicine at the University of Liverpool said that the summer camp would give professionals a chance to discuss their ideas and expectations for quality improvement.

"I think that one of the things that



More than 30 medical professionals from around the world met in Malaga

drive us forward is the fact that the people involved with the programme are passionate about making those final days and hours of life as good as possible," the professor explained.

The collaborative has been meeting for almost 20 years, although this was the first time the conference had been held in Spain.

Doctors and researchers at the Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute Liverpool (MCPCL) have been working with leaders in palliative care and

oncology in several countries around the world to develop, implement, and disseminate the quality improvement programme. This programme is recognised internationally as a leading practice to support care in the last days of life.

"The mission of the collaborative is for a world where all people will experience a good death as part of their individual life, supported by the very best personalised care. Caring well for dying patients is what we do," Professor Ellershaw said.

Most doctors agree that positivity can contribute as much as 80 percent to survival and or increased longevity.

International and national UK evidence identifies ten key elements of care necessary for achieving the best care for the dying patient. These elements are irrespective of the place of care and transcend national and cultural boundaries. The elements include recognition that the patient is in the last hours or days of life, that communication of the recognition of dying should be shared with the patient where possible, and that the patient should have the opportunity to discuss their wishes, feelings, faith, beliefs and values.

Family members are an important part of palliative care

Caring for the families of people with incurable illnesses is paramount in the palliative care programme. It is common for family members to become overwhelmed by the extra responsibilities placed upon them and many find it difficult to care for a relative who is ill.

Marisa Martín believes that care for the family is vital.

"If you don't care for the family, there is no way that they will be able to care for the patient," Marisa explained.

She said that the most important thing is that the patient spends their final days in the best place possible.

"If we have a good relationship with the family and we know their needs and their limits, we will offer advice, but it is the end of life decision, so it is important for the patient and the family to decide what is best."



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for the palliative care conference. :: SUR

Professor Ellershaw said that their main challenge is to consistently deliver these key elements of care, wherever care takes place.

Monday's meeting was attended by several other palliative care asso-

ciations, including Acompalia, a Granada-based institution that supports terminally ill patients and their families. It provides free-of-charge services that helps patients to live each remaining day as fully as possible.

STATISTICS

39.6 %

of men and women will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetimes

25%

of deaths in the UK are cancer related. Lung, pancreatic, breast and prostate cancer are the most fatal.

84

woman die of breast cancer each day in the UK. (Figures based on 2014)

These include a 24-hour helpline, grief support and legal advice.

Other specialists attending the three-day conference were Swedish doctor, Anette Duarte, who said, "my expectations are that the patient and their family get the best care available in spite of diagnosis, age or background."

Making the transition from curative treatment to end-of-life care is a key part of palliative care. A palliative care team can help patients and their loved ones prepare for physical changes that may occur near the end of life and address appropriate symptom management for this stage of care.

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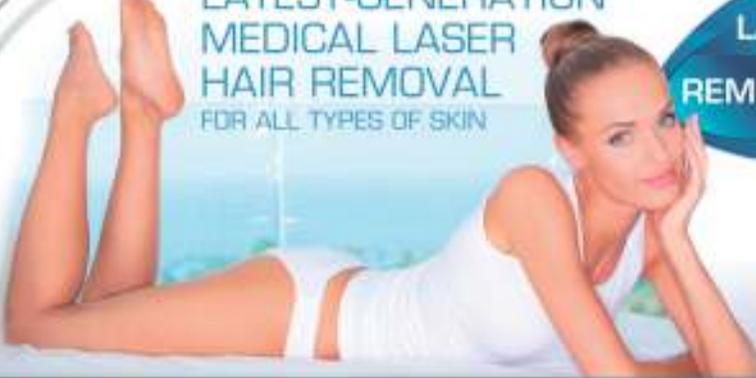
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“Food became a form of torture”

Marisa Jara Model

A Spanish model reveals in a book how the demands of fashion modelling caused her to suffer from serious bulimia nerviosa

∴ RUBÉN CAÑIZARES

On 11 February 1986, her 16th birthday, Marisa Jara landed in Tokyo. She had a two-month contract with a prestigious firm and was excited about her first international experience in the world of modelling. This seemed a suitable launch towards a brilliant career but it ended much sooner than she imagined, when her health and even her life were at risk.

“That job in Japan marked my professional career forever. I was a teenager, and I lived in a residence with the other models. There was a woman in charge of us, and every time I came in the door with bags

of shopping from the supermarket she would open them and throw everything that wasn't fruit or vegetables into the rubbish bin,” says Marisa.

The model has recently written a book called ‘La talla o la vida’ (Size or Life), which has been published by Editorial Planeta. In it, she reveals how the demands of modelling caused an illness which is much more serious than many people realise.

“Bulimia nerviosa is an eating and psychological disorder which makes you eat a lot of food in a very short time and then go to the bathroom to throw it up. It's hell. It's an addiction to food. Something which we have to do to stay alive became a form of torture for me,” she says.

Hungry

Marisa wanted to call her book ‘Hambrienta’, meaning ‘hungry’, because of all she had to put up with during the seven years she spent on some of the world's most important

catwalks, such as Miami, New York, Milan, Paris and London. She was doing what she loved most, but backstage she was suffering.

“I have talked about what I went through to help other people who could be suffering from the same thing. A lot of people have bulimia nerviosa and they don't tell anyone because they are afraid of what they might say. I have been in hospitals where even some of the nurses said they had suffered from the same problem,” says Marisa.

The model from Seville began her career at a very early age and the strict restrictions on eating took their toll on her. “I was never a fat child. I have always had a strong constitution. I'm 1.75m tall and I was wearing size 36 clothes and weighed about 50 to 52 kilos, which is normal. Even so, that was too much for some catwalks and it was the pressure that was placed on me to be thin which caused my bulimia. I couldn't even eat a sandwich for lunch without feeling guilty,” she



Model Marisa Jara before the interview in Madrid. ∴ MARTA JARA

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says. That was when her obsession with food began.

"I was a teenage girl, travelling all over the world with the responsibility of a 40-year-old adult. My work was very stressful, but I always loved it. I couldn't understand why they wouldn't let me eat what I wanted to. I'm normally good-tempered and cheerful, but I was always sad during that time. I wasn't sociable, I didn't mix with the other models and used to spend my time reading in my hotel room. I was a solitary person, with bulimia," she explains.

In fact, she was so obsessed with not putting on weight that she did silly things like taking three Bikram Yoga classes a day (90-minute yoga sessions in a room heated to 40°C), when the maximum is meant to be two classes a week. "It was ridiculous, but it was part of the

collateral damage of bulimia. I did stupid things because I was so desperate not to get any bigger."

Marisa continued like this for seven years, until she realised that she had to face the fact that she was ill. "Some times were better than others; but one day, when I was 23, I realised that I had a problem and it was affecting me every single day. I wasn't doing normal things and that started to have consequences. My hair was falling out, my fingernails were really weak, my teeth were decaying, my face looked awful and physically I was very weak. I had gone to hospital several times with my oesophagus burning and injured. I needed help."

Marisa took refuge in her family and fought to overcome the illness which was seriously damaging her health. "I remember one summer, in August, doing a photo session for

"I realised I was starting to have problems. My hair began to fall out, my nails were weak, my teeth were decaying..."

winter clothes. I was so weak, mentally and physically, so undernourished, that I fainted. I needed to stop completely and start again from zero," she says.

She went to the Clínica Ravenna in Madrid, where a team comprising a doctor, psychologist and nutritionist found the solution to her bulimia.

"They taught me how to eat, how to enjoy food and not obsess about it. If I fancied pizza, I ate pizza. If I

wanted something sweet, I had it. I learned to really savour food and not regret eating it. I had to get rid of the trauma. I also went to individual therapy every day, and group therapy sessions with other people who were suffering from the same thing. It took three years for me to recover, and I still have regular check-ups to stop me relapsing. I'm fine now, but it is a good thing to continue with the help of professionals who know what you have been through," she says.

Bulimia nerviosa causes a change in eating habits when people adopt very strict diets, by distorting the way they see themselves. They become obsessed about losing weight even though they are already thin, refuse to eat in public, suffer from depression, sadness, anger and low self-esteem.

"The most important thing is to

admit that you have a problem and put yourself in the hands of specialists. The problem is that in Spain people think that being fat is worse than being a thief. In this country, if you are a few kilos overweight people really criticise you. They can be very cruel and too obsessed with weight and appearance, and it shouldn't be like that," Marisa says.

Now aged 37, Marisa Jara has "re-invented" herself and has been working as a model and designer for large-size women for several years. She wears size 40, weighs 78 kilos and continues to do what she likes most, with the huge difference that she now does it with a big smile.

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WARM UP FOR THE TRANSPLANT GAMES IN MALAGA

An outdoor exhibition of 16 photographs of children who have had transplants and their families is being held by the Roman Theatre in Malaga. It is a prelude to the 21st World Transplant Games that start in the city on 25 June. The first image in the exhibition is of Marbella campaigner Pablo Ráez who recently died of leukemia.



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Like good first-world citizens we react when we hear about child labour being exploited in clothes factories selling to our high streets. We boycott the brand. And if we find out that in the restaurant where we are enjoying a satisfying gastronomic experience there are unpaid kids working 16-hour shifts in the kitchen, do we boycott the restaurant?

Something needs to happen for such things to come to light, a fatal fire or a building collapse, but it can also be the smallest incident. In this case a resident of El Puerto de Santa María (Cádiz) had his siesta disturbed by someone in the next apartment playing a trumpet. The victim was actually the owner of the property and had rented it to Michelin-starred restaurant Aponi-

ente. He had watched as 22 bunk beds were installed and saw kids of all nationalities living 'like rats'. But the trumpet was the last straw. As happens in the media these days, the story caught the imagination of the general public and before you could say 'slave', it had become apparent that the becario (scholarship) system had been alive and well for decades.

The more Michelin stars a restaurant has, the more unpaid 'students' can be found in their kitchens. No top restaurant in Spain denies the practice, and it is just as common in London and Paris. In a three-star Michelin restaurant as many as 80% of the kitchen staff will be working impossible hours for little or no money, and in spite of criticism by the unions, there are rarely complaints. No-one is obliged to work under such conditions, and those who cannot stand the pace soon drop out. But to be able to include in your CV "worked as trainee in Restaurant X's kitchen (**Michelin)" almost guarantees a job in the future, even if only one per cent of the thousands of becarios working in Spanish kitchens, will ever make the grade.

The more Michelin stars a restaurant has, the more unpaid students working in the kitchens

Asian fusion influences prizewinning tapa

The Savor restaurant in Marbella won the sixth Malaga en la Mesa Tapas Competition with a nigiri liquid croquette

by **MARINA MARTÍNEZ**

MARBELLA. The Savor restaurant has only been open three months and is already winning prizes.

On Tuesday 13th (unlucky in Spain) it won the sixth Malaga en la Mesa Tapas competition with a complex tapa which is described as being a nigiri liquid croquette of kimchi with tuna tartare, guacamole, sea asparagus, tomato powder and glass algae bread.

The chef who created this extravaganza was Malaga-born Pablo Castillo, who worked as executive chef of the hotel chain Meliá in Cuba. He has also worked in hotels such as Kempinski and Guadalpín and is now head chef and partner of the new Savor restaurant in Marbella.

The public vote went to El Pasillo de Jesús in Fuengirola for the Malaga sausage tartare with goat's cheese, loquats and yoghurt created by chef Jesús Gálvez.

SUR food critic Enrique Bellver was president of the panel of judges formed by Esperanza Peláez, coordinator of the Malaga en la Mesa supplement; Miguel Núñez, teacher at the La Cónsula catering college; José Francisco García representing Estrella Galicia; and Pilar Perea, as secretary.



Pablo Castillo with his creation that won first prize. by **Á. CABRERA**

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EXHIBITIONS

Legendary vinyls

Marbella. Until 31 July. Auditorio Felipe VI.

'Portadas míticas' is an exhibition of legendary records from the 70s and 80s such as the Spanish and American editions of 'Sticky Fingers' by The Rolling Stones. The American version of this single showed Mick Jagger's jeans, while the Spanish edition showed a disturbing picture of bloodied fingers sticking out of a can. Records from other pop legends include Pink Floyd, The Beatles, Queen, ACDC, Diana Ross and The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Earth, Wind and Fire, The Temptations and more.

Magpie International Gallery.

Marbella. Until 18 June. C/Virgen del Pilar. 200m from port.



Incendiar las Velas, Malaga

'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. Gabrielle is a well recognised artist and winner of the "Best picture of the year" award in Paris.

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.

Ludovic Cesari

San Pedro. Until 20 June. Bhubo Decoración

French born artist/photographer Ludovic Cesari is displaying a selection of his work.

Fred Friedrich

San Pedro. Until 31 August. Museo Fred Friedrich, La Nueva Campana industrial estate.

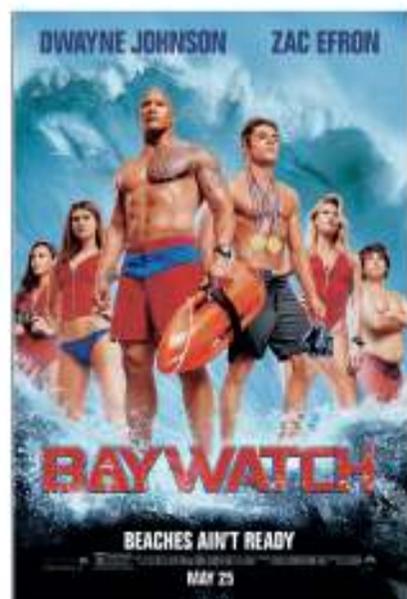
'Exodus/Pensamientos Oscuros' is an exhibition of large format works by the artist.

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Director Alex Kurtzman
Starring Tom Cruise and Russell Crowe
ACTION - 123 min.

Friday 16: 20:00, 22:15
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Monday 19 and Tuesday 20: 20:00, 22:15
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CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

Director Rob Letterman
ANIMATION - 90 min.

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From Monday 19 to Thursday 22: 18:00



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES

Director Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg
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Estepona. *Until 6 July, Plaza de Manilva, 6*
An exhibition of paintings by Heidi Jayne Best entitled 'Looking out across the land'.

Museum Jorge Rando

Malaga. *Until 30 September. Cruz del Molinillo, 12*
A temporary exhibition entitled 'El Nacimiento del Color' (the Birth of Colour) is currently on display. It includes over 100 works by Jorge Rando. The museum also holds poetry and musical events.

Jia Aili

Malaga. *Until 18 June, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo.*
Jia Aili is an emerging Chinese artist whose works reflect the dramatic changes in Chinese society since the year 2000.

Peter Doig

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

Arte y superación

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

Painting after postmodernism Belgium-USA

Malaga. *Until 2 July, Palacio episcopal, Plaza del Obispo.*
This exhibition has been brought to Malaga by Roberto Polo, patron of The New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. It consists of a collection of paintings by eight Belgian and eight American artists.



Yuko Morata, Marbella

Incendiar el Velo

Malaga. *Until 30 September, August by appt. JM Galeria.*
A collective exhibition by Ana Teresa Ortega, Chema Cobo, Mario Espliego, Paula Rubio Infante, Simeón Saiz Ruiz and Tete Álvarez.

Noel Lewis

Cómpeta. *Until 25 June. Galeria Centro de Bellas Artes. C/San Antonio, 6.*
Irish artist Noel is exhibiting a collection of his watercolours which include figurative as well as abstract works. info@galeriacentro.com

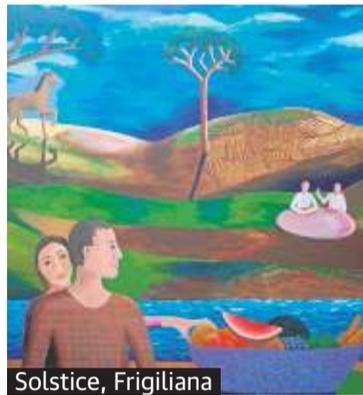
The Exodus of Malaga

Torremolinos. *Until 16 June. Town hall.*
The exhibition of photographs and artefacts highlights the horror that

faced the fleeing population of Republican refugees as they tried to escape to Almeria during the Civil War.

Tolox Art Festival

Tolox. *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.

Galería Krabbe 'Solstice'

Frigiliana. *Until 25 June. Galeria Krabbe, C/Rosario La Joaquín.*
A new solo exhibition of artwork by Carline Krabbe entitled 'Solstice'.

Noel Lewis

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

CHARITY

Open garden

Calahonda. *17, 18 June, 2-6pm. Edificio Marbellamar, near Cabopino pier. 1€*
English cottage garden. Wine, tea, coffee, biscuits. All proceeds benefit animal rescue. (Animals In Distress, Coin) Tel: 952 932 600

Fashion Show

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

Charity Gala

Benalmádena. *16 June, 8.30pm. Colegio Internacional Torrequebrada. 25€ (10€ children)*
The charity gala 'Bhai' has been organised by students of the school to raise funds for 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

70s and 80s disco party

Alhaurín el Grande. *16 June, from 8pm until late. B&B Cortijo Andaluz. 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

Coín. *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

Candlelit summer fair

Marbella. *17 June, from 8pm until midnight. Arboretum Marbella.*
There will be an exhibition of poetry, readings of short stories, live music from the Pequeña Orquesta Mediterranea, stalls selling artisan products, delicious food and activities for all the family. This event is free of charge, although donations are welcomed as the Arboretum is a registered charity. Attendees are asked to bring a book to donate. www.fundacion-arboretum.org

Cudeca Golf Cup

La Cala de Mijas. *24 June, from 9.30am. Europa Golf Course in La Cala Resort. 60€.*
The tournament is open to all amateurs and all players with a valid license issued by the Royal Spanish Golf Federation or handicap certificate of an international golf federation, without handicap limitation. The game will be 'stableford individual, 18 holes'. Prizes for the top three in each category. Contact: 952 669 016 or email: golf@lcala.com

Captains Charity Golf Day

Elviria. *25 June, 9.30am. Santa Maria Golf Club.*
Shot gun start. Members 35€, visitors 80€. Includes a shared buggy, goody bag, cava or beer on the 7th hole, lunch with a drink, prize giving, fabulous raffle, silent and grand auction. Proceeds to Cudeca. Contact: gillyannballard@yahoo.co.uk or 637 333 800; rmjann@hotmail.com or 600 592 511; patreynolds60@hotmail.com or 663 434 998

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.

Contessa of the Costas

Fuengirola. *8 July, from 7.30pm. The Cabaret Club next to Bioparc.*
A night of glamour, laughter and song with Guapatini. Frank Skott will also be performing. Limited tickets: bookings contact Louise tel: 642199952. Info tel Louise or Carlos: 663 083 249.

The aroma of Malaga



The inauguration with Malaga's mayor, second from right. :: SUR

MALAGA. 'Olor de Málaga' is an interactive exhibition that takes the visitor through the history and customs of the city by sights and smells.

The idea behind the exhibition is that when humans perceive an odour, it activates an area of the subconscious related to the emotions to a much deeper level than visual or auditory perception.

In the exhibition, historical events and famous personalities are converted into olfactory experiences using 'notes' much like a perfumer uses to create new scents.

The aromas of saltpetre, tobacco, jasmine etc have been used in association with a selection of contemporary works entitled 'olorVISUAL'. Among the

DETAILS

► **Where.** Museo del Patrimonio Municipal, Paseo de Reding .

► **When.** Until 25 July. Closed Mondays.

► **Information.** www.museodelpatrimoniomunicipal.malaga.eu

art are works from national and international artists such as Alberto Corazón, Joan Hernández Pijuan, Hugo Fontela, Agustín Ibarrola and Hannah Collins, among others. The collection demonstrates various artistic techniques: video, sculpture, painting and photography.

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The Wall Bar

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

16 June. Alberdi & James. Blues, rythmn and blues, soul and Rock'n'Roll.

17 June. Blues Band Theory, Javier Palomo, Rafael Quesada and Victor del Campo. Blues, rock and jazz.

23 June. Susan Valery and Adrian Lombardi. Jazz and vocals.

24 June. Eva Jimenez and Joan Masana

Rob Sas Band

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

Manilva. 24 June, 9pm. Ringo's.

Música Con Encanto

Marbella. 24 June 9.30pm. Plaza de Santa Clara, Urb. La Virginia. 20€

A night concert with pianist Emilio Gonzalez Sanz. Tel: 689 000 944 www.musicaconencanto.org

Cuarteto Granada

Malaga. 24 June, 8pm. Sala Unica de Conciertos María Cristina. 10€.

A recital dedicated to composer Dmitry Shostakovitch and the 7, 9 and 13th quartets. www.unien-tradas.es

Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes
24 June, 8pm; 25 June, 7pm.

Anthology of the Zarzuela (Spanish operettas) with works by Barbieri, Chueca, Giménez, Bretón and Chapí.

5 July, 8.30pm; 8 July, 8pm. II Festival Mosma. Music of the silver screen. Conducted by Arturo Diez Boskovich.

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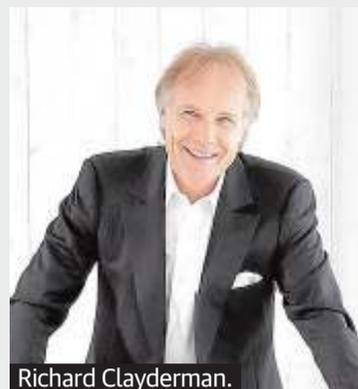
Festival of Sound

FUENGIROLA. The Festival Ciudad de Fuengirola is in full swing with live concerts planned throughout the summer.

This year the Beach Boys will be performing as well as Sting, Jamie Cullum, La Oreja de Van Gogh and Richard Clayderman

(already nearly sold out) among others.

How to book, venues (Castillo Sohail or the Marenostrom) and times can be found on the website: <http://marenostrom-castlepark.com/festival-ciudad-de-fuengirola/>



Richard Clayderman.

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Nerja. Until 1 July.

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18 June. 'Arcangel' presents his new album 'Tablao'.

22 June. National Ballet of Cuba.

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 music such as the 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

Dry Martina

Dry Martina, Malaga

Malaga. 16 June, 8.30pm. El Balneario de los Baños del Carmen. 18€ Also performing Roberto Sunglasses, The Oddballs and DJ Carlito Brigante.

Día Internacional de la Música Benalmádena.

16 June, 9pm. Castillo El Bil Bil
Polyphonic choral music with the Coral Ciudad de Benalmádena conducted by Óscar L. Sánchez.

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. Classic motorbikes and scooters will be on display. Dress the part.

Los Mágicos Mundos de Le L'ohj Almuñécar.

17 June noon until 7pm, 18 June 7pm. Auditorio Casa de la Cultura.

Escuela Profesional de Danza Punta y Tacón.

Gigi

Marbella. 18 June, 8pm. Museo Fred Friedrich, Polígono La Nueva Campana. 5€

A theatrical production of the show 'Gigi' by the En Blanco Teatro. Formal dress.

Mozart meets Haydn

Gibraltar. 20 June, 9pm. Convent Ballroom. 20€ limited number of discount tickets available.

Music includes: Haydn's symphony n° 1 in D major Hob I:1; Haydn's symphony n° 45 in F sharp minor Hob I:45. Mozart's: Symphony n° 1 in E flat major KV16 and Mozart's symphony n° 25 in G minor KV183. www.philharmonic.gi

Sundown Sounds

La Cala de Mijas.

Sundown Sounds are a series of free open air concerts held in the plaza in front of the La Cala de Mijas Town Hall every Thursday from 9pm. The event is organised by the Foreign Residents Department in collaboration with Martyn Wood of Big M Promotions.

22 June. Arte Azabache - Traditional Flamenco show.

Coral Coraxalia

Canillas de Aceituna. 23 June, 9pm. Ntra Sra del Rosario church.

Cómpeta. 24 June, 9pm. Ntra Sra de la Asunción church.

Fota Concert

Mijas. 24 June, 9pm. Mijas Auditorium. 20€

Fota finishes the season with a concert produced and directed by



Gigi, Fred Friedrich Museum

John Gale.

Rotary club concert

Malaga. 21 June, 6pm. Auditorium of the Gonzalo Martín Tellado Conservatorio. Free.

The finalists of the Marbella Rotary Club Music Competition. Competitors aged from nine to twelve years. www.concursomusicalrotaryclubmarbella.eu

Johnny G and the Legends of Soul

Mijas. 24 June, 10pm. Mijas open air auditorium.

All the hits from the Soul and Motown greats of the 1960s with Johnny G and the Soul Sisters.

Fuengirola Pop

Fuengirola. From 22-25 June. Castillo Sohail and Pogs Bar

The legendary Beach Boys (24 June) are already in the line up for this year's event. More information: www.fuengiolapop.com

The spirit of the jungle

Malaga. 26-29 June 8.30 and 10.30pm. Jardín Botánico la Concepción. 16-26€.

Musicmaster productions will be transforming the gardens into a scene from Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book. Dry Martina will be performing with a live band. Tickets available from El Cortes Inglés.

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. Information on the events:

<https://malagadecultura.com/2017/05/17/programacion-del-festival-terral-2017/> or <http://www.teatrocervantes.com>

FLAMENCO**Torre del Cante Festival**

Alhaurín de la Torre. 17 June, 10pm. Finca Municipal 'El Portón'.

Some of the best known flamenco artistes will be performing at the festival.

Museo de Arte Flamenca Peña Juan Breva

Malaga. 17 June, 8.30pm. In the museum.

Mariola Martín dance, Alejandro Estrada vocals and Manu on guitar. Information and reservations email: info@flamenka.com or tel: 687697526 / 952221380

22 June, 8.30pm. In the museum. Antonio Lopez Ramirez dance group. Rosa Linero vocals, Rubén Portillo Ponce on guitar and Antonio Lopez Ramirez and Vanessa Cortes Fernandez dance.

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

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The traditional Fiesta de San Juan

BY TONY BRYANT

MALAGA. The Fiesta de San Juan (St John the Baptist) will be celebrated in style once again this year, as hundreds of bonfires are set to illuminate the beaches along the Costa del Sol.

Noche de San Juan closely coincides with the summer solstice, also referred to as Midsummer. The Christian holy day is celebrated on 24 June, but in most countries festivities are held the night before, on the eve of St John.

Luke's gospel claims that St John was born six months before

Jesus; hence, the feast of John the Baptist was fixed on 24 June, six months before Christmas Eve. This feast day is one of the very few saints' days which commemorate the anniversary of the birth, rather than the death, of the saint.

The night of San Juan, which basically marks the beginning of the summer, is shrouded in pagan rituals; of which fire and water are the main protagonists. Bonfires were lit to protect against the evil spirits that were said to roam freely when the sun turned towards the south. Today, especially along the

Costa del Sol, huge bonfires are built on the beaches, although the event has progressed into an all-night beach party that has little to do with its religious roots. It is said that jumping over the fire three times will burn away ones problems and a midnight dip in the sea is said to clean and purify the soul.

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► **Where.** At different locations along the Costa del Sol.

► **Tickets.** Free.

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According to tradition, the water is at its purest on the eve of San Juan, so it is claimed to heal skin ailments and grant happiness for the next 12 months.

At midnight, huge firework displays mark the arrival of San Juan and the revelers celebrate with music and the traditional grilling of sardines over open fires.

The shortest night of the year arrives with special intensity on the Malagueta beach in Malaga city, and in addition to the fireworks, live music and the traditional 'espetos' (grilled sardines on a skewer), midnight sees the burning of the 'juas', a rag doll similar to the Guy Fawkes effigy.

Torre del Mar celebrates the night with a huge beach party on the Paseo Marítimo Levante. Celebrations get going at 8pm with live bands, DJs and entertainment, and a contest for the best 'jua'. The party continues well into the early hours.

The Moraga de San Juan in Torremolinos takes place in the Plaza del Remo in Carihuela. 'Moraga' means to 'roast in the open air' and refers to the tradition of grilling sardines on the beach.

A large bar will be erected on the beach serving drinks and tapas, and of course sardines, and the evening will feature live bands and music.

The firework display will commence at midnight, after which hundreds of people will head for the sea in order to wash away their sins and splash their face in the water in order to preserve beauty for the next twelve months.

Other San Juan parties take place in Benalmádena Costa, next to the Bil Bil Castle, and also in Marbella, where extravagant events are planned for Nikki Beach. The fiesta will also be honoured on the Sonora Beach in Estepona.

Certain festivals seem to summarise life in Spain, with its love of having a good time, and the Night of San Juan is definitely one of these events.

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

FESTIVALS

Día de la Cereza

Alfarnate. 17 June, 10am - 10pm. 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.

San Juan

Torre del Mar. 23 June, from 8pm. A concert by Carlos Baute and music from SAU DJs. Sardines on skewers. Firework display at midnight.
Malaga. 23 June. Thousands of Malaga residents flock to the beach on the night of

San Juan to celebrate the arrival of summer with barbecues, music and dancing on the sand. Traditionally at midnight a 'guy' is burned on the fire.

Corpus Cristi

Benalmádena. 18 June from 10.30am. Decorated balconies and carpets of flowers in the streets for the procession.
Malaga. 18 June. Mass in the cathedral at 11.30, procession 6.30pm. Three altars set up around the cathedral.

EVENTS

Ecological market

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Bloomsday

Fuengirola. 16 June, 8-10.30am. The Beach, Paseo Marítimo Rey de España. Free.
Artist Roger Cumiskey and a small group are planning a simple reading, swim or paddle off the beach. Readers are encouraged to read chapter six from Ulysses. in their own language. Please bring your own copy. www.rogercumiskey.com/bloomsday-bathe-on-

the-beach/
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 de Sotogrande.
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.



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Sea Life Jurassic Oceans

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Festival de las Culturas

TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. The second edition of the Festival de las Culturas in Torremolinos will bring together 15 countries from four continents, presenting traditional folklore, arts and crafts and international cuisine.

Argentina, Colombia, Germany, Italy, Cuba, Thailand and France are among the many countries participating in the four-day festival, which began yesterday and continues until Sunday, 18 June.

A colourful parade, featuring all the countries, will begin in the Plaza Costa del Sol at midday on Saturday. Wearing traditional costume, participants will tour the streets of the town before heading to the Plaza La Nogalera to start the day's proceedings.

A small street market will offer a variety of products from around the globe and live music and dance performances will continue throughout the day and night on the main bandstand. These will include Argentinian tango shows, Brazilian and Senegalese dancing, and Jamaican, Mexican and Indian music.

The stands will be vibrantly decorated in the participating country's colours and will offer a wide range of culinary delights,



The multicultural festival will be held in the Plaza La Nogalera :: TB

INFORMATION

► **When:** Until Sunday, 18 June. Midday until midnight.

► **Where:** Plaza La Nogalera, Torremolinos.

including fragrant curries, barbecued meats and pastries. There will also be American-style food

trucks selling beef burgers, hot-dogs and popcorn.

A large bar and seated terrace area, shaded by 1,000 colourful umbrellas, will offer an array of exotic cocktails, chilled wines and spirits and artisan beers.

On Saturday night, American rockers, Mad Dogs, will present a Joe Cocker tribute show. The festival will climax on Sunday with a performance by Indian musician Saeed Khan.



Cuarteto Granada. :: SUR

Requiem for a string quartet

SUR IN ENGLISH

MALAGA. The Cuarteto Granada will be performing at a special concert dedicated to the composer Dmitri Shostakovich. They will be playing his 7th, 9th and 13th string quartets.

The 7th (the shortest of all his quartets) and 9th quartets were both dedicated to wives (first wife Nina and third wife Irina)

INFORMATION

► **When.** 24 June, 8pm.

► **Where.** Sala Unicaja de Conciertos María Cristina.

► **Tickets.** 10€ from www.unientradas.es

and contain some dynamic and intense timbres.

The 13th quartet on the other hand, reflects how Shostakovich faces the subject of death. He completed the piece in 1970, five years before his own demise, and it is a shockingly dark and disturbing requiem which many say should have been called 'Requiem for a string quartet'.

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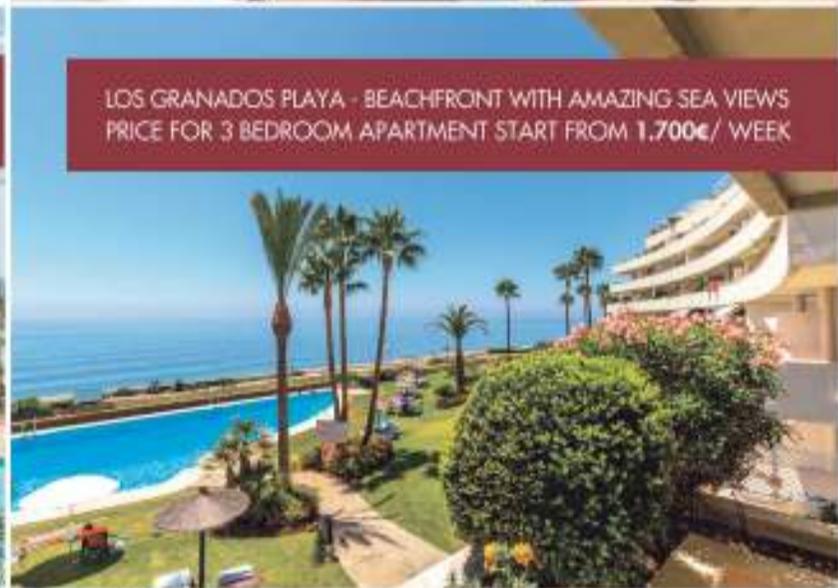
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Rafael Nadal creates history with tenth French Open win

The Spaniard beat Swiss Stan Wawrinka 6-2 6-3 6-1 to claim an unrivalled tenth Roland Garros title

MANUEL SÁNCHEZ

PARIS. Rafael Nadal created tennis history on Sunday by becoming the first player in the Open era to win the same Grand Slam ten times after beating Stan Wawrinka in the final of the French Open.

The 31-year-old Spaniard beat his Swiss counterpart 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 to win his 15th Grand Slam overall.

The achievement lifts Nadal above Pete Sampras into second on the all-time Grand Slam winners list, three behind leader Roger Federer.

The Spanish tennis star won 19 and lost zero sets during the whole competition in Paris, the third time in his career he has not surrendered a single set at a Grand Slam tournament.

Despite Wawrinka's impressive 3-0 record in Grand Slam finals prior to the showdown on Sunday, Nadal made light work of defeating the Swiss, despite having to survive some initial break-point scares in the first set.



Nadal celebrates with the trophy after his historic triumph. :: REUTERS

It took a while for both players to settle, with the match tied at 2-2 in the first set, but from then on Nadal took control and forced Wawrinka onto the back foot on numerous occasions across the three sets.

The win, which the new Paris

champion described as "the most important event" in his career, ensured Nadal extended his Roland Garros record to 79 wins and just two defeats, which came against Robin Soderling in 2009 and Novak Djokovic two years ago.

Youngster Davidovich falls at the semi-final stage

The Malaga-born player lost in two sets to Alexei Popyrin, who went on to win the junior tournament

PEDRO LUIS ALONSO

MALAGA. Malaga's 18-year-old tennis star Alejandro Davidovich was defeated in two sets by eventual champion Alexei Popyrin in the second semi-final of the Roland Garros Junior French Championships.

Davidovich was defeated 6-4, 6-2 in an hour by the Australian, before the 17-year-old defeated Austrian-born Spaniard Nicola Kuhn to win the boys' title.

The first set was quite even, although Popyrin, who is of Russian descent, broke Davidovich twice with both opportunities that came his way, while the Malaga star only broke the Australian once from the four chances that were presented to him.

The 18-year-old began the second set well and went 2-0 up, but soon his game went to pieces as he conceded six consecutive games to his opponent, which dashed his hopes of reaching the final once



Alejandro Davidovich. :: SUR

and for all.

In the other semi-final, Nicola Kuhn beat Serbia's Miomir Kecmanović 7-6 (5), 2-6, 7-6 (4) in just over two hours of play.

Kuhn would go on to lose the final to Popyrin last Saturday, who won 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 to become Australia's first French Open junior champion since 1968.

Despite the obvious disappointment, Davidovich went up in the junior rankings due to his performances at Roland Garros.

A similar performance at the junior Wimbledon championships in July will see him finish the year ranked in the top four in the world.

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Plaza rejects lucrative offer to coach Russian side

Unicaja's head coach has turned down an offer from Unics Kazan which would have made him one of the best-paid coaches in Europe

∴ JUAN CALDERÓN

MALAGA. Unicaja's head coach Joan Plaza has rejected an offer from Russian side Unics Kazan.

An offer of 1.5 million net was said to have been made to Plaza, which would have made him one of the best-paid coaches on the continent. However, despite the ambitious offer, Plaza is believed to have declined the offer for a couple of reasons.

Firstly, Unics Kazan will not be competing in next year's EuroLeague. The Russian side did com-

pete in last season's tournament, but finished second last with just eight victories from thirty matches.

Unics Kazan received heavy investment last summer, but following their EuroLeague disappointment they were beaten in the quarter finals of the Russian league play-offs by Lokomotiv Kuban.

Plaza has also not warmed to the idea of going to the Russian city, a place he believes cannot compete with Malaga, nor can the Russian league match the attractiveness of the Spanish league, which is among the best on the continent.

Plaza, who held talks with Unicaja this week, has been linked to several club, including Emporio Armani Milano, although they are now said to have agreed a deal with Simone Pianigiani some months ago.



∴ JOSELE-LANZA

BODYBUILDERS DESCEND ON MARBELLA

Two-time UKBFF British champion Robert Taylor was in Marbella this week as he took part in the IFBB Olympia Amateur Spain 2017 competition. Taylor, who runs The Muscle Unit Gym in Barnsley and pictured here enjoying Marbella's beaches, was the highest placed Briton in the men's 90kg bodybuilding category, finishing in fifth place.

Malaga plays host to six-match fight night at Saga Heredia

∴ SUR

MALAGA. The Saga Heredia club hosted six fights, one of which was professional, on Saturday night.

Five amateur fights, which were contested on a best-of-three rounds basis, with each round lasting three minutes, included some boxers from Malaga who could soon make the jump to the professional stage.

One such boxer, Samuel 'La Esencia' Molina, fought and won the last

of the amateur fights against Óscar Carrasco.

The 18-year-old was crowned Spanish amateur champion in 2015 and 2016 and is also a member of Spain's national side.

The other victory from a Malaga fighter came from Maikel 'El Tornado' de Mangas Verdes, who beat David García from Granada.

Durán, from Galicia but who currently resides in Torremolinos, was

also in action against Rubén 'El Chino', but it was 'El Chino' who took the points on a night which did not produce a single knockout.

'Mejicano' from Sevilla beat 'Cazador', while Alain 'El Tyson' from Cameroon, who generated a lot of excitement due to his strength and huge pedigree, defeated Fredy from the Dominican Republic.

The night was brought to a close around midnight by the only professional fight of the evening between Boris 'El Maestro' Heredia V and Víctor Villanueva from Catalonia.

The fight belonged to 'El Maestro', who defeated 'Villa' in the ring in four rounds.



Boris Heredia V in the ring against Víctor Villanueva. ∴ A. CABRERA

Spain end season with vital qualifier win in Macedonia

Julen Lopetegui's side's 2-1 win in Skopje means their match with second-placed Italy in September will likely decide the winner of Group G

a Goran Pandev pass before rifling past David De Gea.

Macedonia could have had a chance to equalise right at the death when Sergio Ramos appeared to impede Ilija Nestorovski in the area, but the hosts' appeals were

waved away by the referee, who blew for full time shortly after.

Lopetegui's and Spain's next encounter will probably decide the group winner, with Gian Piero Ventura's Italy the visitors to the Santiago Bernabéu in Madrid on 2 September.



David Silva celebrates opening the scoring against Macedonia. :: EFE

MACEDONIA 1 SPAIN 2

:: KISHAN VAGHELA

A stunning first half from Spain saw them run out 2-1 winners against Macedonia on Sunday night in their latest Group G World Cup qualifier.

Just as he did against Colombia last Wednesday evening, David Silva gave Julen Lopetegui's side the lead in the 15th minute when his deflected shot rolled past Stole Dimitrievski.

Spain began to dominate possession and doubled their lead 11 minutes later when former Malaga midfielder Isco escaped the challenge of Kire Ristevski before squaring for Diego Costa to tap home.

Spain continued to enjoy the lion's share of possession in the second half, but were guilty of missing some excellent chances, such as Gerard Piqué's free header from just outside the six-yard box.

The hosts would then endeavour to set up a tense final twenty minutes when Stefan Ristovski burst past the Spain defence from

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Sandro opens the door to Everton as transfer saga rumbles on

The forward is wanted by both Atlético Madrid and the Merseyside club but the former's transfer ban could see them lose out

by **ANTONIO GÓNGORA**

MALAGA. Much to the annoyance of those at Malaga CF, the future of star striker Sandro Ramirez remains unresolved.

The club's top scorer last campaign has a release clause of just six million euros which has attracted the interest of Atlético Madrid and several Premier League teams, most notably Everton.

In fact, Ronald Koeman himself was spotted in the stands at La Rosaleda, but that didn't stop Atlético from stealing a march and making an offer for the player.

The capital club's transfer ban handed down by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), though, has complicated matters. SUR sources believe that a deal would have been done if it were not for Atleti's ban on signing players until January.

The possibility of Malaga holding onto him until then has been mooted, but in a World Cup year, the player is keen to impress at a higher level.

This has opened the door to Everton once more. The player was spotted on Merseyside this week, during his break from international duty with the under-21s, with rep-



Sandro has concrete offers from Atlético and Everton. :: EFE

resentatives from the club.

Their offer is much more lucrative than that tabled by Atleti and though Sandro had his heart set on staying in Spain, his chances of playing regular first team football with Everton are much stronger than they would be arriving midway through the season with the Madrid side, especially with Romelu Lukaku expected to rejoin Chelsea from the Toffees.

A decision is unlikely to be taken quickly, which is a great disadvantage to Malaga who are counting on the transfer fee to reinvest in the squad. His departure could also have an impact on the club's wage cap, the results of which will define the club's recruitment strategy for the window.

The longer this takes, the less likely Malaga are to recruit the players they have targeted.

Kameni nears the exit door as Fenerbahce make big-money offer

With a replacement already lined up in the shape of Roberto, the deal makes sense for all parties involved

by **SERGIO CORTÉS**

MALAGA. Turkish side Fenerbahce are keen on taking goalkeeper Carlos Kameni to Istanbul and have offered him a significant pay rise in a bid to pry him away from Malaga.

The Cameroonian is well settled on the Costa and hadn't intended to move on, having signed a contract extension until 2020 only last year, but with his place under threat from the incoming Roberto, he is now considering his future.

An agreement over personal terms has been agreed with Roberto, but negotiations over payment of the transfer fee continue, with Malaga wanting to pay in installments.

These details are expected to be



Carlos Kameni. :: EFE

ironed out and a deal could be announced soon.

Likewise, Malaga are hopeful that a deal can be reached with Paul Baysse, who will be available on a free upon the conclusion of his contract with French club Nice.

Futures of Michael Santos and Peñaranda hang in the balance over non-EU quota

by **PEDRO LUIS ALONSO**

MALAGA. Decisions need to be made over the future of forwards Michael Santos and Adalberto Peñaranda as Malaga CF looks once more at the South American market to recruit players.

The pair have hardly featured since arriving last summer and in the January window, respectively, and, along with fullback Roberto Rosales, currently occupy the three squad spaces for non-EU nationals.

It is understood that Malaga are currently in talks with a number of companies, including Brokers Fútbol, which own the rights to players across the continent.

In fact, Malaga have been offered six players, three of which do not have EU papers (Felipe Oliveira, Gabriel Lima and Lucas Yanase), which they would not be able to sign unless they first free up space in the squad for non-EU nationals.



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A LOOK AT LA LIGA

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Slowly but surely

The Premier League already has its fixture list yet in Spain we only know the identity of two of the three promoted sides

How I chuckled when those who follow the Premier League whinged when they saw the fixture list! Here in Spain, we don't even know for certain when La Liga will reconvene nor the identity of all the promoted teams just yet.

The two clubs who have made it so far are welcome additions. Old friends Levante, the second club from the city of Valencia and Girona, who are completely new to the top division.

Girona's timing couldn't have been more perfect with Catalonia

seeking independence. Most of the signs at the humble Estadi Montilivi are written in the local lingo. It's like heading to Wales or Ireland and suddenly seeing everything in Welsh or Gaelic.

Whereas Barcelona are a global phenomenon, Girona are a Catalan club hitting it big for the first time.

Girona is Catalonia's second city and has a population of 100,000. Before returning to the Segunda after a 49-year absence, they

and almost went out of existence. It's folklore that the club was sold for one euro in 2012 and almost made it to the Promised Land in 2015, only to fail on the last day.

They almost blew it this year when they lost their penultimate game to Nastic but were lucky to be playing Zaragoza on the final day when a 0-0 draw suited both clubs.

The club also has some influential friends. Pere Guardiola, the agent and brother of Pep, clearly has the ear of decision-makers at Manchester City who have sent a number of their starlets to Girona in the past. Pablo Maffeo was influential late last season and it's expected he will return with Aleix Garcia in a bid to further their footballing education.

The champions of the second division were Levante who made a quick return after one season away.

Their fans always create an atmosphere and the club has previously punched above its weight by



Real Madrid's Keylor Navas kept goal during Levante's Europa League run. :: EFE



Girona are in the big time for the first time in their history. :: EFE

nada, the club they replace. Granada's new Chinese owner was persuaded by agents to loan young talent from bigger clubs. It was a disaster, the Andalusians were relegated, the kids returned to the arms of their parent clubs, and I guess the agent(s) claimed a finders' fee.

Of course we still await the winners of the play-offs and the actual start of the season but it's all taking shape.

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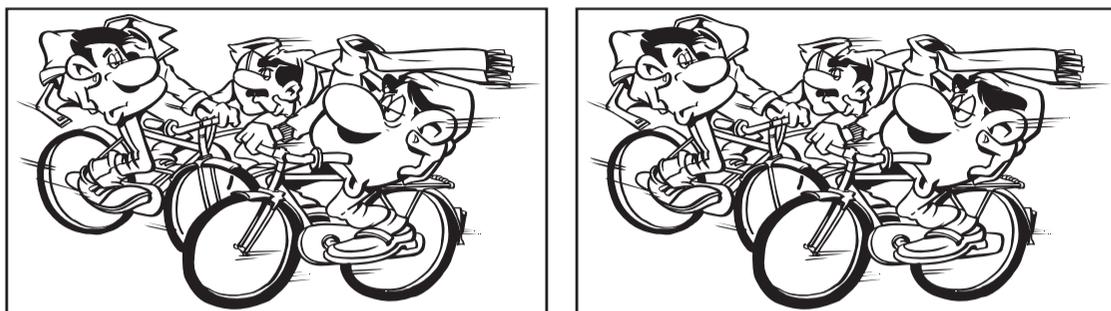
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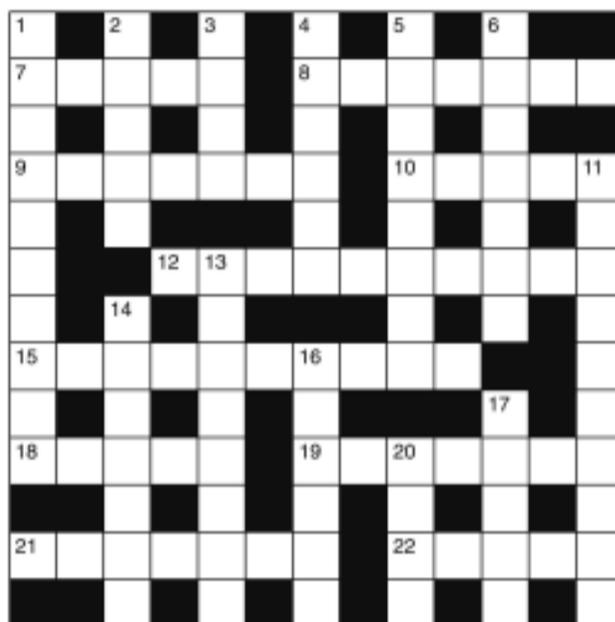
THE SEVEN DIFFERENCES



THE STARS

- Aquarius**
January 21 - February 19
Flexibility is key to success this week. What transpires is a new way to get to the same place.
- Pisces**
February 20th - March 20th
Is there a relationship that needs a bit of 'oomph'? See to it this weekend that your best foot is firmly forward.
- Aries**
March 21st - April 20th
A secret revealed at the weekend may surprise but not shock. Discovering the answer brings an old dream to life.
- Taurus**
April 21st - May 21st
Those people and situations that you sought in the past do not necessarily suit you now. Instead of going down the same path again, look for new signs.
- Gemini**
May 22nd - June 21st
In a busy week it is annoying when others won't make decisions. Take that on board but don't let it hold you back.
- Cancer**
June 22nd - July 23rd
Those who are having trouble surviving may not show the best manners. See their situation and try to understand.
- Leo**
July 24th - August 23rd
At work there is the chance to increase income. Keep a keen eye on what is needed and think of supplying it.
- Virgo**
August 24th - September 23rd
Keep up your social life, even if hard pressed at work. Gems of wisdom come from someone met in lighter circumstances.
- Libra**
September 24th - October 23rd
Having to think carefully about cash flow is annoying. Even so, a longer-term plan is needed. Be patient.
- Scorpio**
October 24th - November 22nd
Want to help a friend? Great, but think of the best way to go about it. Rush in and you could be blamed for a failure.
- Sagittarius**
November 23rd - December 21st
By putting together some of your experiences, something becomes very clear. You are not using your charm and talents to their best.
- Capricorn**
December 22nd - January 20th
Bring some sparkle to the weekend by organising something. Last-minute and spontaneous looks good.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11246



- Across**
- 7 What Theseus tackled to cause astonishment (5)
 - 8 This is about imitating what the harvesters are doing (7)
 - 9 Luddite somehow weakened the strength of the labour force? (7)
 - 10 Row upon row will produce signs of sorrow, one hears (5)
 - 12 Travelling account consulted by consumers (4,2,4)
 - 15 A woman for the future? (10)
 - 18 It's almost rigorous to make a cut (5)
 - 19 Being unreliable, I react strangely about the first of the rules (7)
 - 21 No terms could describe a horrific prodigy (7)
 - 22 Often seen to be nervously affected inside (5)
- Down**
- 1 The country's headlands painted by Constable (10)
 - 2 Everybody included in railway reunion (5)
 - 3 A hundred included in fixed group of worshippers (4)
 - 4 This sort of suite shows some restraint, one hears (6)
 - 5 Dogs quarrel in a crowd (8)
 - 6 Go to blazes! He will! (7)
 - 11 They will improve a person's looks (10)
 - 13 Gets what left (8)
 - 14 A certain order may be seen about this place (7)
 - 16 He interrupts a member of a political party producing an abstract idea (6)
 - 17 Interfere with the development of a gimmick (5)
 - 20 Justifiable claim, we hear, for religious observance (4)

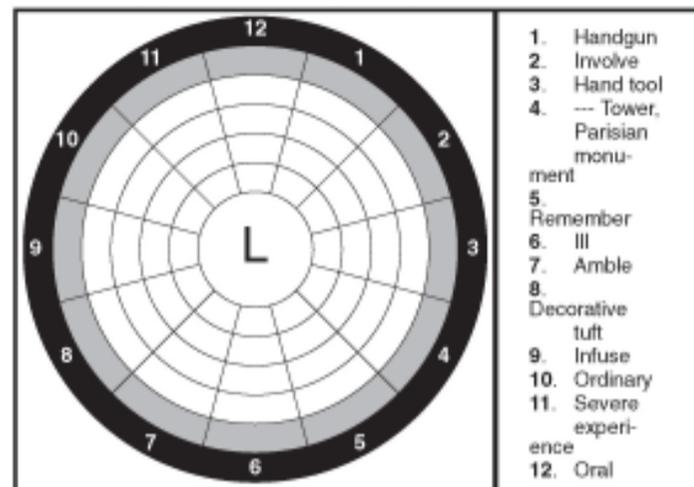
SUDOKU BY HANZO

Instructions
Complete the square making sure that every row of nine numbers includes all digits from 1 to 9, every column includes all digits from 1 to 9 and every 3 by 3 subsection includes all digits from 1 to 9

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	4				1	7	8	
3		8	7				2	
	7	5		2		6		
4						8		
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	6	2						3
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CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter L in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a late British actor, director and writer.



- 1. Handgun
- 2. Involve
- 3. Hand tool
- 4. --- Tower, Parisian monument
- 5. Remember
- 6. Ill
- 7. Amble
- 8. Decorative tuft
- 9. Infuse
- 10. Ordinary
- 11. Severe experience
- 12. Oral

THE WORDPUZZLER



- CAN you identify the US cities from the anagrams listed below?
- 1. Sallad
 - 2. Gray
 - 3. Acow
 - 4. Staul
 - 5. Osibe
 - 6. Ianuts
 - 7. Meals
 - 8. Nero
 - 9. Hamoa
 - 10. Imima

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

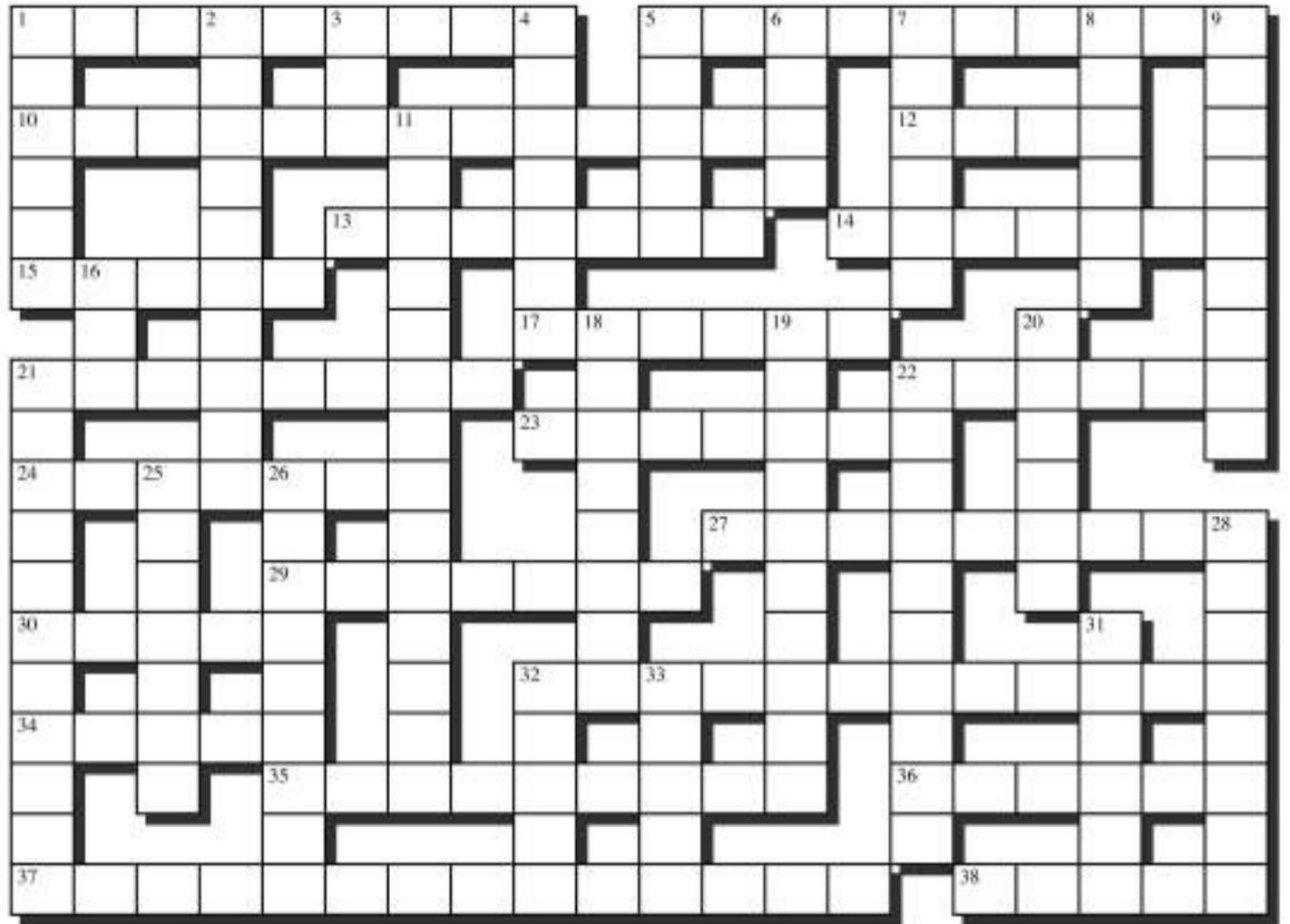
- Talk Radio Europe**
105.5 Axarquía
91.5 Costa del Sol East
91.9 Costa del Sol West
98.7 Gibraltar/Sotogrande
News, interviews, lifestyle, sport and BBC World Service.
- Global** (93.6 and 96.4FM)
All week round the clock music and entertainment
- Radio Radio Network** (96 and 98.3 FM). Music 24 hours.
- ACE FM** (106.8 FM)
Inland radio, news and music
The Beat fm (106 FM)
24 hours, music and entertainment
- Spectrum** (105.5 FM, Costa Almeria/Mojácar 92.6 FM)
24 hour music and entertainment
- Radio Mijas** (107.7 FM)
3 p.m. News, views and music
- Radio Sol Almirajara** (99.1 FM)
Nerja radio in English and German and night time World Radio Network
- HeartfmSpain** (88.5 FM Costa, 96.1 FM inland) Music, entertainment, news
- Lick FM** (103.6 FM Marbella)
Urban music broadcast between Gibraltar and Calahonda
- Rtv Puebla** (107.7 FM)
Monday evenings, Rock music memories. 7 - 9pm. email: radiopuebla.musicmemories@yahoo.com
Fb: Radiotelevision Peubla de Cazalla

QUIZ

- QUESTION 1**
- Which French artist born in 1864 painted a portrait of Vincent Van Gogh?
- 1. Toulouse-Lautrec
 - 2. Gauguin
 - 3. Matisse
 - 4. Degas
- QUESTION 2**
- The olecranon is found in which part of the human body?
- 1. Head
 - 2. Arm
 - 3. Leg
 - 4. Nose

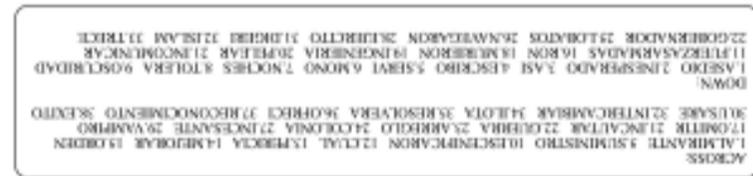
LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- Across**
- Admiral (9)
 - Supply (10)
 - They staged (13)
 - Which (4)
 - Expertise (7)
 - To improve (7)
 - Order (5)
 - To leave out (6)
 - To seize (8)
 - War (6)
 - Repair (7)
 - Colony (7)
 - Unceasing (8)
 - Vampire (7)
 - I will use (5)
 - To exchange (12)
 - Helot (5)
 - She will solve (9)
 - I offered (6)
 - Recognition (14)
 - Success (5)
- Down**
- Siege (6)
 - Unexpected (10)
 - Like this (3)
 - I write (7)
 - I served (5)
 - Monkey (4)
 - Nights (6)
 - He tolerates (6)
 - Darkness (9)
 - Armed Forces (14)
 - Rum (3)
 - They died (8)
 - Engineering (10)
 - To fight (6)
 - To isolate (11)
 - Governor (10)
 - Cuba (7)
 - They sailed (9)
 - Army (8)
 - I digested (6)
 - Muslim religion (5)
 - Thirteen (5)

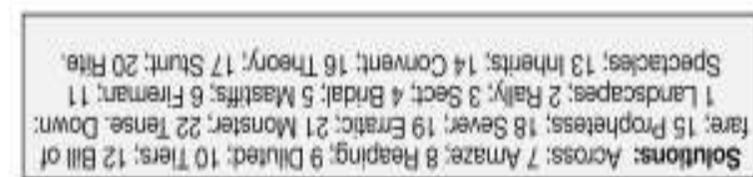


ANSWERS

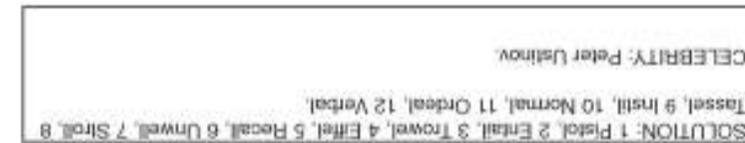
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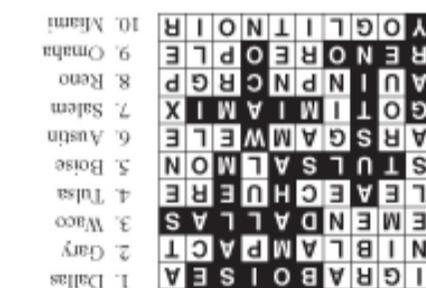
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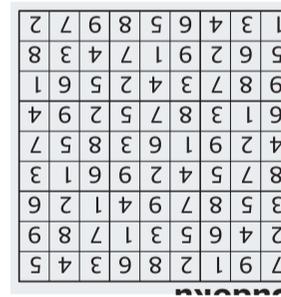
Clockword solution



Wordpuzzler solution



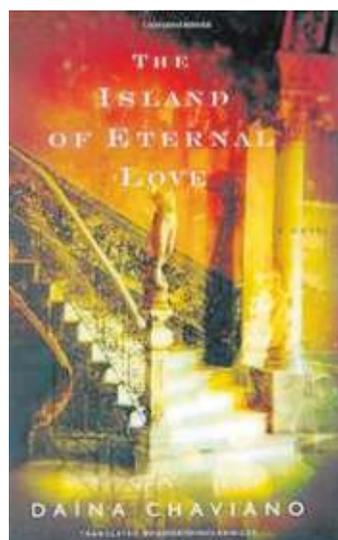
Sudoku solution



Quiz answers

Answer 1: Toulouse-Lautrec
and in his Impressionist phase when he painted his friend, Vincent Van Gogh who was 34 at the time. Unlike other portraits of the artist, Van Gogh is depicted in profile.
Answer 2: Arm
the Greek olene meaning elbow and kranon meaning head is the large, bony prominent part of the ulna that projects behind the elbow. It forms the most pointed portion of the elbow.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



The Island of Eternal Love
Daina Chaviano

Alone in a city that haunts her, far from her family and the island she left behind, Cecelia seeks refuge in a bar in Little Havana where a mysterious old woman's fascinating tale keeps Cecelia returning night after night. Her story weaves the saga of three families from far-flung corners of the world whose connection forms the kind of family that Cecelia has long been missing-one cast from love. Cecelia discovers the source of the visions that plague her, and a link to the past she cannot shake.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A fellow who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them

ANON

MALAGA PORT INFORMATION

CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENTS (SOURCE: MALAGA PORT AUTHORITY)

Ship	Date	From	Next port	Docks	Sails
Panorama II	17/06	Motril	Motril	07.00	04.00
Tui Discovery 2	18/06	Cartagena	Vigo	06.00	22.00
Aidastella	20/06	Palma	Cadiz	08.00	18.00
Westerdam	20/06	-	-	08.00	-
Tui Discovery 2	25/06	Gibraltar	Barcelona	06.00	22.00
Celebrity Reflection	26/06	Gibraltar	Cartagena	07.00	19.00





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Antique newspaper recovered by police

The document printed in 1619, which went missing from the University of Seville 20 years ago, was for sale online

by **CECILIA CUERDO**

SEVILLE. During the 17th century, a group of chroniclers decided to relate and distribute information about what was happening in different towns, in articles which are now considered to have been the origins of Spanish journalism.

One of these documents has just been found and returned to Seville University, about 20 years after it mysteriously went missing. A bookseller from Barcelona, who specialises in antique books, was advertising it for sale on the internet for 1,000 euros, but experts say its real value is incalculable.

The document consists of two pages, printed on both sides by a printer in the centre of Seville, and is dated 1619. It was written in the Spanish language of the time and has some hand annotations.

The author had written about the death by drowning of a couple of unfaithful lovers in Constantina, a village in the north of Seville province, but then discovered that one of them was still alive. He therefore had to explain this, which he did by

THE FACTS

Ongoing investigation

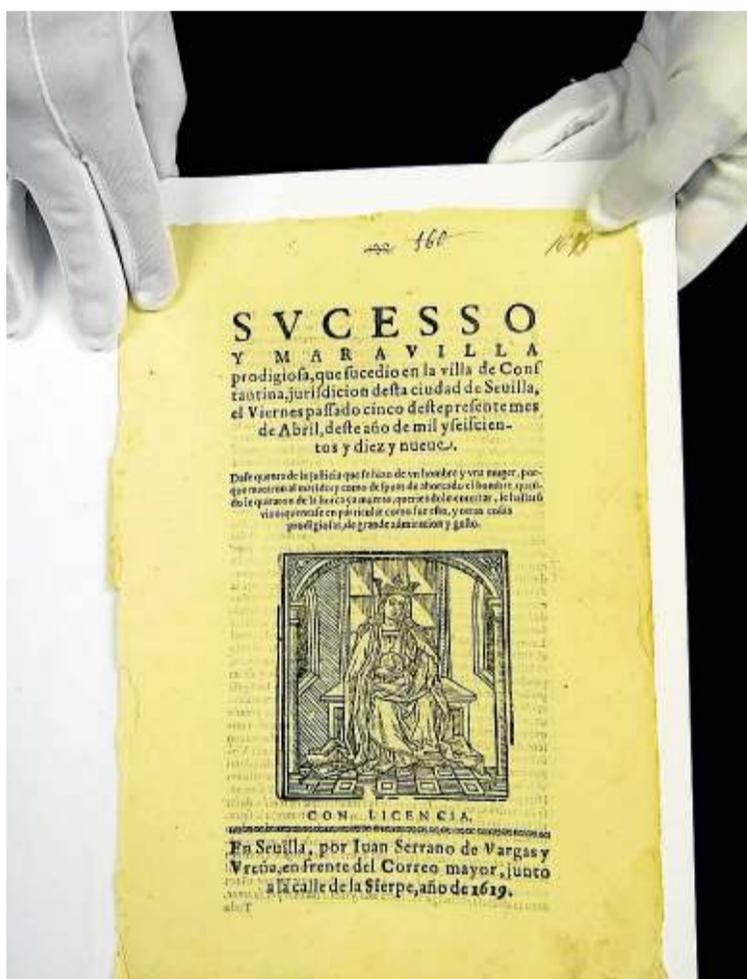
The chronicle's whereabouts had been a mystery, but it was found on a website for collectors

Several owners

It was being sold by a bookseller in Barcelona, who had bought it for 500\$ at auction in Madrid

referring to a "supernatural deed", and "prodigious marvel".

This document initially formed part of a volume called 'Relación de sucesos', which contained similar chronicles of this type and has been owned by Seville University since the second half of the 18th century. It was registered in the Antique Collection and Historical Archive of the 'Biblioteca de la Hispalense' library, but two decades



The front page of the recovered document. :: EFE

ago they lost track of it. There is nothing to show exactly when it went missing, nor who could have taken it.

Experts at the university spotted the document by accident on a British website, and after requesting photos from the vendor to ascertain that it was the item they were looking for, they reported the matter to the police, who discovered that the bookseller who was offering it for sale had bought it at an auction in Madrid for about 500 dollars.

It had previously been owned by an aristocratic family who said it had been in their hands for at least a century, so the police are still trying to find out how it was removed from the Hispalense.

After investigating further and taking statements from different people, although at present it appears that everybody had acted in good faith, the police officially returned the document to the University of Seville, whose rector, Miguel Ángel Castro, said that it is an "incredibly valuable" part of the Library's collection and will be put on display there.

Those responsible for the archive also stressed that the historical, artistic and documentary value of this work is incalculable, not only because it is so old, dating back to 1619, but also for the way it has been produced and the fact that it provides information from the period and is therefore a part of the history of Spain.

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