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The high demand for water on the Costa del Sol in the summer and a lack of rain means reservoir levels are low

Water levels in the reservoirs that supply homes of residents and tourists in the province of Malaga have dropped significantly since last year causing fears of water restrictions in October. The authorities are hop-

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High water demand over the summer may mean restrictions are put in place in October



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There is concern about water levels in the Guadalhorce reservoirs if demand remains as expected and there is no rainfall in the immediate future

MÁLAGA. The province is facing the remainder of the summer, the time of year with the greatest demand for water, with barely 238 cubic hectometres (hm³) of water in its reservoirs. This is about 35 hm³ fewer than in the same period last year, and the Junta de Andalucía may have to impose restrictions on the use of water from next month, unless there is enough rain beforehand to boost the reserves.

Although the water supply is guaranteed on the Costa del Sol, that is not the case in Málaga city and municipalities such as Vélez-Málaga, Rincón de la Victoria, Moclinejo, Macharaviaya, Totalán, Iznate, El Borge, Benamargosa, Benamocarra, Cútar, Comares and Algarrobo, in the Axarquía region. The amount of water in the reservoirs of La Concepción, Guadalteba, Conde de Guadalhorce, El Limonero, Casasola and La Viñuela has dropped considerably in the past three months. In July and August, their levels dropped by more than 50 hm³. So far this summer, between five and seven hm³ of water has been consumed from the reservoirs alone.

The huge number of tourists is the reason that demand has increased to



The water treatment plant at El Atabal in Málaga city where there is also a desalination plant. :: SUR

Demand also goes up in Málaga city in the summer

There is also a huge increase in water consumption in Málaga city in the summer months. While in February, March and April barely four cubic hectometres are consumed per month, the amount goes up to five hm³ in the period between June and August, according to Emasa, the municipal water company.

Emasa supplies drinking water to a population of around 600,000 in the city. From its facilities, it pumps an average of 2,000 litres per second per day, through a network of pipes covering over 1,500 kilometres.

The municipal supply has about twenty storage facilities with a total capacity of 260,000 cubic metres. There are three water treatment plants (ETAPs) in El Atabal, Pílonos and El Limonero located just outside Málaga's urban area.

such an extent. In June, July and August 2016, the reservoirs in Málaga dropped by more than 70 hm³, and August was the month in which most water was consumed (26.55 hm³), compared with 24.82 in July and just over 19 in June.

So far this year, the reduction has been even greater than usual. In June the reservoirs lost 22.12 cubic hectometres, and in July 25.65. August ended with a reduction of more than 25 hm³ because of the increased population and the need for water for irrigation.

According to the Acosol water company, demand on the western Costa del Sol doubles in months such as August. The towns of Torremolinos,

Benalmádena, Fuengirola, Mijas, Ojén, Marbella, Istán, Benahavís, Estepona, Casares and Manilva used about 1.5 hm³ per week in peak season (approximately 6.5 hm³ in August).

The CEO of Acosol, Manuel Cardena, says that about half of the water supplied to the Costa del Sol has come from La Concepción reservoir, which contains about 42 hm³. The remainder is from the desalination plant, water purchased from the ARCGISA company in the Campo de Gibraltar area, and from a few wells.

The problem with La Concepción is that it doesn't store very much water, and is in danger of drying up before the summer comes to an end.

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area (Guadalteba, Guadalhorce y Conde de Guadalhorce), which are the largest suppliers for Malaga city, currently contain about 129 hm³.

The provincial capital used about 5 hm³ in August, the same as in June and July. In September demand reduces somewhat (4.7 hm³ in 2016). Bearing in mind that farmers in the Guadalhorce Valley have an allowance of 25.5 hm³ until 15 September to water their land, it looks as if problems could arise before the end of this hydrological year (30 September) or some time in October.

Malaga does, however, have some extra reserves, i.e. the Casasola reservoir, which contains just over nine hm³, and El Limonero, with ten.

The reservoir in the worst situation is La Viñuela. There have been warnings about it drying up since the second half of July. With barely 46 hm³ stored and a rate of usage of between one and a half and two hm³ per week in August this, the reservoir with the greatest capacity in the province (165 hm³), will end September with barely 40 hm³. This is not enough to satisfy the domestic supply and provide water for irrigation. Irrigation alone accounts for around 20 cubic hectometres a year, while domestic supplies are about 15.

In an attempt to alleviate the situation in the eastern part of Malaga province, the regional government is carrying out two projects to connect the pools in the Chillar river and the pipeline of the Rubite tunnel, so that when it rains the water can run into the reservoir. However, farmers

FIGURES

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cubic hectometres was the volume of water stored in reservoirs in Malaga province in August, 35 fewer than a year ago.

42

hm³ is the amount of water in La Concepción reservoir, which supplies the Costa del Sol.

129

hm³ is the total volume of water in the Guadalhorce reservoir system (Guadalteba, 42; Guadalhorce, 59, and Conde del Guadalhorce, 28).

46

hm³ is the amount of water in La Viñuela, and fears began in July that it could dry up.

believe these have come too late. They fear that restrictions in October could endanger some crops, especially mangos and avocados. Avocados need more water than mangos, but both rely heavily on irrigation and farmers are concerned that their entire harvest could be lost.

Seven town halls set to get payouts for 2015 flood repairs

The government has agreed to assess formal funding requests from local towns and villages, with Alhaurín de la Torre asking for the most

FRANCISCO JIMÉNEZ

MALAGA. The heavy rains that hit the province in autumn 2015 caused widespread damage: road subsidence that cut off villages, broken piping and flooded facilities to list just some.

After the downpours central government rushed to commit extra funding to town halls in order to get normal life moving again. In the meantime, cash-strapped mayors gathered together enough funds from local budgets to carry out much of the repairs while they waited for the government to pay out.

Now, almost two years on, seven towns and villages look set to finally get the emergency grants they were promised as the government has asked those places affected to list the work needed and the costs.

In total they submitted claims for grants to fund 93 different repairs totalling 7.5 million euros be-



Damage in Pujerra has already been repaired by the council. :: V.M.

fore the deadline last month. Up to half the cost of each repair will be subsidised.

The seven places are Torremolinos and Alhaurín de la Torre plus the inland villages of Igualeja, Pujerra, Júzcar, Cortés de la Frontera and Sayalonga. The lion's share of this money has been requested by Alhaurín de la Torre.

Some places haven't claimed

Other places were on the original list as eligible for payouts but have failed to get their applications in.

Estepona and Casares can't understand why they were on the list in the first place, Manilva says it has already made the repairs with its own money and inland Arenas and Jubrique declined as they will only get half the cost so will make do with patching up the damage instead. Algarrobo council pulled out as the road they wanted to repair turned out not to belong to them. Ronda and nearby Genalguacil say they have applied but for an unknown reason haven't appeared on the government's final list.

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José Bernal returns to his former teaching job at IES Victoria Kent in Marbella today. :: JOSELE-LANZA

Former mayor goes back to school

José Bernal will restart his old job as a history teacher

:: MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA. Today, former mayor of Marbella, José Bernal, will return to his old teaching job.

In 2004, he started teaching history at IES Victoria Kent, but put this post on hold in 2009 when he was named CEO of Acosol, the dis-

trict water company, by the Mancomunidad de Municipios de la Costa del Sol. He briefly returned to teaching for one year in 2011 but now he is going back for good.

Given that Bernal still has a post as councillor of the opposition in the Marbella city council, he has

asked to work fewer hours than before so that he can dedicate one day a week to his councillor position.

He has jokingly said of his colleagues “no one is pleased that I have returned, but only because it means that I’m no longer mayor”.



:: JOSELE-LANZA

SIEGE OF MARBELLA'S FUERTE SAN LUIS

Last Saturday members of the Asociación Cultural Torrijos recreated the defence of Marbella's San Luis fort from French attack in 1810. Men and women in period costume marched through the town's streets to remind people of this historic event. A summary of the events was read out attracting the attention of passersby. Only a few ruins of the fort still remain today in the Hotel Fuerte.

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Sabinillas indoor pool to open next month

MANILVA

CHARO MÁRQUEZ. The indoor pool in Sabinillas was completed last year, but arguments with the builders, improvement works and even a flood meant that it remained closed to the public. It has now been announced that the pool will open in October, two years late and after an investment of 1.4 million euros. This

is the first indoor, heated pool in the municipality and it is 25 metres in length and has eight lanes. It will be run by the council.

Local residents will be able to register to use the facilities from Monday onwards. The complex also includes a spa with a sauna, Turkish bath and hydromassage for feet. In the future, massages will also be available. There are discounts available for those who sign up as members, whether as families or individuals.

Calls for basilica ruins to be properly protected

MARBELLA

M. PÉREZ. The Cilniana cultural association has written to Marbella council to demand that the Vega del Mar Paleochristian basilica be properly protected, after claims that the new council had withdrawn an application previously made to the Junta de Andalucía. The group insists that the ruins are classified as a site of cultural interest (BIC) and must not be allowed to deteriorate.



The basilica ruins. :: SUR

Residents welcome reopening of Ricmar road

MARBELLA

M. PÉREZ. Council representatives have told residents of the Ricmar estate in Las Chapas that the access road, whose closure last week led to protests, would reopen on Tuesday. The road was closed while works took place to remove the tarmac surface in order to adhere to a court order in favour of the owner of the land. Further lawsuits between residents and landowner are still in the courts.

Marbella council acts to eradicate restrictions on home improvements

Some properties in the town, although not illegal, cannot be granted building licences because the 2010 PGOU urban plan was annulled

HÉCTOR BARBOTA

MARBELLA. The council is taking action to ensure that the owners of more than 2,300 homes in 14 different areas of the town can apply for permission to carry out improvements or extend their properties. These are located on land that was zoned for building under the 2010 urban plan (PGOU), which was annulled by the Junta de Andalucía, but not that of 1986 which the regional government insists is the one which is valid. The problem has meant that although the properties are in urban areas and benefit from the usual services, technically they are on land where no construction can be carried out, so they are not eligible for building licences.

The properties affected are in areas such as El Arquillo, Linda Vista Alta, Arroyo de las Piedras, La Cañada, Los Verdiales, Camino de Camoján, Los Cipreses, Huerto del Café, La Vaguada, Fasampa, Playas Andaluzas, Cerrado de Elviria, Calle Padre José Vera and Calle Finlandia.

Isabel Pérez, who was until recently the Town Planning councillor in Marbella, says this is nothing new and in fact it had already been agreed. "They are creating a problem where none existed," she insists.



Félix Romero and Kika Caracuel at the Town Hall this week :: J.L.

Building licences taking too long to process, says council

Marbella's Town Planning department, which has now been renamed the Land Organisation department, has about 1,500 applications for planning permission outstanding and councillor Kika Caracuel says she is analysing the situation to decide the quickest way of processing them because at present it is taking between 18 and 20 months. This length of time, says the councillor, is unacceptable.

She says that when the Partido Popular ran Marbella town hall previously, the average time for a building licence to be processed was eight to nine months.

Caracuel announced this week that the town planning information service, which was set up in 2010 and withdrawn last year, is to start up again in an office on the ground floor of her department. A technician will be available to assist members of the public from Mondays to Fridays, 10am to 2pm. Until now, only written enquiries were dealt with, but from now on members of the public can visit the office in person.

Estepona school goes to Burger King for pupils' lunch due to staff shortage

A cook and two kitchen assistants are supposed to cater for the children but if they are off sick the school has to look for alternative meals

CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. Pupils who have their lunch at Nuestra Señora del Carmen school in Estepona were given meals from Burger King on Wednesday because there were not enough kitchen staff to cook for them. There are normally one cook and two kitchen assistants on duty, but on that day only one person turned up for work and the

management decided there was no alternative but to buy meals from the nearest fast food restaurant, at a cost of over 1,200 euros for the 300 pupils.

Martina Fernández, the head of the PTA at the school, says this is not the first time it has happened. "Either the children go without lunch, or the school rings the parents and asks them to collect them, or they buy meals from a fast food restaurant," she says. Last term, pizza or sandwiches were provided on occasions because of a lack of staff. "We understand that employees can be off sick without notice, but the Education authorities should always ensure that there are enough staff to cope," she says.



Children tuck into their takeaway school dinner. :: C.M.



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'Urbanisations': a question of numbers and rights

It costs a great deal of money for town halls to take over the provision of services in private communities and, although most agree with the idea, the process can be fraught with problems



So far, Marbella has failed in the attempt, but Mijas has started an audit to evaluate each residential complex individually and see what will be involved



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MIJAS. It is difficult to know exactly how many people in Malaga province live in an 'urbanización', the Spanish word used for residential developments that can range from a simple apartment complex to vast estates covering various hectares.

In recent years numerous residential developments of this type have sprung up on the outskirts of towns and villages. However, since these first began to be built, people who live in them have insisted that the local councils should take them over and provide certain serv-

ices that they have previously paid for themselves.

If the town hall maintains the roads and takes responsibility for street lighting and other services, then residents will see a significant reduction in their community fees. However, each council has its own version of this 'political involvement', as the president of the College of Community Administrators, Fernando Pastor, describes it.

It is important to differentiate between a community of owners (in an "urbanización"), and an EUC ("Entidad Urbanística de Conservación"). In communities, the owners of the apartments and houses also jointly own private communal areas within the complex which cannot be used by non-residents, such as gardens.

With an EUC, people do not own the communal areas, they just own a property in the same area; for example, their apartment block or villa may be next to a park or garden which can be used by the general public.

Council adoption

Mijas, which is one of the municipalities with the highest number of 'urbanisations', has now begun a complicated process of adopting them, and if the method they are using is successful it could serve as a model for other local authorities.

Mijas council decided the best way of doing this would be to divide the communities into different sectors, depending on when they were built, and start by looking at the situation of the oldest ones.

The mayor, Juan Carlos Maldonado, says the council is strongly in favour of adopting the 'urbanisations', in order to be fair.

"It doesn't matter where our residents live within the municipality; they should benefit from the same services and have the same rights as anyone else," he says.

However, before anything can be done the council needs to examine the situation in each development carefully and obtain exact figures about how much it will cost to take it over, because its budget will not allow them all to be done at once. Once that process has been completed, a schedule can be drawn up.

Mijas and Marbella

Although at the moment only Camping La Cala has been properly adopted by Mijas, other projects are being carried out anyway, such as the plan to asphalt the roads in residential developments. This year the sum of 330,000 euros has been set aside to improve the infrastructure of these communities.

In Marbella the mayor Ángeles Muñoz drew up a plan some time ago to take over 300 "urbanisa-

IN CONTEXT



500

urbanisations exist in the two municipalities where most are located, Mijas and Marbella, although nobody is clear about how many people live there.

Urbanisations and EUCs 'Urbanizaciones' have a private communal area which is jointly owned by those who buy properties there, and it cannot be used by other people (for example, a park or garden area). An EUC, "entidad urbanística", does not own any communal property: people just own a property adjoining a public area, for example their apartment block or villa may be next to a public park.

Responsibilities

If a local council decides to take over an "urbanisation", it will then be responsible for street lighting, sewerage, keeping the area clean and road maintenance.

tions" which, according to the now-annulled Urban Plan of 2010, are on "consolidated urban land", but there has been little progress. In fact, these areas have only just been included in the local asphaltting plan.

The initiative was rejected by planning experts who realised, said the councillor for Public Works, Javier García, that communities could not be included if they had infrastructure works pending, because those have to be carried out by the owners.

The aim of the new council in Marbella is to "start working with the Town Planning department and legal advisors so that the initiative can be resumed, but we need to take over the urbanisations gradually," he said.

The vast majority of these developments in Marbella were built in the Gil era of uncontrolled development, but some were constructed much earlier and still lack basic facilities. Most are still not connected to mains sewerage and depend on septic tanks; this is something they have in common with most complexes of this type in the province.

The plan drawn up by the Partido Popular council three years ago was for these 300 developments, which were still being run by the owners, to be adopted in stages. For example, in 2015 the council would take over the street cleaning, road surfacing and pave-

ments. In 2016 it would take over the garden areas and parks. The last tripartite council, that lost power to the PP last month, said this would be financially unviable and it wanted each "urbanisation" to be analysed one-by-one.

This way of looking at them individually has also been adopted by Estepona council, which takes areas over once all the necessary works have been completed. In six years, the council has taken over 15 in total.

So far, however, sectors of Estepona have been left incomplete because the developers who built the complexes failed to fulfill their contractual obligations in terms of providing certain services. The local council has already taken action in Valle Romano, Las Mesas, Nueva Atalaya and several parts of the town centre (at present they are concentrating on the Huerta Nueva area), although town hall sources cannot confirm exactly how much money is being spent on this process, which is a type of "partial adoption".

Axarquía

On the eastern Costa del Sol the problem is the same. Vélez-Málaga council is working on its forthcoming budget and hopes to set up collaborative agreements for maintenance of "urbanisations", specifically those in areas between Benajárfé and Chilches, which are the areas furthest from Vélez town centre.

During the last legislative term, when the Partido Popular ran Vélez town hall, the council approved the motion to provide some services in "urbanisations" in Vélez and Torre del Mar, but not those in the rest of the municipality, many of which have been established for a long time and have serious infrastructure problems to take into account.

The measure affects a total of 29 areas in Vélez-Málaga and Torre del Mar. Although the idea at the time was that the council would take over the maintenance of these developments, especially those in outlying districts such as Chilches, Mezquitilla, Lagos and Benajárfé, so far nothing has been done.

In fact, some people are complaining that the council has made no progress at all in this area, nor has it resolved existing problems. They say they pay their taxes and the town hall is not providing the services to which they are entitled. They also claim that the council is demanding millions of euros which the owners cannot pay.

Urbanización or urbanisation?

English-speaking residents in Spain use the word now without batting an eyelid. Just as pre-euro the word "mill" was commonly used by British expats to mean a thousand pesetas, the word "urbanisation" has been adopted from the Spanish "urbanización" to describe the developments where many foreign residents live. Anglicising foreign words is how the English language develops, but so far the use of the word urbanisation to mean anything other than the act of urbanising seems to be limited to English-speakers in Spain. A quick visit to Google reveals references to real estate sites around the Costas but no further afield. If this use of the word as a countable noun ever finds its way into the Oxford English dictionary, it will be thanks to British expats on the Costas, and it ought to carry a footnote to say so.

In Rincón de la Victoria the only large residential complex which has been adopted by the council (in the summer of 2014) is Añoreta, which was built over 30 years ago. Parque Victoria, to the north of La Cala del Moral, is awaiting a decision from the courts about a case lodged by the town hall in 2013 because it considered that the developers had not complied with the terms of the contract, signed in 2010, for the council to take it over.

Nerja

In Nerja about 20 residential complexes are waiting to be adopted by the council. About ten years ago an agreement was signed with the association of communities, under which the owners had to carry out certain works, and once these were completed the town hall would take over.

This year that agreement has come to fruition in the Tropicana Urbanización, which is home to about 500 people, and several similar projects in other residential areas of the municipality are under way.

In Torrox this is also a major problem in several areas, especially isolated rural communities which have no mains drainage or street lighting, but it is hoped that the situation can be resolved by using funds from the provincial government for improvements to be carried out.

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Malaga's olive oil giant enjoys increased worldwide success

Antequera-based Dcoop, which produces more oil than Italy, Greece and Tunisia combined, has reported an increase of almost 14% in its exports in 2016

■ NURIA TRIGUERO

ANTEQUERA. Olive oil from a Malaga province-based company is reaching the four corners of the planet like never before.

Locally-based Dcoop this week reported a surge in exports of 13.6 per cent in 2016 and now sends produce overseas with a value of almost 490 million euros.

The cooperative, based in Antequera, sells produce including olive oil, wine, olives, goat's milk, sauces and vinegar to 69 countries. Three quarters of the sales are of olive oil.

Heading the list of countries receiving produce is Italy (where some oil is then resold to other markets) followed by Russia, the US,

France, Germany, Belgium, Portugal, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the UK.

Exports now make up almost half the total sales of just over 1 billion euros annually.

New growth

While Dcoop, and Spanish oil exports generally, have traditionally been mostly in bulk for bottling elsewhere, the cooperative has been investing in other product lines. Wine is now the biggest export in terms of liquid volume thanks to the merger with Castilla-La Mancha's Baco wine cooperative.

Table olives are also a growing sector and the company last week unveiled its new plant dedicated to them Mollina. Exports reached 69 million euros in 2016, with the US heading the list.

Dcoop buys from 150 smaller cooperatives covering 75,000 families in various parts of Spain and is world leader in olive oil production, making more than all of Italy, Greece and Tunisia combined.



Dcoop now handles 250,000 tonnes of olive oil every year. ■ SUR

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Charity retail, the good cause moneymaker

Fundraising shops have opened in most of the resort towns on the Costa del Sol over the last 30 years

Selling secondhand goods donated by the general public has become the main source of income for many charities, generating tens of thousands of euros every year

by TONY BRYANT

MALAGA. The image of the mothball-scented charity shop has changed greatly over the years and what were once considered as shops that sold out-of-date clothes, tacky ornaments and scratched records have transformed into big money-making enterprises.

Over the past 30 years, many of the charity organisations run by foreign residents on the Costa del Sol have realised this and have opened shops in most of the major resort towns along the coast. Some organisations have premises in more than one town, such as the hospice charity Cudeca, which now has 19 shops and outlets in the province of Malaga.

These shops are similar in that they offer the same type of items for sale, but what they also have in common is that they are usually the charity's most important source of funding.

As non-profit organisations (ONGs) whose aim is to improve the lives of other people through humanitarian, educational or health-care services, the shops have certain benefits, like tax exemptions.

Cudeca was the first to introduce the concept on the Costa del Sol and this started a trend that has produced many thriving secondhand shops run by selfless volunteers, raising hundreds of thousands of euros in revenue every year. Most shops have a volunteer base of approximately 20 to 50 people if they open only in the mornings and as many as 80 volunteers if the shop opens in the afternoon and evening as well.

The first charity shop

Cudeca, which opened its first shop in Fuengirola in November 1992, enjoyed a year of strong growth in 2016, with several new premises opening, along with a central warehouse that provides logistics services to the entire network.

The cancer hospice, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, now has shops from Malaga to Estepona and the income they generate covers a large part of the expenses it incurs each year. In 2015, the shops generated almost 50 per cent of the overall funds raised. 2016 was a year of healthy progress with the network of shops drawing in 72 per cent of the year's total figure.

Katie O'Neil, coordinator of Cudeca's network of commercial outlets, explained to SUR in English why there had been such a drastic rise in funds generated in the



Secondhand charity shops can be found in most resort towns along the Costa del Sol. :: SUR



Cudeca now has 19 outlets in the province of Malaga. :: TONY BRYANT



Shops rely on the help of volunteers and generous donations. :: T. B.

beginning, the shop only attracted the local expat community, but they soon began to lure the local Spanish community as well. The shop prides itself on the quality of the goods it offers and the low prices charged, but, like all of these outlets, the stock depends largely on what people donate. The majority of charity shops on the coast sell clothes, accessories, bric-a-brac, porcelain, toys, DVDs and books, while a few outlets concentrate on furniture and larger items. However, the shop manager never knows what is going to come through the door.

"With merchandise arriving daily we can satisfy even the most fastidious of customers. However, horse tack and vibrating mattresses were beyond our remit," said Steve Marshall, secretary of Age Concern.

Established in 1999, La Cala de Mijas Lions Club has three charity shops in the same street. The shops generate the bulk of the club's annual income, grossing between 50,000 and 80,000 euros every year.

"We have three shops and these are a major contributor of funds for the Lions. We are very fortunate, because 2016 was an excellent year and we had a lot of support, both from donors and volunteers," July Barry, President of La Cala de Mijas Lions, explained.

Other charity outlets include Age Care, a small organisation that operates a secondhand shop in the El Zoco commercial centre in Calahonda. The organiser stress that items donated, if considered unsuitable to sell in the shop, are given to the homeless. Towels and bedding which are past their 'sell by date' are given to a local dog charity, so nothing goes to waste.

The ARCH shop, which is based in Alhaurín el Grande, has recently moved to much larger premises because it outgrew the old one. The charity, which cares for abused and mistreated horses, was founded in 2009 and opened its first shop in 2013.

ARCH receives donations from all sorts of people, including a Marbella boutique that donates out-of-season stock, but it has also been given some unusual antique items.

"We receive all sorts of weird and wonderful things. Someone donated a large 1950s wooden Mickey Mouse puppet and we were also given a solid silver tea pot, which we are sending to auction in London," Liz, the shops coordinator, explained.

Despite more modern and imaginative fundraising initiatives, the revenue raised in the good old-fashioned secondhand shop enables charities based on the Costa del Sol to continue with the excellent services they provide. The shops rely heavily on the generosity of the general public, donations received from private institutions and companies and, of course, the tireless help of those volunteers who offer their services to help run them.

CHARITY SHOPS

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► **La Cala de Mijas Lions.** Calle San Miguel, La Cala de Mijas. 952469584

► **ARCH.** Calle Melendez Pelayo, Alhaurín el Grande. 600651007

► **Age Care.** El Zoco Commercial Centre, Calahonda.

► **Cudeca.** For addresses and phone numbers of Cudeca's 19 shops and outlets see, www.cudeca.org

shops.

"There has been a big push in the shops since the end of 2015, thus the big change in numbers. We have also opened a new furniture outlet and we offer a delivery and collection service. Fuengirola is our top shop, however, Torre del Mar is a close second. Other shops that have been showing a lot of growth recently are in Torremolinos and Marbella, we are proud to say."

Age Concern

Age Concern Fuengirola and Mijas was formed by a small group of volunteers in February 2014. The charity now has three drop-in centres, a welfare outreach programme, a shop and a house clearing service.

The Age Concern charity shop in Los Boliches opened its doors in March 2017 and from the first day it has proven to be successful. In the



Tax information exchange is starting

By Chris McCann, Partner, Blevins Franks

The tax authorities in Spain and the UK will now start to receive new information on their taxpayers' offshore assets and income.

This is carried out under the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) for automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters. 100 countries have so far committed to obtain information from their financial institutions and pass it on to the clients' country of residence.

50 jurisdictions began collecting data from January last year, and had to pass it on by this September. Another 50 began collecting information from January this year, ready to share it by September 2018.

This automatic information exchange will be repeated every year going forward.

The information being shared about the financial assets you own outside your country of residence includes personal data such as your name and address, country of tax residence and tax identification number. You have probably received requests from financial institutions to confirm these details.

The information to be reported about your accounts includes the investment income you earned over the year (interest, dividends, income from certain insurance contracts, annuities etc), account balances and gross proceeds from the sale of financial assets.

The financial institutions that need to report include banks, custodians, certain investment entities such as investment funds, certain insurance companies, trusts and foundations.

When local tax offices receive this information they will be able to verify whether the taxpayer has accurately reported income and assets on their income and wealth tax returns. In Spain, the authorities can also compare data with *Modelo 720* declarations.

In the UK, HMRC has sent out very clear warnings to taxpayers about the consequences of not paying tax correctly on offshore assets.

In a document entitled "If you have money or other assets abroad, you could owe tax in the UK", the Revenue advises that the tax world is becoming more transparent and that it is getting tougher on those

who are not paying the right amount of tax across their offshore tax affairs.

The document states:

"From 2016, HMRC is getting new financial information about our customers from more than 100 jurisdictions – including details about overseas accounts, structures, trusts and investments. HMRC is already using information, supplied by overseas banks, insurers, and wealth and asset managers, to identify the minority who are not paying what they owe."

It asks recipients if they are confident that their tax affairs are up-to-date, advising them that it is their responsibility to regularly check they have declared all UK tax liabilities and bring their affairs up to date if necessary.

It is clear that, if someone has not paid the correct amount of tax, HMRC will now find out about their money and overseas assets. Penalties are increasing for offshore tax evasion, resulting in potentially life changing consequences. Criminal prosecution is also a possibility, depending on circumstances.

While this document is aimed at UK taxpayers, it is worth paying attention wherever you live, as the principles are the same.

First of all you need to establish where you are resident for tax purposes, then ensure you are fully declaring all your income and wealth as required by law. If you live in one country and earn income in another, be clear on where you need to declare it and where it is taxable. Following the double tax treaty correctly.

Cross-border tax planning can get very complex, so take specialist advice to ensure you get it right as well as to take advantage of compliant tax mitigation opportunities.

The HMRC document also notes that: "Personal circumstances change. For example, you may have recently inherited assets overseas. Tax laws change too. All of this means that previous advice can be out-of-date, with costly consequences."

If you do receive an inheritance from another country, it is important

to establish if and where you have to pay tax on it. If you are resident in Spain, you have to pay succession and gifts tax on assets you receive as a gift or an inheritance, even if they are located abroad and never brought into Spain.

Another point worth considering about inheritances is that if your affairs are not in order now, this could cause problems for your family when they inherit these assets.

The tax regime in Spain does provide compliant tax planning opportunities for your investment capital, so you do not end up paying the headline rates of tax. Spain can be an attractive country for retirees to live in from a tax point of view. Take personalised, specialist advice to structure your assets to in the most tax efficient way for Spain.

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Five arrested after shooting at an adult club off Marbella's Golden Mile

Police later found the burnt-out getaway car allegedly used by the person who fired shots that left four people injured, including one in intensive care

:: JUAN CANO

MARBELLA. Police in Marbella have been trying to piece together what happened last Sunday morning at an adult club in the town that led to four people being injured, one seriously, five arrests and the discovery of a burnt-out getaway car.

Officers were called to the Casa Masa club on Calle Victor O'hayon Taplero, near Marbella's Golden Mile, shortly before 9am on Sunday after a report that somebody was firing at people in the club.

On reaching the club, they found four people spread out around the venue suffering from gunshot wounds. Most of the wounded are French nationals of Algerian origin.

All were taken to the Hospital Costa del Sol in ambulances and one was transferred to the intensive care unit with four wounds to his throat and chest. The other three were kept under observation with less serious



Police outside Casa Masa in the La Carolina area. :: JOSELE-LANZA

injuries. All the wounded were arrested.

According to sources, an argument had broken out between several clients at the adult venue and one had gone off to look for a gun and opened fire on the others.

The alleged gunman fled the scene in a four-wheel-drive vehicle, which was found on Monday by local police burnt out in the Velerín area of Este-

pona. The vehicle was said to have been rented in Marbella.

Police said on Monday that a fifth man had been arrested although it wasn't immediately known if he was the supposed gunman.

Also on Monday two of the three less seriously injured victims were released from hospital while one underwent surgery. The fourth wounded man continued in intensive care.

112 REPORTS



The scene in Nueva Torrequebrada after the accident. :: SUR

Prosecutors seek four years for drink driver who killed young woman

BENALMÁDENA

:: J. CANO / A. FRÍAS. Prosecutors in the case of the 44-year-old Costa driver who allegedly mowed down people sitting alongside a

Benalmádena play park while he was three times over the legal limit are asking for a sentence of four years, according to pretrial papers. The incident happened in October last year on Avenida Estrella del Mar in Nueva Torrequebrada. A 35-year-old woman, named only as Alona, died while watching her young daughter playing.

Costa man injured in polemic bull event

VALLADOLID

:: M.N. A 37-year-old Malaga man has been injured after being gored by a bull at the controversial annual Toro de la Vega festival in Tordesillas in northern Spain. A further seven people were treated by the Red Cross. This year's festival has been toned down and no longer includes bull-spearing.

Man left dangling after noddy train hits ladder

ANTEQUERA

:: A.G. A worker fixing some aerial cabling had to grab on to a balcony after the tourist train in Antequera was forced to make an emergency stop and swung into the ladder he was standing on. The driver of the train has blamed the particularly steep gradients and tight turns on the narrow streets.

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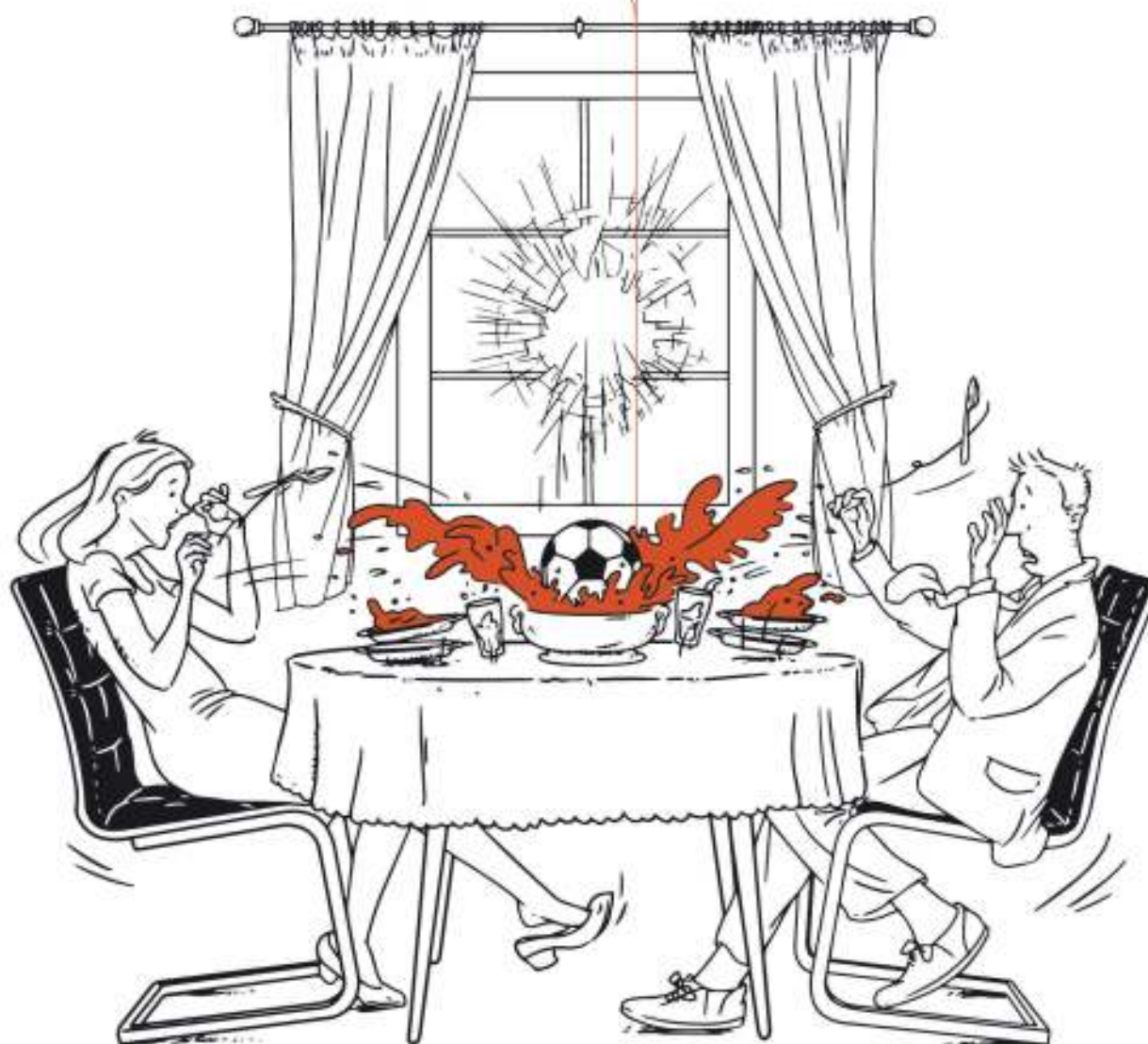
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Town hall acquires iconic Casa Barrabino for a million euros

The 19th-century building will become the main feature of a newly pedestrianised Plaza Costa del Sol in Torremolinos

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

TORREMOLINOS. Torremolinos town hall on Monday agreed a deal that will see the purchase of a house, previously belonging to María Barrabino, which will form part of the local government's plan to pedestrianise Plaza Costa del Sol.

The building, constructed in the 19th century, reflects the tastes of the Malaga bourgeoisie and still maintains much of its original decoration. However, it is in a state of general disrepair and will require significant refurbishment.

The town hall will pay 1.1 million euros for its purchase and hope to integrate it into a pedestrianised Plaza Costa del Sol. To do so, they will also have to carry out the demolition of other buildings, also belonging to the Barrabino family, which stand between the house and the square as it is today.

Mayor José Ortiz (PSOE) says that the purchase is a "major milestone" for the town as it will be "the sym-



A view of inside the property as it is today. :: A. GÓMEZ

bolic first stone for the new pedestrianised boulevard" designed by renowned architect Salvador Moreno Peralta.

Moreno Peralta believes that the house has "undoubted value which allows us to discover the origins of Torremolinos".

Ciudadanos spokesperson, Ángeles Vergara, defines the house as the "the heart of the town" and will be

the centrepiece of the project led by the Socialists in collaboration with the C's.

The story of María Barrabino is one of particular significance in Torremolinos. She famously gave parts of the land for public use, gave help to local soup kitchens and helped to eradicate tuberculosis in the town. "She was very charitable," say her family.

HERE AND THERE

Caminito visitors this summer from total of 80 different countries

ARDALES

:: **F. TORRES.** The Caminito del Rey "daredevil" walkway is about to end its second summer season after it reopened to the public and it has been yet another record-breaking year with tickets sold out for virtually the entirety of the season.

However, the most eye-catching figure, revealed by Hermanos Campano, the company in charge

of the attraction, is that a total of 84 countries, from five continents, have been represented on the route.

According to Francisco Campano, "There are more and more visitors from outside Spain and increasingly from more remote places."

Sixty-five per cent of visitors to the attraction come from overseas, with many coming to Spain solely to visit the Caminito "either on the basis of recommendations or the breathtaking photos and videos that can be found on the Internet", Campano concludes.

Mice infestation hits Torremolinos court

TORREMOLINOS

:: **A. G.** A mice infestation is the latest in a long line affecting the town's court buildings. Earlier this year, irreparable damage was caused to a large percentage of documents by termites in the judicial archives, while now mice have taken hold in the cells of the courthouse, as captured on video by a worker - a video which has since been widely distributed on social media.

The head of the Malaga bar association, Francisco Javier Lara, has called for urgent action as the poor state of the facilities, which serve both Torremolinos and Benalmádena is exposed once more.

Mijas Pueblo recovers historic fountain

MIJAS

:: **I. G.** The emblematic Fuente de los Siete Caños del Barrio de Santana in Mijas Pueblo is now complete. This was one of several projects residents voted on as part of the town's drive to involve the population in deciding how the public money should be spent.

The fountain, which dates back to the 18th century, has been restored to former glories at a cost of 188,000 euros.

Councillor Fuensanta Lima said last week: "We have recovered an important part of our heritage which was hidden away until excavation work in 2015."



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Internal town hall conflicts could see loss of five-million-euro EU payout for Nerja projects

Plans to improve the river Chíllar and develop the Las Poetas neighbourhood must be complete by 2022 for the money to be secured

✚ EUGENIO CABEZAS

NERJA. There is mounting concern among councillors at Nerja town hall that five million euros of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) awarded to the town last October will be lost if agreement on projects is not reached soon.

Nerja was one of a number of towns in the province to be given a multimillion-euro financial boost when Malaga province secured a total of 40 million euros of EU money in 2016.

The funding, which must be spent by 2022, has fallen foul of internal



The car park near the Chíllar river, an area affected by the plan. ✚ E. C.

conflicts at the town hall, leading to the one-and-a-half-year-old threat of a vote of no confidence against

the current mayor, Rosa Arrabal, as well as the opposition parties rejecting the 2017 budget, of which the

EU money is part.

Projects earmarked for the funding include a visitors' centre and improvements to the Chíllar river, a beauty spot that has suffered from uncontrolled visitor numbers leading to rubbish problems as well as accidents in recent years.

Further plans include the development of the Las Poetas neighbourhood, with the building of a training centre and an environmental strategy for the area around Burriana beach.

All of the projects require a 20 per cent contribution from the town hall, with 80 per cent of the money coming from the ERDF fund, as per EU norms.

Arrabal has admitted that the situation is "very complicated". However, the spokesperson for the PSOE and councillor for Infrastructure, José María Rivas, has said that they are "working to find a solution" to the problem.

Frigiliana to join in 'Walk with Ethiopia' as part of worldwide fundraising project

✚ JENNIE RHODES

FRIGILIANA. Between now and 1 October, the town of Frigiliana will be hosting a series of charity events under the banner 'Walking with Ethiopia', organised by the NGO ABAY. Among the activities will be a collection of school materials which is to be taken in person to the village of Walmara in Ethiopia by Frigiliana resident and member of ABAY, Alfredo Raya. A walk through Frigiliana is planned for 1 October to raise funds to build a school in the Ethiopian village and is open to participants of all ages and abilities. Other places taking part in the fundraiser are Madrid, Asturias, Alicante, Moncofa, Dubai, Valencia, Lucena y Hondarriba. For further information contact the town hall: www.frigiliana.es

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Lighthouse to be restored to former glory as part of EU heritage project

The work is expected to take three months and will involve moving trees, painting, cleaning and installing new lighting

✚ J. RHODES

TORRE DEL MAR. Work started on Monday to restore Torre del Mar's second oldest lighthouse, which is situated next to the iconic blue and white one on the town's promenade.

The restoration work, which is expected to take around three months, will include moving some of the palm and pine trees that currently impede the view of the lighthouse, which was built in 1969.

Other plans include cleaning and painting the stone and cement structure, as well as updating its motor and handrail as well as installing new lighting both inside and out.

Torre del Mar's oldest lighthouse,



Torre del Mar's new (left) and old (right) lighthouses. ✚ SUR

which is located half way up Avenida Toré Toré, underwent similar reforms earlier this year and has become one of the town's main tourist attractions, according to deputy mayor, Jesús Pérez Atencia.

Restoring the lighthouses forms

part of Vélez-Málaga's EDUSI 2016 project, which aims to promote the area's heritage and culture in order to attract more visitors. This is being made possible through 10 million euros of European Union regional development funds (ERDF).

HERE AND THERE

Free Spanish classes available in Nerja

NERJA

✚ J. RHODES. Nerja town hall has announced that free basic Spanish courses are being offered at the town's Adults' Centre. Registration is taking place at the centre on Calle Diputación. NIE and passports are required.

Further Spanish classes are also available at the Chaparil school in Calle Chanquete in the town. For

further information contact the teacher, Pilar Medina: pilarmedinaarrabal@gmail.com.

Chaparil school is also looking for volunteers to teach English to its students. For further information on taking part contact Pilar Medina on the email address above.

For further details on Spanish classes including timetable information and start dates contact either the centres directly or the foreigners' office at Nerja Town Hall at email extranjeros@nerja.es.

Rubbish collection starts winter timetable

ALMUÑÉCAR

✚ J. R. Rubbish collection in Almuñécar town centre will resume the winter timetable from tomorrow, Saturday 17 September. Household waste may only be left in containers from 8pm. The areas affected are: Avenida Andalucía, Avenida Rey Juan Carlos I, Avenida de Europa, Paseo Puerta del Mar and Caletilla (Prieto Moreno).

Police to mount sixth protest in under a year

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

✚ E. C. Local Police officer unions have announced a further day of demonstrations in protest over conditions and staff shortages in Vélez-Málaga. The demonstrations are expected to take place on 25 September. This will be the sixth demonstration since November 2016 and will coincide with the town hall's monthly council session.

Red, white and proud to be British

Gibraltar celebrates its National Day and the 50th anniversary of the first referendum



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GIBRALTAR. The city centre was filled with red and white on Sunday as the people dressed in their traditional colours and celebrated not only their National Day but also 50 years since the people of Gibraltar voted for the first time in a referendum on whether to remain British or accept Spanish sovereignty.

September 10th is always an emotional day for Gibraltarians, but it was especially intense this year with over 3,000 people packing into Casemates Square for the traditional political rally at midday, attended by a cross-party group of British MPs who support Gibraltar and its right to determine its own future.

In this special year it was only to be expected that there would be some surprises, and perhaps the biggest was a video message from British prime minister Theresa May, was broadcast on large screens, confirming that Britain will stand by Gibraltar for as long as its people wish to remain British. "Fifty years on, Gibraltar and the UK are closer than ever before... We will resolutely safeguard Gibraltar, its people and its economy and Gibraltar will remain British for as long as it chooses to do so," she said, to massive applause.

Although the prime minister was not able to visit Gibraltar and give her speech in person, Europe minister Sir Alan Duncan did attend the National Day event and reiterated the British government's support.

Personally, Sir Alan is no stranger to the Rock and its problems, having lived there as a child in the 1960s when his father, who was an officer in the RAF, was based there. He has



Crowds waved Gibraltar and British flags at the 2017 National Day celebrations on Sunday. :: EFE

had regular meetings in London with Gibraltar's chief minister, Fabian Picardo, and deputy chief minister, Dr Joseph Garcia, and is well aware of the challenges Gibraltar faces as a result of Brexit.

That, however, was the serious side of Sunday. Gibraltar certainly knows how to party and the remainder of the day, from early in the morning until late at night, was a celebration in every sense of the word. There was music, dancing, confetti, rose petals, fun-filled activities for all the family, a sense of togetherness and harmonious coexistence, hope for the future and a determination to overcome whatever problems Brexit and Spain's wish for sovereignty may hold.

Ministers' message asserts the right to self-determination

In a joint National Day message issued last Friday, the chief minister and deputy chief minister said:

"Safeguarding the sovereignty of Gibraltar in the hands of the people had a high price. Gibraltar became a city under siege dependent on UK development aid and military spending. Despite this, Gibraltarians worked hard to re-orientate the economy in

order to withstand and even prosper under this final siege. Indeed, it was a time when local democratic institutions were reformed and strengthened under a new Constitution: a direct consequence of the British choice. Our forefathers refused to sell our birthright. They did not surrender to the bully nextdoor. More than three hundred years of British rule have taught us not to give in to bullies. Fifty years later, in 2017, our resolve to assert our British sovereignty and defend our right to self-determination remains as strong as it has ever been."

IN BRIEF

Another illegal tobacco haul seized

GIBRALTAR

:: D.B. Customs officers arrested a local businessman and a Spanish man in the early hours of Wednesday morning, after surprising them as they were about to load 165 cartons of cigarettes onto a small boat at Watergardens. The haul is said to be worth about £3,500.

One of the men, a local shop owner, was found to be in possession of a bag containing 4,000 euros, which has also been confiscated as part of the investigation. The two suspects were released on bail until December.



Safer for pedestrians. :: SUR

New crossings at Rosia and Europa Road

GIBRALTAR

:: D.B. New zebra crossings are to be created in Europa Road, opposite Shorthorn Farm Estate, and Rosia Road by Bay View Terraces, to make it safer for pedestrians to cross the road and easier for them to get to bus stops. The minister for Infrastructure and Planning, Paul Balban, says these improvements are much needed, and are being carried out as part of the government's Sustainable Traffic, Transport and Parking Plan.

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Bas van Abel, founder of Fairphone, on the right. :: FRANCIS SILVA

Can a smartphone be ethical?

Fairphone, a made-to-last, sustainable mobile phone was promoted by founder Bas van Abel at the EmpoderaLive conference in Malaga

:: NURIA TRIGUERO

MÁLAGA. EmpoderaLive, the social innovation and empowerment conference which took place in Malaga this week, witnessed the potential sustainable future of smartphones. Fairphone, a creation by Dutch innovator Bas van Abel, is an attempt to challenge the way that phone manufacturers operate

and create a smartphone that is long-lasting, easily repaired and made from sustainably-sourced materials.

Bas van Abel questions the way in which established, global phone producers such as Apple and Samsung design and produce their devices, which often break beyond repair within as little as 18 months. "Our aim is to make Fairphone last five years," he says, aiming to buck the trend of short-life phones and create a phone that will be more environmentally and financially sustainable.

Despite his ambitions, van Abel is not negligent of the obstacles that his company and project face. He understands that the financial survival of his company, among the well-established competition, is not an easy endeavour, but he explained what separates Fairphone from other competitors in the market, in particular its unique, forward-thinking, ethical awareness.

Creating a long-lasting phone is not the only thing on van Abel's agenda. Unlike other smartphones, Fairphone can be easily repaired. This is achieved through the production process, which uses fewer parts which can be easily removed and replaced if faulty.

Fairphone focuses as much on the sourcing of materials and labour as it does on the physical design of the phone. This enables the phone to maximise sustainability from the very start of the process right until the end of the phone's life.

"A phone has around 1,200 parts; understanding the supply chain and the labour of those involved in each stage is vital," he says; the metals used in the production of phones come from all parts of the world, particularly Africa, where child labour and social conflict is rife. Fairphone does not simply aim to avoid these areas: "Then we would be changing nothing." Instead, they look to work with these countries and particularly the areas where they could have the largest positive impact.

Fairphone is not just a distant concept, but something very real. The second version is now available on their website and from other online distributors for 529.34 euros. During its pre-sale period, the company raised a staggering 10 million dollars.

Fairphone was perhaps the stand-out presentation on the second and final day of the EmpoderaLive conference which began on Monday. A broad spectrum of themes were covered including the digital divide in Africa where the NGO Internet Sans Frontières works to achieve "a free and open internet which is accessible to everyone", according to the organisation's director, Julie Owono, who spoke on Tuesday.

Other speakers included architect and engineer, Carlo Ratti, who explained the concept of 'intelligent cities' in which the people are the driving force in finding solutions to urban problems.



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Airport unions give negotiators more time before calling strike

The stoppages planned for September have been called off but a strike could be called for October if a deal isn't reached to end the conflict before the end of the month

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MADRID. The main trade unions representing airport workers employed by Aena and Enaire have put off the strike action originally planned to start today and given the authorities until the end of the month to reach an agreement to end the conflict.

After a meeting on Thursday last week it was decided that talks between unions, the firms Aena and Enaire and the government would resume this week.

Union representatives said they



Passengers at Malaga airport. **SUR**

were optimistic and that their "perspectives [on a deal to end the conflict] are very favourable".

However Francisco Javier Casado, of the union Comisiones Obreras (CCOO), said that if no

agreement is reached before the end of September a strike, which this time could not be postponed, would be called for the end of October.

The workers had originally announced strike action affecting all Spanish airports on 25 dates this autumn, starting this week.

The unions are calling for the employers to make up for the workers' lost spending power in recent years, a sum they calculate to be around 8%.

They are also calling for more staff to be taken on to replace workers who have retired or taken early retirement: 250 in Enaire and 450 in Aena.

Workers' representatives maintain that the time has come for them to benefit from the good results of the companies, which have already allowed them to reduce airport taxes.

Holiday home websites to be told to give details to taxman

PILAR MARTÍNEZ

MALAGA. Central government has said that it is working on legislation to force websites that advertise holiday homes and other temporary rental accommodation to share details of what has been rented out and who owns the properties listed.

Speaking at a meeting of tourist industry chiefs in Malaga on Tuesday, tourism minister Matilde Aslan said that tax authorities plan to introduce the new rules in an effort to clamp down on people who let out the homes they own but who do not declare the income to the taxman.

Carlos Pérez-Lanzac, of the Andalucía association of tourist lets, who was also at the forum, said that his members had already officially called into question parts of the law due to "contradictions" within it, but added that booking platforms would comply as long as the reporting measures didn't



More flats are being let out. **A.C.**

infringe data protection laws.

The number of holiday rental homes in Malaga city has doubled in just fifteen months and there is now more accommodation in self-catering property than hotels. How best to regulate this surge was the main topic of conversation at Tuesday's forum.

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Help towards a science PhD

An international organisation that supports women around the world is giving a grant to a graduate from Malaga

Soroptimist International Club Costa del Sol has given Estefanía Torreblanca, who has a degree in Environmental Sciences, 5,000 euros to help her with her thesis

FRANCISCO GUTIÉRREZ

MÁLAGA. The Soroptimist International Club Costa del Sol, part of a worldwide women's NGO which, among other projects, aims to boost the role of women in science and engineering (STEM studies), has decided to help a young graduate from Malaga. Estefanía Torreblanca Fernández will be granted 5,000 euros towards obtaining her PhD, which focuses on the study of cetaceans and sea turtles in the Mediterranean.

Estefanía, who has a degree in Environmental Sciences from Malaga university, says she is "absolutely delighted" about the grant, which will enable her to progress her research, publish articles and attend conferences. "I promise I will really make the most of it, because this is a won-



Estefanía Torreblanca is an Environmental Sciences graduate. **SUR**

Soroptimist International supports students in fields where women are not adequately represented

derful opportunity they have given me," said Estefanía, who currently alternates her research with a job as an air hostess with the Norwegian Air Shuttle company. She said the Soroptimist International Club contacted her tutor, because its members were looking for possible candidates for the grant.

Estefanía said she chose to study Environmental Sciences through vocation. "I have always liked science and nature, and I want to work to protect it," she explained. In the past, she has worked as an observer on fishing boats. "I love the sea," she said, and thinks it is a shame that although the sea covers 70 per cent of the planet, not enough resources are dedicated to researching it.

The concession of these grants was made public a few weeks ago, when Soroptimist Europa held its annual conference in Florence. The main objective of this funding is "to encourage young women to choose to study STEM subjects (sciences, technology, engineering and maths)," said Ame-

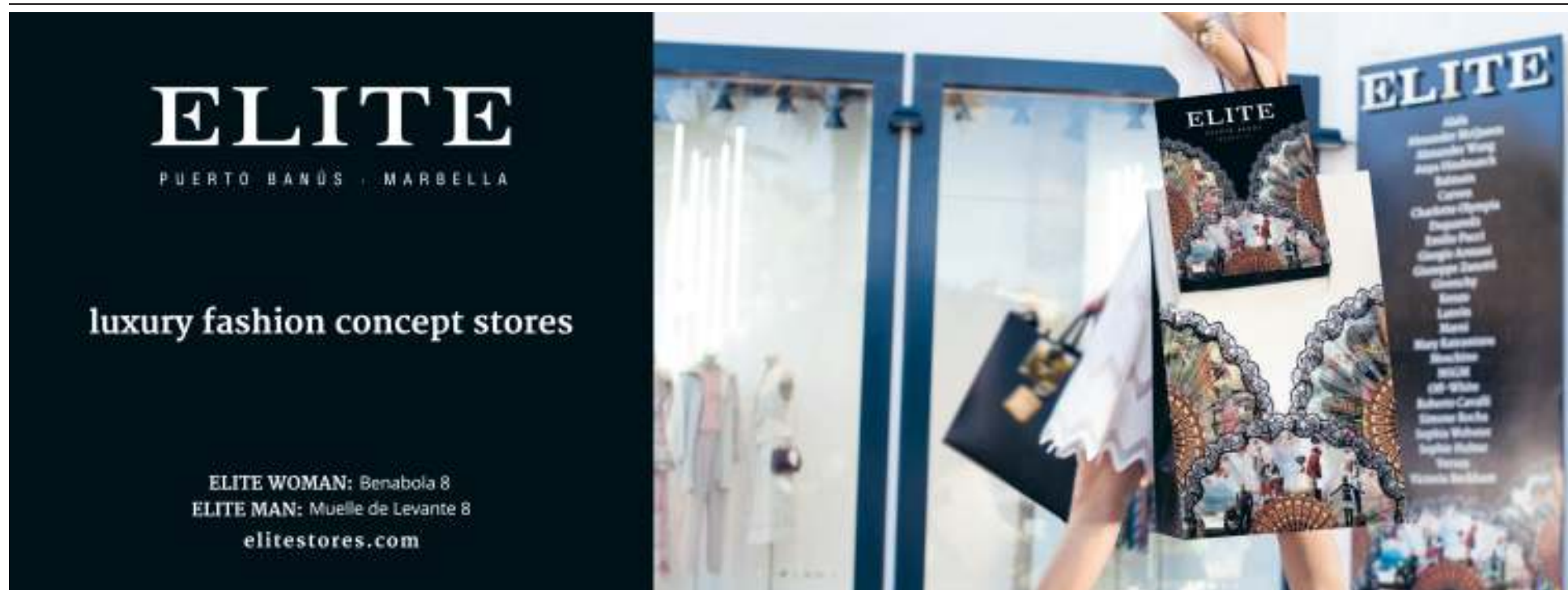
lia Martínez Hockley, president of the club on the Costa del Sol, one of the organisation's five branches in Spain. In total there are 75,000 members in 132 countries. "We try to support women in these important fields, because we are not adequately represented in them," she explained.

Estefanía's studies

Estefanía took a Master's Degree at the University of Cadiz (Fishing and Aquaculture: Marine Resources and Sustainability) after finishing her degree at Malaga. She is currently in her third year towards her PhD, as part of the Biological Diversity and Environment programme.

"It would be ideal if I could present my thesis next year," said Estefanía, who has already carried out a number of studies on the distribution of cetaceans and sea turtles in the Mediterranean. She is also analysing the consequences of environmental contamination and climate change, and proposing corrective measures, such as reducing the speed of the ships which through the Strait of Gibraltar. One subject she will be researching is the discovery of an important area for the finback whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) in the Gulf of Lion.

She has already written several scientific articles and submitted them to magazines. "I couldn't have done that without the grant," she said, because the magazines charge for publication. The grant will also enable her to attend conferences "where I can find out the results of our research," she explained.



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Half of items in the national inflation index have fallen in price this year

Annual inflation increased to 1.6% in August, driven by rises in energy and fuel, but a lot of household items have dropped since the start of 2017

by J. A. BRAVO

MADRID. Annual inflation in Spain went up to 1.6% in August, an increase from 1.4% a month earlier, official data released on Wednesday said.

Despite this almost half the items monitored have got cheaper

since January. The government figures released by the national statistics institute (INE) reveal that annual increases in fuel prices are behind the rise.

Prices on these are up 7% on a year ago, followed closely by energy costs, which have risen by 6.3% since August 2016. The biggest rise was on gas, up 12.6%, although this had benefited from a big drop in price twelve months earlier.

These increases have had a knock-on effect on home heating, lighting and distribution costs.

There is good news though for shoppers. Fresh fruit has fallen 14.8% year on year and potatoes by

8.1%. Underlying inflation, which strips out energy and fresh food prices, the most volatile elements, fell by two decimal points to 1.2% in August and finance ministry officials predict that overall inflation will also fall in coming months.

While transport, hotels and eating out went up by between 2-3% in the last year, clothing and shoes have fallen by an average of 16.5% since January alone and home accessories by 5.9%.

Twenty-four of the 57 categories analysed in the survey have fallen in the first eight months of this year.



Shoppers have been enjoying price drops on clothing. by J. ANDRADE

The rise in socially responsible funds and the concept of allowing investors choices consistent with their ethical and religious beliefs are nothing new. But is it possible to combine successful business practices with, say, looking after the disadvantaged?

The first funds to allow investors to direct their money into companies whose activities they approved of were pioneered by the life assurance group Friends Provident in the 1980s, through a series of Stewardship Funds. This pioneering move was typical of the Quakers, some of whom were the founders of the life assurance company. Their origins go back to The Religious Society of Friends, a Christian movement founded in England in the 17th Century by George Fox.

Puritan and non-conformist, they were given the name Quakers as a term of derision, because they would often quake in the presence of God. But they gained a reputation for social activism,



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How persecution boosted business innovation while benefiting society

and were instrumental in such historic events as the abolition of the slave trade of the 18th and 19th centuries, prison reform and the granting of voting rights to women. Many paid a high price, as they were tortured and imprisoned for their faith and beliefs.

Their expertise and success in business grew over the years but, coupled with their beliefs, it made them more enemies than friends.

Unable to gain insurance, necessity became their mother of invention and they formed their own company, Friends Provident, now a leading UK assurance society. Not surprisingly, one of the overriding concerns of the society was to care for the poor and disadvantaged in their own communities.

Many captains of commerce and industry in the 1800s, on both sides of the Atlantic, were Quakers

who founded and managed their businesses on biblical principles. Joseph Fry, who started the famous Fry's chocolates, built a small town for the employees of his factories, with all amenities, schools, hospitals, recreation facilities and a church. Work was scarce and many had to leave their hometowns to find jobs. Eventually, Fry's was bought by the Cadbury Company, John Cadbury being a Quaker himself. In the same Quaker spirit, Edward Pease, owner and pioneer of the first railway in England from Stockton to Darlington, furnished housing to his own employees; and Joseph Rowntree, founder of the famous Rowntree Chocolates, was the first person to develop low-cost social housing for the poor.

Barclays Bank also had its roots in the Quaker movement. Barclays traces its origin back to 1690 when John Freame, a Quaker, and Thomas Gould started trading as Goldsmith Bankers in Lombard Street in London. The name of the bank was changed to Barclays

in 1736, when James Barclay, the son-in-law of John Freame, one of the founders, became partner in the business. True to their faith and beliefs, the bank's employees were well housed and looked after.

In spite of being persecuted for their beliefs, through their success in business, Quakers were able to alleviate much poverty by serving the wider community. They saw business as a way of allowing them to make positive changes to society. They didn't wait for governments to bankrupt their future generations with unfunded debt liabilities, instead they used what they had wisely, and gave something back. What these pioneers of old understood is, very simple yet profound, that charity begins at home.

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More than 700 mayors in Catalonia under investigation for aiding banned referendum

As preparations continue for the controversial 1 October vote, the regional police chief has told his officers that they should impede it taking place

BARCELONA

Spain continued to be gripped this week by the countdown to a banned independence vote in Catalonia organised by the regional government.

Last Friday the Constitutional Court ruled unanimously, as expected, that the decision by the Catalan parliament last week to approve a law allowing the vote to take place on 1 October was illegal. This prompted the public prosecution office to start to take steps against regional politicians who have been pursuing the vote.

As well as ordering the key players in the regional government to halt the preparations, prosecutors have summonsed all the local mayors in Catalonia who have agreed to help the referendum by opening up council buildings as polling stations and providing staff.

Of the 947 local mayors in the region, 712 who support the vote have been called to declare before a judge to explain their role. The vast majority representing the PDeCAT party have said they will attend court however some mayors from the radical left-wing CUP party have said they will not attend, which could lead to their arrest.

Speaking on regional television on Wednesday, Catalan president Carles Puigdemont criticised "the climate of great hostility and paranoia" and that "no mayor deserved that treatment".

Despite earlier fears about legal action, Barcelona mayor, Ada Colau said on Thursday that she had



Some 600,000 people were estimated to have taken part in Monday's pro-independence march. :: AFP

agreed with Puigdemont on the Catalan capital's participation.

Other mayors who have refused to use council resources to organise the vote have complained about intimidation and bullying.

The head of the regional police, Josep Lluís Traperó, has sent a note telling officers that they should uphold the court decision and investigate the referendum, despite pro-independence politicians' protests that they should stay neutral.

Spanish PM defiant

Much of the debate in the Spanish parliament has centred on the crisis in Catalonia this week.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has continued to say he will do all he can within the law to prevent the vote going ahead.

Speaking outside the debating chamber in Congreso on Wednesday he explained: "If you are contacted to staff a polling station, don't go."

Meanwhile King Felipe VI has spo-

ken out directly against the referendum for the first time, saying in a speech that "the Constitution will prevail over any disruption to [the country's] democratic harmony".

March for independence

On Monday, hundreds of thousands of pro-independence supporters marked Catalonia's annual regional celebrations, known as the Diada, with a demonstration through the streets of Barcelona.

IN BRIEF

100 kilos of explosives planned for Catalonia

BARCELONA

Media in Catalonia have reported that investigators firmly believe that the terrorists who attacked Barcelona and the resort town of Cambrils last month had been planning much bigger attacks in the Catalan capital.

Police have been sifting through evidence from the seaside villa which exploded the night before the attacks where evidence of "100 kilos of explosives" was found.

Dalí's body parts will be put back

BARCELONA

The foundation charged with protecting the legacy of Salvador Dalí has said that the body parts removed from his tomb in a failed paternity suit will be put back shortly. The Fundación Dalí protested at the exhumation of the artist's body but was forced to allow the items, which include a leg bone and teeth, to be removed following a court order after claims by Pilar Abel that she was his daughter. The grave is in the foundation's Dalí museum.

Brits arrested over false hotel food claims

PALMA

Seven British nationals were arrested last week in Mallorca as part of investigations into organised fake claims against hotels for food poisoning. Police believe the gang had been operating since 2014 and may have falsely obtained up to 60 million euros from hoteliers on the Balearics and elsewhere in Spain. The group are accused of controlling a network of "sales agents" that encouraged people on holiday to start bogus lawsuits on their return to the UK.

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REWRITING HISTORY

Annual predictions for Spain's GDP growth are changed several times a year by the Spanish government and various national and international economic bodies. That much we already know. But what we learnt this week was that the Spanish economy's performance in years past can also be tinkered with: on Tuesday, Spain's National Statistics Institute (INE) said that they'd done some re-calculating (I paraphrase) and that actually Spain's growth in 2015 was 3.4%, not the previously stated 3.2%, and that last year it was 3.3% rather than 3.2%. The INE said that it made the revisions because export levels had been greater than previously thought.

You can't help wondering whether Mariano Rajoy's government employs someone to do a job similar to the one that Winston Smith performs in George

Orwell's 1984. Smith is employed by the ironically-named (to put it mildly) Ministry of Truth to rewrite the headlines of old newspapers according to what Big Brother says happened, not what actually happened (in fact, the two are the same in 1984). That the 2017 projections for Spain's GDP growth are frequently revised (always upwards, of course) encourages us to regard each new figure as temporary: but now that previous years' economic performances are being altered, it seems possible that the "actual" growth rate for this year could be tweaked as well.

Of course, altering GDP growth statistics by tenths of a percentage point is nowhere as near as sinister as rewriting old headlines. But what it does - or should - do is make us look upon any such figures with scepticism.

Certainly, we would have been foolish to take any of the growth predictions made so far this year as definitive. Spain's economy minister Luis de Guindos recently stated that it was "perfectly reasonable" for GDP growth in 2016 to exceed last year's, begging the question of what 2016's expansion rate really was. But this shouldn't surprise us, because Rajoy announced in July that the rate of expansion in 2017 would be 3% - much better than the 2.7% he'd previously projected. He thereby brought the government's prediction closer to the 3.1% predicted by the Bank of Spain - a figure the Bank released in June, thus cancelling its original 2.8% projection. In July, the IMF also revised its growth forecast for Spain this year, from 2.6% to 3.1%.

These revisions seemed to be heading towards the magic figure of 3.2% - the rate at which Spain's GDP was initially said to have expanded last year: the idea being that if there's no drop in macroeconomic momentum, Rajoy can maintain that his government is the only party fit to run the economy. But given that last year's growth rate has now itself been increased, we might see another couple of tweaks to the 2017 projection in the coming months, so the new figure of 3.3% is reached.

IN BRIEF

Juan Núñez Insausti named CEO of Puerto Banús

MARBELLA
:: **SUR.** The company that manages Marbella's iconic marina Puerto Banús, Puerto José Banús S.A., has appointed Juan Núñez Insausti, an executive specialised in transforming corporations and managing mergers and acquisitions, as its new CEO.

With this appointment, the Vidiella family delegates its management, as the marina initiates a

new period of expansion. Alberto Vidiella, who took over the marina company in 1984 following the death of founder José Banús, died last year.

The aims of the new CEO include improving the international visibility of the marina and strengthening the management in an increasingly global and competitive environment, the company explained.

Every year Puerto Banús receives more than five million overseas visitors, making it one of the top tourist destinations in Europe.

Swedish lawyer joins law firm's Marbella office

MARBELLA
:: **SUR.** Swedish lawyer resident in Marbella, Erik Berger, has recently been named a new partner at the Marbella office of the law firm My Lawyer in Spain. Erik studied Law and Economics at the University of Stockholm and, graduating in 2000, embarked on a career in Swedish and international finance law. Erik's family has had a close relationship with Marbella since the 1970s, giving him insight into the legal and tax implications of living between the two countries. On behalf of the MLS management team, Alex Radford said that Erik's arrival gave the firm a "bridge" with Sweden.

Norwegian and easyJet team up to offer savings

MALAGA
:: **SUR.** Budget airlines Norwegian and easyJet have recently teamed up to create a new platform which combines two flights, one with each company, for a single price.

'Worldwide by easyJet', launched on Thursday, connects easyJet's short-haul services within Europe to a second flight operated by Norwegian to its long-haul destinations in North America, Asia and South America.

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Rubbish

I am writing to say how brilliant are the “bin men” in our part of San Pedro. Every day they clear up huge piles of rubbish, much of which is recyclable. Occasionally a lorry comes round with a grabber to pick up mattresses, beds, washing machines, old hose pipes, huge glass windows (inevitably smashed), paint cans, sun beds, old tables and chairs and piles of garden refuse.

The list goes on! I am at a loss to know where it all finishes up. I can't imagine how it gets sorted.

Is it not time, now that we have our new (old) mayor back, to set up a decent recycling plant, say in San Pedro “poligono” (which itself could do with a good clean up) and encourage everyone to visit instead of dumping on my back garden so to speak?

JOHN SHAKESHEFF
SAN PEDRO

Scouting and Peter Edgerton

I have just seen Peter's reference (in last week's SUR in English) to Scouts and the constant age-old action efforts they go to to be prepared.

I would like to remind people on the coast that Fuengirola has a Scout group that will be celebrating its 20th birthday in traditional style later in the year, with a barbecue and a campfire and we would like to contact old members who may be interested in coming along for the event.

We are also struggling at the moment as some of our leaders have moved on to new areas so we are in need of willing adults who would be able to give a few hours a week to help with Scouting. The young people are aged from six through to 18. The other problem the group has is we are still looking for a new home for our regular meetings. This takes up just eight hours a week and needs to be able to accommodate 24 excited young people. As the weather changes we are become increasingly concerned that we may not have a place to meet.

If any one can help, is an ex member or has a large hall we could use please contact Robert on 610755995.

CAROL WRIGHT
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Buddhist centre

Further to your article extolling the virtues of Karma Guen Buddhist Centre at Aldea Alta,

I notice that no mention was made about the misery it causes to the people who live alongside the dirt track to the centre. Hundreds of cars use this track during these gatherings, causing huge clouds of dust which cover everything nearby. Many of these Buddhists drive at speeds of 70km/h or more at all times of the day and into the small hours with no consideration for local residents. In addition to the cars there are many deliveries of supplies for the centre and numerous coaches, buses and mini-vans ferrying people to and from the centre on a narrow dirt track unsuitable for this volume of traffic.

When an event is held the demand for water is so high that the 'depósito' which serves houses on the track leading to the centre is starved of water so there is no mains supply for residents for up to two weeks at a time.

To add insult to injury when these events finish the track is strewn with rubbish including waste food and packaging, etc. which has fallen off the trucks taking the trash away.

During the many years I have lived here it has got progressively worse with several events a year instead of just one, for example this year two events quite close together in June and August. I would suggest that Sr Moreno Ferrer visits during the next major event at rush hour to see for himself the appalling conditions some of his IBI paying residents have to endure.

MARTYN N. GOMM
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Face oddity

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When things go wrong for people on big occasions, you inevitably feel sorry for them unless you've got a heart made of reinforced tungsten, in which case you'll snigger to yourself like Muttley in The Wacky Races. This empathy we experience applies to all kinds of events such as rain-sodden wedding days, disastrous school productions, embarrassing speeches and last-minute missed Sunday League Cup final penalties.

It's a rule that tends not to apply, however, to big corporations. So, when Apple unveiled its latest iPhone this week amid a kerfuffle of pompous self-importance not seen since Bono last preached to us about world poverty from the west wing of one of his nine hundred sprawling mansions, anybody remotely sentient was hoping something would misfire. It did.

Let me point out here that, in general, I know nothing about technical stuff. In fact I can never even re-

member the model of the guitar I've been using for the past quarter of a century. If, unfortunately, a conversation I'm involved in turns to makes of instrument, things can get a bit awkward.

“What guitar do you play?”

“An old Takamine.”

“Ooh, nice. Which model?”

“I can never recall. I think it begins with ‘g’. Or ‘k’. Or possibly ‘j’ ... Nope, sorry, can't remember.”

“Is it the GK412379623 6778980876X?”

“Er, yes, maybe. I really don't know.”

“That's got a beautiful mid range acoustic sound. Which pick-up is it? The Orville And McBucketface 61b series?”

“Yes, probably. Sorry, must dash. Just remembered the house is on fire.”

Anyway, back to Apple - even I understand that they've reached saturation point with regard to technical innovations and have, therefore, been forced to resort to vari-

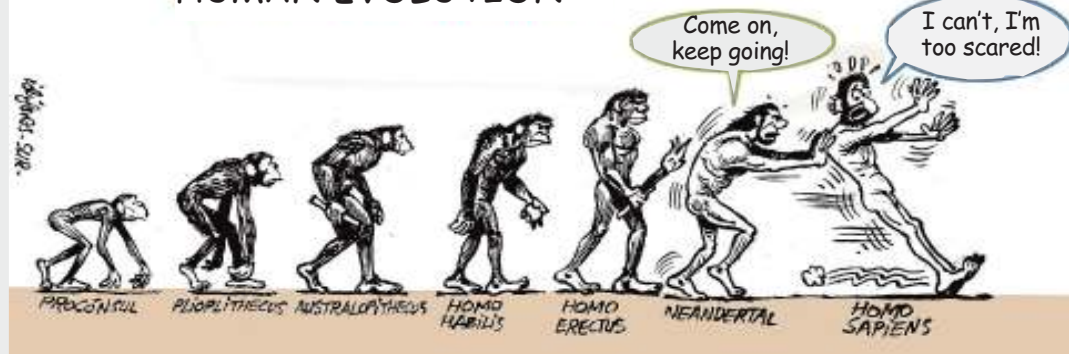
ous random absurdities in order to justify the eye-watering price tag of the new model. Facial recognition is supposed to be the big selling point this time. That's all very well, chaps, but it's blatantly discriminatory - for example, it immediately precludes professional boxers or, indeed, anyone who regularly gets into Friday night fist-cuffs from buying it. Trying to convince an inanimate object that this is really you in the fat lip, broken nose, cauliflower ear version will always, I suspect, be more trouble than it's worth.

So, when Apple's head of corporate snooze stood before a live audience of millions and stuck his ugly mug in front of the phone for facial recognition and the phone completely ignored him in the manner of a girlfriend whose birthday you've forgotten, let's be honest, we couldn't help but feel a twinge of schadenfreude.

Muttley, I suspect, would have been very proud.

IDÍGORAS

HUMAN EVOLUTION



A reader's letter

IGNACIO LILLO

It wasn't the first and I fear it won't be the last. Her name is Monica and from what I can deduce she is one of the many European citizens who have chosen to live on the Costa del Sol. She says she is from Austria, although her written Spanish is better than that of many 'malagueños'. But it wasn't only her language skills that caught my attention. Her desperate appeal proved that she isn't content with the 300 days of sunshine, the spectacular quality of life and the long evenings with wine and jasmine. She wants to do something to change the land that has taken her in and make it a better place.

Monica is indignant. “You, your voice and the impact it has are my

last hope,” she writes. “I know, I simply know, that in Tordesillas they are going to torture the Príncipe bull in all ways possible, dodging the law, cheating justice, with the silent or open consent of the authorities and police.”

She is clearly talking of the Toro de la Vega festival, held on 12 September.

“I was very excited to come from my country to live here and since then I have been fighting for welfare and against animal cruelty,” her letter continues. “I simply refuse to believe that an entire village can ‘enjoy themselves’ (at a festival dedicated to a Virgen, what's more) mistreating a beautiful and noble animal. Desperate, I ask for your help,

and I know that a lot of Spanish and foreign people are with me, as we have no means of our own to reach public opinion, which I trust is civilised, understanding and strong, and will be capable of changing things,” she concludes.

Really it's not the reason for her letter that matters. People write to me about the puppies left half-dead in boxes outside animal shelters; about the abandoning and slaughter of hunting dogs at the end of the season; about the relaxation of the laws, which let the perpetrators of all sorts of atrocities against defenceless creatures go unpunished; about the scarce means of the welfare organisations to cope with the consequences of animal cruelty, which is so widespread it ought to be considered a matter of state in Spain.

Every letter, every note, every comment such as this one, makes me feel the same anger, the same embarrassment caused by the image we are sending out of a country that is the archenemy of animals, unworthy of calling itself civilised and European.

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Actor Antonio Banderas, at the Deauville Festival in France last week. :: CHARLY TRIBALLEAU. AFP

Banderas confirms he'll be taking on Picasso double role

The actor announced that he will be playing his fellow Malagueño in the National Geographic series, 'Genius', in 2018

:: FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

MÁLAGA. Antonio Banderas has been announced as the star of the second series of National Geographic and Fox television show *Genius*, which will focus on the life of Pablo Picasso. Appearing at the Deauville Festival in France last week, Banderas confirmed that he would be taking on the role of the painter who has always fascinated him and with whom he shares a birthplace.

The Malaga-born actor attended

the festival to launch his latest film, the Andrea Bocelli biopic *The Music of Silence*. There he revealed that the ten-episode series will start shooting for five months in November. The first episode should be released in April or May 2018.

When this casting announcement was made last week, there was speculation over whether Banderas had abandoned another Picasso film project, *33 Days*, in which he was to have a starring and producing role under the direction of Carlos Saura.

He has since explained that his involvement in the television series does not mean that he is abandoning Saura's film, merely pushing it back slightly.

When confirming the news of his double role, Banderas said that the

life of Picasso has always been a part of his own life. He said that the two projects were "completely different". In *Genius*, the actor will be embodying the painter throughout his entire life, whereas in *33 Days* he will play Picasso during the time it took the artist to create his masterpiece, *Guernica*.

The first series of *Genius* revolved around the life of Albert Einstein and was extremely successful, being nominated for ten Emmy awards.

Before announcing the project last week, Banderas and the production team visited Malaga to select appropriate shooting locations for the series. Along with Malaga, the actor has shared that the filming will take place in Barcelona, Paris, and Budapest.

The actor is about to close a deal on his theatre in Malaga

:: R. SOTORRÍO/M. LORENCI

MÁLAGA/MADRID. Antonio Banderas said this week that he still plans to open a theatre in Malaga.

During a live stream on Facebook, the actor said that his plans were driven by a love of the stage, despite

being best known for his roles in film. He said that he was on the brink of signing the paperwork for the creation of a private theatre and in the next few days he will be coming to Malaga to close the deal.

Banderas said he would not be

seeking public funding, following his "humiliating" experience with a previous project designed for the city's old Astoria cinema. In the end he pulled out, after the awarding of the contract caused controversy and objections from some politicians.

Plans include two theatres in one building, one for commercial "mainstream" shows and another as a "laboratory" where young actors can experiment. The latter will also double as a television set, where plays can be filmed in order to be televised.

THE NIGHT SKY

KEN CAMPBELL



Goodbye Cassini

The satellite has been sending out information from Saturn for 20 years

In 1997 NASA launched a space probe to the planet Saturn. Seven years later, on 1 July 2004, after an interplanetary voyage that included flybys of Earth, twice around Venus and past Jupiter, Cassini finally arrived at Saturn and went into orbit around the planet.

On Christmas day 2004, a smaller probe called Huygens separated from Cassini and descended for a landing on Saturn's largest moon, Titan. It finally landed on Titan on 14 January 2005 and began sending back incredible data about its surface and atmosphere. Cassini meanwhile continued to orbit Saturn and its many other moons and of course the famous rings.

Cassini is about the size of a mini bus and is one of the largest unmanned probes ever sent into space. It is so far away that the radio signals take up to 84 minutes to travel from Saturn to the Earth and so controllers cannot issue real time instructions to Cassini. Instead information is transmitted up to the probe telling it to carry out a particular movement or operation. The images and data that have been returned to Earth have shed a completely new light on the giant planet and scientists will continue to analyse the information for many years to come.

Unfortunately the end is nigh for Cassini. Its power supply is decreasing and so a decision had to be made as to what to do with the craft. It cannot be left to wander aimlessly in orbit around Saturn as eventually it is bound to collide with one of Saturn's



62 moons or disrupt the fragile nature of the rings system. Also Cassini is powered by 33kg of highly radioactive Plutonium 238, and you certainly wouldn't want that landing anywhere that may possibly harbour even the rarest form of life.

Therefore, today Friday 15 September, Cassini has been given the final instruction to commit suicide and crash itself directly into Saturn. Its final journey began this morning as the plucky little craft headed toward its destiny. By now it will already be feeling the effects of the planet's upper atmosphere as it gets closer and closer to its end.

At some point today the effects of the atmosphere will become too great and Cassini will be no more. I imagine that there will be no champagne corks popping at NASA to celebrate the end of a very successful mission, more a quiet look between the controllers who have been there for the last 20 years as they say their final goodbye to Cassini. Rest in peace Cassini, you did a great job.

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Roll up for the magical musical tour

The Music Story festival next week sees tribute bands perform classic hits by some of the most iconic bands and singers of the last 60 years

== TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. Fundraising team the Cudeca Goldies are gearing up for a two-day musical extravaganza in Benalmádena next weekend in aid of the hospice charity.

Music Story, to be held in the municipal auditorium near La Paloma Park in Benalmádena Costa on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September, features 24 local bands and entertainers, who prepare to embark on a musical journey from the 1950s until present day.

The festival offers some of the greatest hits of the world's most iconic bands and singers, including the rebels of the rock and roll era, the psychedelic sounds of the 1960s and rock legends such as Queen, to whom the special grand finale performed by Denyse Sanchez will be dedicated.

Tribute bands have made a massive revival over the last few years - quite possibly spurred on by the string of reality talent shows that dominate our screens - and it would seem that the golden oldies of the past are what the paying audience wants to hear.

One local musician, who performs under the artistic name of Stelvis, has



Magnet Man will bring his Barbados style reggae on Sunday 24th. == SUR



Tributes to The Who and Elvis Presley will be on Saturday 23rd. == SUR

INFORMATION

► **Where.** Municipal auditorium, La Paloma Park, Benalmádena.

► **When.** Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September. Show begins at 7pm on both nights

► **Tickets.** Tickets cost 10 euros and are available from the Ruben Exchange offices in Torremolinos, Fuengirola and Benalmádena, www.ticketea/musicstory.com or from the box office on the night.

► **Transport.** For details of the free bus service from Marbella visit cudeca.org

been performing his Elvis tribute show on the coast for the past six years. He told SUR in English that it is not just the older fans who attend his gigs.

"I find more and more youngsters come to my gigs now and most know the words to the songs and sing along - it's incredible. I don't think some would have been alive when he died, but Elvis' music will always be popular," Stelvis explained.

Stelvis, who performs his show on the coast seven nights a week, will open the Music Story festival with his tribute to the "King of Rock and Roll".

Among the groups and singers also scheduled to perform are the Memphis Trio, Stereo 80s, Gordon Wil-

liams, Mr Maph, Stolen Gnomes, Cath Johns, Magnet Man and One Wish Steve.

Steve Hughes, alias One Wish Steve, has put together a special tribute to The Who, one of the 1960s and 70s most wild rock bands.

Steve will perform some of their most celebrated hits, including Pinball Wizard, Won't Get Fooled Again and the teenage '60s anthem, My Generation. Steve will be joined on stage by four Parker-clad mods on scooters at the start of the show and his set is sure to rekindle the memory of any Quadrophenia fans in the audience.

"Everyone expects me to do the usual numbers, but I've been playing Who songs for many years, so I thought I would do the tribute especially for the Music Story. Most people will remember the songs like Pinball Wizard and you can't do a tribute without including My Generation," Steve said.

Gordon Williams, former Central FM presenter and long-time entertainer on the coast, will offer a more varied style of music during his 25-minute slot.

"I'll do light-headed stuff, remixes and variations of pop songs. I'll sing songs that the audience will remember the words to, because it's better for them to get involved and sing along," Gordon said.

Music Story promises to be a must for lovers of live music. The variety of acts booked for the event will ensure that there's something for every musical taste.

The festival travels back to the 1950s, 60s and 70s on the Saturday night and the best sounds of the 80s, 90s and the present day have their turn on the Sunday.

First Amendment Award for local poet and columnist

== FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

MÁLAGA. Poet, journalist and SUR columnist of many years, Manuel Alcántara, received the Spanish Eisenhower Fellows Association's First Amendment Award in Malaga this week. The award recognises the professional career of the 89-year-old who still writes a daily column on the back page of the Spanish SUR.

Every year the Fellowship gives the award to honour Spanish journalists and news leaders who have contributed to the defence and promo-

tion of freedom of information.

"I will do all I can to continue to act as a witness," said Alcántara after receiving the award from the president of the Eisenhower Fellowships, American George de Lama, who said the event took him back to his time as a journalist at the Chicago Tribune.

Benjamín Lana, the director of SUR publisher Vocento's regional titles and magazines, said that Alcántara had succeeded in becoming "so universal and so 'malagueño' at the same time".



Manuel Alcántara, 89, at the First Amendment Award ceremony on Wednesday. == F. SILVA

An advertisement for Bricomijas, a DIY specialist company. The advertisement features a large image of a modern interior with white columns and a staircase. The text "Bricomijas" is prominently displayed at the top, followed by "The DIY specialists on the Costa del Sol". Below this, it says "Specialists in doors, kitchens, wardrobes, wood...". At the bottom, the address "Camino Viejo de Coín 29650 Mijas Costa (Málaga)" and phone number "Tlf. 952 473 577 / 664 030 307" are listed, along with the email "bricomijas@hotmail.com" and website "www.bricomijas.es".

MINDY BURROWS



WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

15 SEPTEMBER 1972

Letizia, Queen of Spain and queen of fashion, is born

On 15 September 1972 Letizia Ortiz Rocasolano was born in Oviedo, Asturias, to her journalist father and nurse mother. After school she went on to study Journalism at Madrid's Complutense university and then obtained a Masters degree in Audiovisual Journalism at the Institute for Studies in Audiovisual Journalism. During her studies she was an intern at Asturian daily newspaper La Nueva España in her hometown, where she focused on the economy, television and theatre.

After completing her studies she worked for a newspaper in Guatemala and then did work for the Spanish version of Bloomberg, as well as CNN Plus and Televisión Española. In 2003, she became anchor of the TVE daily news programme. On this, she re-

ported on some of the most famous breaking news stories of the early 21st century, like 9/11 and the war in Iraq.

Her passion for music is well known, as is her love of cinema. The latter motivated her to take a role in a short film, La Mirada del Ángel, in 1998.

However, very soon after reaching the peak of her career, she had to leave it all behind. In November 2003 she and the Prince of Asturias, Felipe, announced their engagement. Her new role was clearly not compatible with that of a newsreader.

On 22 May 2004, Letizia married her prince in front of 1,200 guests and 25 million people who tuned it to watch the televised event. After the wedding, she was named Princess Letizia of Asturias. Letizia and Felipe have two daughters, Leonor and Sofía.



Reading the news in 2001. :: SUR

In 2006, she began to take on solo responsibilities as a princess. This was when her support of Spanish designers and fashion houses began. Since June 2014, when Prince Felipe became King Felipe VI of Spain, she has continued this support as queen consort. She is the first Spanish queen to have been born a commoner and the first Spanish-born queen consort since 1885.

In 2015, Letizia was appointed Special Ambassador for Nutrition for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. This was in recognition of the queen's great personal commitment to freeing the world of hunger and



The royal wedding in 2004 :: SUR

malnutrition.

She has made numerous public appearances, with and without the king. In July this year, she and King Felipe went to London on a grand State visit to the British royal family, a trip that combined business and pleasure.

Later that month, Letizia came to Malaga, without her husband, to attend the official opening of the conference of directors of the Instituto Cervantes at the city's Russian Museum.

Queen Letizia is revered for her fashion-forward and classy sense of style and she is considered to be one of the best-dressed royals in the world.

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Cortometraje	Short film
Invitado	Guest
Noviazgo	Courtship
Hambre	Famine
Plebeyo	Commoner
Reparto	Cast
Compromiso	Engagement
Periodismo	Journalism
Diario	Daily
Presentador de noticias	News anchor
Embajador	Ambassador
Diseñador	Designer
Papel	Role
Última hora	Breaking (news)
Matrimonio	Marriage
Marido	Husband
Apertura	Opening
Cima	Peak

She continues to make public appearances nationally and internationally, but she does not forget her equally important role as mother of two.

Earlier this week, Letizia was seen driving her daughters to their first day back at school. She looked like any other proud mother and, as she chatted with other parents by the school gates, one could almost forget that she is Queen of Spain.

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REF. E.G.D.

I have recently received a statement of claim that a Spanish citizen has filed against me, since he says I owe him money. It is true that he carried out some masonry work in my house, but he told me he was not going to charge anything because I had done some favours for him in the past. I consider that he has no way to

prove anything, but I found out by chance that the judge who is dealing with the case is a relative of the plaintiff (we live in a small village). Obviously, this weakens my position, as even if judges are supposed to be impartial, I think that the fact of being a relative can affect the result, favouring him and leaving me defenceless. Is there anything that I can do to have a different judge dealing with the case?

Of course. Kinship with any of the parties of a lawsuit is cause of abstention or challenge. Nevertheless, in principle you should not need to do anything, as the judge himself should refrain from dealing with the case, without being necessary to challenge him. Only in the event that he did not abstain voluntarily, you will be able to ask for the challenge in order to have a different impartial judge dealing with the lawsuit.

REF. I.R.F.

Some weeks ago I bought a very expensive coat in a shop in Marbella. One night, having a drink, a bit of orange juice poured on the coat, and the following day, when I was going to wash it, I realized that it did not have a label with the washing instructions. I decided to wash it very carefully, but it ended up so wrinkled that I had to iron it, and it got burned, even though the temperature of the iron was very low. Could I claim to get my money back?

There exist legal regulations about labelling that require the presence of a series of details in the products that reach the user, so that he has enough information about the garment. If the information does not appear or is wrong, you can make a claim. The manufacturer will be fined and would be obliged to pay for the damages.

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:: FERNANDO TORRES

A MAGICAL NIGHT IN GUARO

The town of Guaro, in the Sierra de las Nieves, transformed at the weekend as its festival, formerly known as Luna Mora, filled the town with candles, market stalls and workshops in what is quickly becoming one of the region's most important multicultural events. The many cultures which form the history of the town came together in various different musical and theatrical performances, with their icons also decorating the streets.

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Computer know-how, art, lectures and flower arranging

Groups, clubs and charities are starting a new programme of events which encompasses a wide range of activities

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A Touch of Class

All singing and dancing

A Touch of Class is an amateur show group based in Fuengirola, formed four years ago, which raises money for various charities. The group offers opportunities to sing, dance and perform skits. Rehearsals are twice a week. Contact the producer and director on 633405884 or email: paulinehulme01@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Lux Mundi Torre del Mar

Computer know-how and art

The Lux Mundi Ecumenical Centre is starting classes for basic computer skills every Wednesday 10-11.30am at the premises in Avda Moscatel in Torre del Mar. The cost (four euros) includes a drink. Participants are asked to take a computer, tablet or smartphone. Also on Wednesdays there is an art and craft group. Tel. 952 543 334 or e-mail: lux-mundi@lux-mundi.org. Web: www.lux-mundi.org.

Estepona Floral Art Club

Demonstration and workshop

Estepona Floral Art Club has a new programme of demonstrations and events planned for the autumn/winter season. There are some new demonstrators coming to Spain to lecture at the club as well as some old favourites. For more information: www.facebook.com/esteponafloralartclub. Tel: Janet 694425219 or email esteponafloralartclub@hotmail.com to receive information about the club or join their mailing list for the monthly newsletter.

BDFAS

Street Art

The Benahavis branch of the DFAS (Decorative and Fine Arts Society), begins the season on 3 October with a talk by British artist Doug Gillen on Street Art and the City. For more information on BDFAS see the website www.benahavisdfas.com

CantoLibre

Change of name

After six years performing as the Para-Sol Singers, the Estepona/Manilva-based choir has changed its name to CantoLibre. The new name means Free Singing and reflects the choir's spirit and repertoire, which now ranges from classical to pop and in-

cludes popular Christmas songs in both English and Spanish. The choir has performed at many local venues. Members are now rehearsing for the coming series of Christmas concerts. Although the common language is English there are many nationalities in the choir and new members are welcome. Ability to read music is not required. Rehearsals are on Wednes-



Arboretum Marbella marks the new season with a fair on Sunday. :: SUR

day evenings at a venue between Sabinillas and Estepona. For more information emailmikeandjackiej@btinternet.com or tel: 692 558 041.

Arboretum Marbella

Environmentally friendly

Arboretum is marking the beginning of the autumn season on Sunday 17 September from 11am to 5pm with a fun day full of art and activities at their public park behind Marbella bus station. Arboretum has organic allotments from which it sells the produce to raise money. Visit www.fundacionarboretum.org or Facebook: fundacionarboretum

What are you up to?

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GARDENING

Horticulture in space

NASA are investigating ways to grow plants without using soil, a method that has been used for several years by commercial growers

Ever heard of hydroponic, aeroponic or fogponic systems for cultivating plants? They are all procedures for growing plant material whether from cuttings or seeds, without using soil.

The growing media are water, air and nutrients. These high tech systems have been around for a number of years but have mainly been used by commercial grow-

ers. NASA has been researching this technique for food production on the moon, Mars and beyond.

Although I don't imagine many readers will consider growing next year's crops of tomatoes and peppers this way, the aeroponic system could be a useful tool for keen gardeners to increase the success rate of rooting cuttings.

The basic system consists of a reservoir and submerged pump, a misting system (it looks a bit like the element in a kettle with holes for nozzles) and the lid which has foam discs with slots for the cuttings to be pushed through.

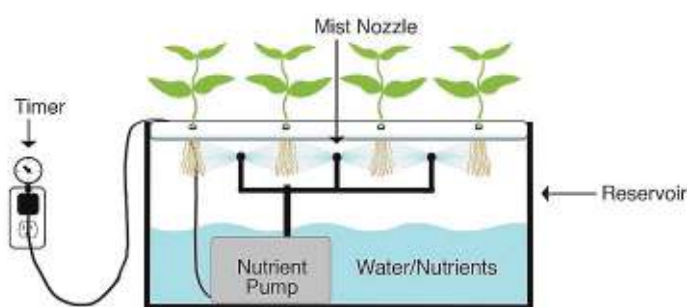
Cuttings should be about 10cm long with all the leaves removed from the lower 4 to 5cm. This bare portion is pushed through the foam and left dangling. When water is introduced and the pump switched on, the cuttings are misted from underneath; they don't actually sit in the water (unlike hydroponics where aerated water enriched with nutrients flows through the roots).

The cuttings should be placed in a position where they will get lots of natural light but not direct sunlight. Once fine hair roots start to form, a nutrient will need to be introduced into the reservoir, the water should be changed at this point. The nutrient can be bought online or a bit of guess work and ordinary plant fertiliser could be a cheaper option.

Cuttings will then develop secondary roots and be ready to plant out, sometimes in as little as 11 days. Fogponics is a very similar system which produces very fine water droplets.

The nutrient dosage will depend on the size of the reservoir and a guide should be included with the system. Liquid nutrients are obviously much easier to add than dried forms (which may clog up the jets).

The nutrients needed for healthy root growth are primarily nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous, with secondary nutrients calcium, magnesium, and micro nutrients iron, zinc, molybdenum, manganese, boron, cobalt and chlorine for further development.



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READER'S PHOTO



:: KEISHA MATTHEWS

APPLE BLOSSOM TIME

Keisha Matthews, who lives near Antequera, sent in this photo of a Bramley apple tree. For the second time this year (the first time was spring) it appears to be about to flower. The question is, will the tree go on to develop another crop of apples?

GARDENING HINTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Propagating from berries

Collect the berries when they are ripe (when they squish easily between finger and thumb). Mash them gently in a sieve or on paper towels to remove the flesh and then rinse in cold water. Leave the seeds to dry for a few days on more paper towels. Seed viability usually decreases in storage but sometimes it is better to delay sowing until the spring to give the seed-

lings a better chance of survival. In this case place the dry seeds in labelled packets and store in an airtight container in the fridge. Check the container every month to make sure that no moisture has crept in. The little bags of silica gel that come inside the packaging of some merchandise such as electronic goods, are perfect for keeping the seeds dry.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

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The Cruise Market SL has recently opened new offices in Torre del Mar. Its mission is to offer residents across Andalucía access to a hand-picked selection of cruises, concentrating on those travelling to or from Malaga.

Anyone living in this area will have noticed the enormous growth of cruise activity through the port of Malaga. As the city has blossomed into a major art and tourism centre, several cruise operators now schedule the city as a turn-around point. This brings huge and valuable benefits to the city both in terms of tourism and commerce.

The growth has been so fast that



A champagne welcome. SUR

many are unaware of the exciting travel opportunities on offer just down the road. Apart from cruising the Mediterranean, there are frequent offerings going west as far as the Caribbean and beyond.

The Cruise Market is working with a handful of specialised operators, offering the unique and often the unusual, always at unbeatable prices. Its first sailings are with a very diverse series of cruises. The stunning Star Flyer, a four-mast traditional clipper, will change people's perception of cruising. No engine noise, nor thousands of passengers, just 200 people listening to the wind in the sails as she sails

elegantly from Malta on 22 October to Malaga over a period of nine nights.

The small boutique ship, the Aegean Odyssey, which will be cruising from Seville to Malaga on a 10-night cruise on 31 October, is a cruise with a difference as it provides a deep educational insight into history throughout the itinerary. It includes several excursions including three days spent in Morocco with hotel stays in Marrakesh and Fez.

And then there's the Regent Seven Seas Explorer, which is arguably the most luxurious cruise ship in the world. Everything from excursions to champagne is included - the ship is the epitome of luxury with no fine detail missed. The passenger to staff ratio is 1.5 to 1. There are no cabins - all suites with a private balcony - and many come with a private butler.

The food is superb as are the on-board facilities. Passengers will be flown to Rome on 29 October and then cruise back to Malaga over the next eight nights.

The company's managing director, John Deverell, has spent more than 45 years in the travel industry, having owned and operated several successful tour operations in Canada, the UK, France and South Africa.

Enjoying a calm, easy life in the delightful hilltop village of Cómpeta, John says: "I couldn't help but force myself out of retirement when I realised that there is a travel revolution happening on my doorstep and no single travel company is servicing the pent-up demand. So an easy retirement will have to wait - there's work to be done!"

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Artists unite to paint 25-metre mural for Rotary project in La Línea

TONY BRYANT

MÁLAGA. Artists are invited to participate in the painting of a giant mural in La Línea de la Concepción this weekend.

Blue Whale Mural La Línea, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club Mijas International, Art for All in the World, Cáritas and Indigo Travel & Events, has been organised to raise funds for Hogar Betania, a non-profit organisation that supports the homeless and people in need.

Under the guidance of local artist, Eduardo Baquerizo de Sobrino, members of the Rotary Club Mijas International and volunteer artists will paint a 25-metre-long blue whale mural on a building.

Peter Claesson, founder of Art for All in the World, wants to transform La Línea into the world's biggest outdoor museum, with murals by several famous artists.

Teenagers from underprivileged families and those who live on the streets will be encouraged to take part in the outdoor museum.

Rotary Club Mijas International, of which Peter is a member, has invited all of the Rotary Clubs on the Costa del Sol to take part.

The event will begin at 10am on Saturday (tomorrow) and continue until 5pm, and also during the same hours on Sunday.

Those interested in taking part are asked to bring a 5cm wide paintbrush, and a donation.

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Mindfulness and personal development in Marbella

The organisation behind the event believes that the resort is the new Mecca for 'yogis' due to its ability to attract a range of different cultures

CHARO MÁRQUEZ

MARBELLA. 'Marbella Open Mind Fest', the first international festival for personal development, started on Wednesday.

The festival, which ends on Sunday, is centred on the Albergue Juvenil Fuerte Nagüeles complex behind the town centre.

Seventy masters, experts and coaches from all over the world have come together and over the five days they will be giving talks and leading workshops and meditation sessions. All of this will be done in a healthy lifestyle which promotes a "harmonious life" and family values. The ambition for the festival is that it becomes the biggest of its kind in Andalucía.

The founder of Open Mind Fest, Viktoria Boiaryna, has explained that the event is based around four levels of being. Firstly, the spiritual element, with talks to inspire creativity and mindfulness; secondly, the physical level, which tackles issues like health, organic



The Marbella Open Mind Fest is under way. :: SUR

food, incorporating massages and meditation. There is also the social element, discussing personal relationships with a focus on families; and finally, the intellectual aspect.

While the first day was free, it does cost to attend most events at the festival. However, all money raised will go towards charities and voluntary groups.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

► **Friday.** 9am to 1pm. Outdoor lecture on La Concha by Fernando Bernal Martín: the secrets of herbs. 7 to 9pm. The Way to Happiness Conference by Swami Jyothirmayah. 9 to 10pm. Concert by Rocío Madreselva.

► **Saturday.** 8.30 to 9pm. Party dedicated to "Open Heart".

► **Sunday.** 8am to 2pm. Hiking to La Concha mountain with trainer Oksana Pavlenko. 11am. "Open Mind Park" in Elviria, opening ceremony. 3 to 5pm. Satsang by Swami Jyothirmayah. 7 to 10pm. Various ceremonies to close the festival.

► **Price.** 35 euros for one day, 125 euros for every day, 82 euros for a group ticket (four people) for one day.

Mecca for 'yogis' and those who are looking for a spiritual life". She added that thanks to the large tourism industry in Marbella, the city "leaves a deep and memorable imprint on those who visit".

The programme has a focus on children as well as adults. The exciting first day of Open Mind Fest was celebrated with an organic fair, family yoga and talks, a concert and ceremony, and a Holi disco at the end. The entrance ticket to the day was a children's book - all collected books will be given to children from low-income families.

NGO

The founder stresses that the main goal of Open Mind Fest is to work together with different associations to "make a better world". Over the five days of the event, there will be several activities in collaboration with various non-profit organisations and the money raised from entry fees will be donated to them.

These associations are: Triple A animal shelter; la Fundación Arboreum, which works to improve environmental awareness; Monsalvat, raising money for disadvantaged youths in Asia, and the Edicoma organisation, which works with groups who have been discriminated against.



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The 'human snake' in search of a cure in Malaga

Thanks to social media, Shalini's case has attracted the attention of Costa specialists



Twitter: @pablocollana

Nineteen specialists from the International Medical Academy are striving to come up with a treatment plan which will improve her quality of life

MARBELLA. For 16 years, young Shalini Yadav has shed her skin every 45 days. A type of genetic curse prevents her from living a regular life in Chhatarpur, a town in the north of Madhya Pradesh in India. In her home town, where she is known as "the human snake", there is no effective treatment to alleviate the effects of

such a terrible disease. When she does have all her skin, her entire body is covered in black scales.

Upon entering the gardens of Marbella Club, her smile says it all. Despite having been surrounded by mayhem since her arrival a few days ago, she is excited for the future. Sitting nervously in her wheelchair, she focuses on me with a piercing, innocent look.

After hearing her story, as told by journalist Paco Rego, there is no doubt that the easiest thing for Shalini to do would be to give up. However, while her family had already done this, last month Rego became her guardian angel. After learning about her situation from journalist Sanjay Pandey, he did not hesitate to set a goal which at the time seemed almost impossible.

He wanted to get Shalini to Spain to be treated by the best specialists in the country. "I felt a need, a duty to help a young girl whose situation gets worse by the day," he says. Clearly



Dermatologist Enrique Herrera with the young Shalini during her visit to Marbella. :: JOSELE-LANZA

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emotional recalling this story, he adds: "This is what journalism is for."

For months, Rego went to great lengths until he finally succeeded in getting in contact with the International Medical Academy of Marbella. The association, which was founded this year, brings together some of the best doctors on the Costa del Sol in order to help the investigation about the prevention and treatment of illnesses, contributing to the development of the city's health sector. María Ángeles Rabadán has acted as the intermediary throughout this time. "I have spent weeks not working, devoted to this cause, calling everyone," she says, convinced that a lot more could be done for her.

The mission began and after a few days, neurologist Miguel Ángel Arráez, president of the academy, assembled a group of specialists whose aim is to shed light on the rare disease of the young girl in order to find a treatment which could give back her life. "We can't turn our backs on someone, no matter how far away they may be. We all felt the need to help her from the outset, whatever the cost," Arráez explains.

Since then, Shalini and her family have been immersed in a long bureaucratic process to ensure that the mi-

WHAT THEY SAID

Enrique Herrera
Dermatologist

"Her illness doesn't have a cure but there is a treatment which can guarantee her a better life"

Miguel Ángel Arráez
Neurosurgeon

"We can't turn our backs on Shalini, even though we are separated by 8,000 kilometres"

nor can travel from New Delhi to Madrid by plane, and down to Malaga by AVE. "We have addressed all of the possible obstacles that would stop her from getting to us, all without institutional support," Rego informs. "Shalini didn't want to live until she found out what we had planned."

At five years old, Shalini had to drop out of school, condemned by those around her. "She watches life go by outside her window, unable to leave her house. In her village, they don't understand what has happened to her and they don't want to go near her. It is hard to imagine such difficult and long-term suffering."

When she arrived in Málaga last Tuesday, and after being previously diagnosed through photos, Enrique Herrera, head dermatologist in the Malaga Hospital Clínico and one of the 19 doctors who has volunteered to treat her, gave a definitive diagnosis: "Shalini has lamellar ichthyosis, a non-contagious illness which doesn't yet have a cure as it is such a rare affliction." He explains that it is "a disruption of the metabolic process of keratinisation which is acquired at birth".

Shalini has been accompanied by her father and Vanesa Gil, a flight instructor and another member of the

A pharmaceutical company in Santander will cover the cost of her treatment over the next few years

team, who looked after her during the ten-hour flight. Gil made sure that the girl's skin did not dry up and break throughout the journey. This was the first time Shalini or her father had ever left India. The latter never took his eyes off his daughter for one second. He is clearly pleased, although also stunned, by the wave of support that they have received from Spain, where her story is well-known. The family's gratitude towards the doctors is beyond words.

Now in Marbella, Shalini will undergo various medical tests to discover precisely the gravity of her illness and to find the optimum treatment for her recuperation. Pharmaceutical company, Farmacéutica Cantabria, based in Santander, has charitably offered to cover the costs of her medication for at least one year, with an eye to doing so for life. "How could

we deny someone something like this?" says their representative. "A treatment like this one will not cost more than 40 euros a month, something which her family consider a fortune given that their salaries are fairly low." Until now, the only thing Shalini could do to help herself was to take long baths in water mixed with a homemade remedy which only served to ease her pain.

The medical team insist on the young girl staying in the Malaga Hospital Clínico for 15 to 20 days to keep an eye on her and check her progress. "We will monitor her wherever she goes," the doctor explains. "Thanks to our care, Shalini's mobility will improve and she will have a better quality of life". Dermatologist Enrique Herrera says that she is doing well and despite the results of some medical tests taking some time to return, the 'acitretin' medication needed to treat Shalini is already available. She will have to continue this treatment over the course of her entire life.

The effort made for young Shalini is further evidence of the power of social media and how it can connect all the corners of the world. "It's a dream come true," journalist Paco Rego concludes, playing down just how much he has done for the cause.

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Quirónsalud announces plans to expand hospital in Malaga

The national group has announced a project to grow by 6,000 square metres with new areas designated for international patients

:: ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MÁLAGA. The Quirón hospital in Malaga has announced a plan to expand its current facilities by 6,000 square metres. The expansion of the private health centre will start with the wards and emergency room with an additional 42 private rooms being built.

Due to a notable increase in the number of foreign users over recent years, the project will create wards especially for international patients. These areas will have bilingual medical personnel and will be adapted to suit different cultural values.

A spokesperson for Quirónsalud Málaga said that the aim of the extension, which will be carried out in multiple stages, is to "pay comprehensive and personalised attention to patients" and to offer "accessible medical aid which conforms to the best standards of quality".



A further 42 suites and 15 consultation rooms will be built. :: SUR

Importantly, the expansion will see an increase in the number of consultation rooms. The additional 15 rooms will enable the hospital to carry out, send, and receive the results of tests quickly; the hospital aims to be able to diagnose illnesses within a day.

In addition, Quirónsalud plans to make improvements in other areas of the hospital, including the waiting rooms, and they will be doubling the number of delivery rooms.

Also announced is a plan to construct a new surgery building. This will include three operating theatres for outpatient surgery and units dedicated to assisted reproduction and cancer.

Every year, 36,000 are admitted to the Quirón hospital in Malaga; 315,000 medical consultations are carried out as well as 13,500 surgical operations. Since the centre opened in 2009, 8,000 babies have been delivered there.

Quirónsalud also has hospitals in Marbella and Fuengirola.



Giving specialist advice on mobility. :: SUR

Hospital Costa del Sol helping people to keep active

Various physiotherapists from the rehabilitation unit advised members of the public on World Physical Therapy Day

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MARBELLA. The rehabilitation unit at the Hospital Costa del Sol last Friday celebrated World Physical Therapy Day with a number of activities aimed both at professionals and the general public. The objective was to inform about the importance and health benefits of physical activity.

From 9am to 3pm, an information desk was installed in the main hall, through which various physiotherapists from the rehabilitation unit attended members of the public to give advice on healthy living and, more specifically, how much and what type of physical activity was recommended in each individual case.

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A video game to detect Alzheimer's

Sea Hero Quest is a tool being used to help diagnose illnesses affecting cognitive abilities

:: JOSÉ LUIS ÁLVAREZ

MADRID. Video games, as well as being a leading form of entertainment, are now starting to penetrate new sectors, whether it is to enhance one's capabilities in certain professions or as a type of medical therapy.

A decade ago, Nintendo launched Brain Training for its DS console. It was a pioneering video game which was aimed primarily at adults with the objective of maintaining one's mental capacities. Now, Sea Hero Quest has been released, a program which employs virtual reality and as a type of therapy but also as a diagnostic tool.

Brain Training is now used a lot, along with other video games, in residences and day centres for the elderly. Sea Hero Quest, as well as improving the user's mental capacities, gives specialists a tool to examine the user and diagnose Alzheimer's and other types of dementia, most of which are degenerative.

Though it appears to be a run-of-the-mill video game at first glance, in which you have to avoid traps, shoot at targets or simply flee from sea monsters, the program is capa-



The developers believe the game could be a tool for early diagnosis. :: SUR

ble of measuring the player's mental capacities.

As is the case with the original Brain Training (several updated versions have since been released), this new video game aims to stimulate the participant's brain through a series of memorising or orientation

tasks. However, it also allows the collection of data which can point towards the first signs of the illness.

One of the earliest signs of the illness is the loss of orientation, but there is very little data that compares cognitive abilities through the ages, a gap this game hopes to bridge.

When someone plays Sea Hero Quest for just two minutes, scientists can collect the same amount of data as they would have been able to in five hours from various other tests. "This gives us a tremendous amount of information and allows us to understand how men and women of different ages act differently," David Reynolds, head of the team of investigators at the Alzheimer's Research Institute in the UK, explains to AFP.

Use of the brain

In order to play Sea Hero Quest, participants have to use "different parts of their brain", explains Reynolds. "Given that these parts are used differently according to each type of dementia, it also allows us to link the activity to what's going on in the brain."

Sea Hero Quest is not new on the market. In fact, it first became available on mobiles in 2016. But now, with the new virtual reality technology, scientists can now obtain much more valuable information. "The technology in the headset helps us to see where they're looking as well as where they're going,"

says Lauren Presser, one of the game's creators. "Then we know if the people are lost and how they behave in these situations."

Globally, around 50 million people suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's, according to recent estimates. By 2050, this figure could rise to as much as 132 million. This illness has no cure, but the creators of the video game hope that eventually it will allow an earlier diagnosis.

Reynolds believes that the game in itself can be a form of prevention: "We know that to maintain the brain, just like the body, it's a good idea to keep it active and trained."

The game, described as "the broadest study of dementia in all history", has been developed by Deutsche Telekom, Alzheimer's Research UK, experts from University College London and the University of East Anglia.

The mobile version of Sea Hero Quest quickly captured the attention of the scientific community but its success can also be measured by its figures: three million people, from 193 countries have downloaded it so far.

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Living with a bullet in the head

Ever since a drug trafficker shot him at close range, footballer Salvador Cabañas has been fighting for his life. Now, with the bullet still lodged in his brain, he has succeeded

RUBÉN CAÑIZARES

The first things you see when he shakes your hand and looks at you are two scars, about six centimetres long, running vertically down each side of his head. Salvador Cabañas (born in Asunción, Paraguay, on 5 August 1980), had everything when he was 29: health, money, love and fame. Life had given him the status of an elite footballer, something that 99 per cent of society would love to have, but which only a very few who are selected by destiny can attain. However, not every story about the sport of kings has a happy ending.

"It happened on January 25th, 2010. I was playing for América, the most popular team in Mexico

and one of the best on the continent. Everything was going fantastically and that night I decided to go out and celebrate," says Salvador Cabañas.

The Paraguayan footballer and María Lorgia Alonso, his partner since 2003 and mother of his two children (Santiago and Mía Ivonne), spent the evening in the exclusive 'Bar Bar' club in Mexico D.F. There, they drank, danced and had fun like teenagers.

At 29, Cabañas was the star of the América team and the captain of Paraguay, the team which was hoping to surprise everybody in the World Cup in South Africa; he had also just signed an agreement to play for four seasons with Manchester United (from the July, once the World Cup was over). His achievements included the Mexican League, two trophies in the Copa Libertadores (2007 and 2008) and a Golden Football of America (2007). At that time, he was earning about 2.5 million euros a year. His life sounds like a fairytale, but it then took a dramatic, unexpected and disastrous turn.

At 5am, Salvador decided to go to the toilet. It turned out to have been the worst decision of his life. "As I went in, a guy came in just



Footballer Salvador Cabañas. ■ EDUARDO G. CUASIMODO

behind me and left two people outside the door, making sure nobody else came in," he said. That man was José Jorge Balderas Garza, alias 'el JJ', a dangerous drug trafficker who commits his wrongdoings under the umbrella of Edgar Valdez Villareal, one of the bloodiest criminals in the USA, often known as 'The Barbie' because of his resemblance to Ken, the boyfriend of the most famous doll on the planet.

"Once we were inside, he started to insult me and accused me of rob-

bing the Mexican people. I said that wasn't true, that I was only there because América had contracted me to earn my salary as a footballer with them. We argued for a couple of minutes, but he had obviously planned what he was going to do. He pulled out a gun, put it against my head and told me to make a last wish because he was going to kill me," he says. The man known as 'el JJ' then pulled the trigger and fired a 25 calibre bullet into Salvador Cabañas' head.

"I don't bear a grudge against him. I forgave him a long time ago. If I spent 24 hours a day planning on revenge, I wouldn't be happy. Maybe I was more to blame than he was, because I was in a disco at 5am. That isn't what an elite footballer is supposed to do. I'm still asking myself why I did that," he says.

'El JJ' spent some time in jail for that incident, but Salvador began a painful fight for his life. "The doctors worked a miracle on me. I



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was in a coma for several hours, and I was hovering between life and death when they operated on me. I couldn't speak or move, but I was able to hear something: I heard the doctors tell my parents to start preparing for my funeral."

Salvador's brain was destroyed by the bullet and there was little chance of him surviving. However, his age and level of fitness were in his favour. Everything else was against him, apart from one single thing, which made the miracle possible: "The bullet didn't travel fast enough to pass through my head. If he had shot me from a distance of just five centimetres, I would have died from loss of blood. I'm only alive because the bullet stayed in my head," he explains.

Salvador's operation consisted of opening his cranium from one side to the other, then cleaning up after the bullet. There was no other way. It had lodged in the back of his head, just millimetres above one of the principal arteries through which blood flows to the brain, and the risk was very high. "It lodged itself there, and now it is encapsulated. It is part of my brain, but luckily it doesn't bother me at all, during the day or at night. It will come with me to my grave," he says.

There were, however, some important consequences which meant he had to retire prematurely from elite football. "With my left eye I can only see ahead, nothing sideways. And as the bullet affected the right side of my brain, I suffered a slight hemiplegia in the left side of my body. On that side the muscles haven't developed as they have on the right, which means I'm weaker on one side. I did go back to playing football, but in less important teams," he says.

His rehabilitation was extremely hard. Four intensive months, eight hours a day. There was no time to lose if he wanted to have a normal life again. "The doctors told me it would be very difficult for me to return to a normal life, but I worked really hard for more than 100 days to recover. Every day, I spent hours and hours in the swim-



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"The doctors told my parents to start preparing for my funeral"

"I worked really hard for 100 days to recover. Never once did I think of giving up"



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ming pool in the hope that I would be able to walk straight again and not lose my balance. I also did a great many exercises to improve my motor skills, especially on the bike, and recover the mobility in all parts of my body. Never once did I think of giving up," he says.

Victim of robbery

Sadly, the fight to "be born again" has not been Salvador Cabañas' only battle. During the months he was undergoing rehabilitation his then partner, his agent José María González and his lawyer, Óscar Germán Latorre, stole all his money and assets.

"They faked my signature to take the 12 million euros I had in the bank. They took a mansion in Asunción, worth five million, and another two houses I owned in Acapulco and Cancún. They also stole jewellery, some of it very expensive and some with huge sentimental value," he says.

From the hospital, Salvador passed to the courts and has spent the past six years of his life embroiled in legal proceedings to try to recover his wealth.

"They left me ruined, but fortunately we are close to getting my properties back although the money is more complicated. Nobody knows what happened to the 12 million euros they took out of my accounts. We are continuing the legal action and it is very likely that my ex-partner will end up in jail for what she has done. My former agent went to prison for two years and they took my ex-lawyer's licence away. To be honest, the fact that the people I loved most robbed me hurts more than the fact that someone shot me in the head," he says.

Today, aged 36, Salvador runs the Cabañas complex, a sports centre he opened in Asunción, which is now his source of income. He has also qualified as a trainer and now coaches a team in the Paraguayan fourth division.

"I just want to get back what is mine, enjoy my children and live in peace. I don't ask for anything more than that," he explains.

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A NEW CONCEPT

This gave them the idea of starting a restaurant serving only the finest quality potatoes freshly fried, and served with a delicious assortment of homemade, meaty stews. Thus the concept of 'Fine Fast Food' was born and the restaurant Fritástico was opened last week.

The menu offers a great range of dishes to eat in or take away with all menus one price: 7.90 euros. The Iberian cured ham, cheese burger (120g) and beefburger (200g+) are also 7.90 euros.

Fritástico's chips are healthy as they are fried following a strict procedure using high quality oil. There is a variety of flavoured mayonnaises available, all of which are home made using fresh ingredients.

Stews make up a large part of the varied menu and include oxtail, roast pork, goulash, fish, vegetarian, Belgian and Italian stews. Also on offer is chicken piri piri and meatballs among many other dishes.

The newly refitted restaurant is situated in Avenida de la Estación Benalmádena and can seat thirty people, bigger groups can be catered for if they contact the restaurant to make a reservation. There is also an outside terrace area for alfresco dining.

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It is as if someone had registered the names foie gras or caviar before they became commonly used. Wikipedia acknowledges the extent of the problem:

Queso Payoyo SL was established in 1995, other cheese-makers using milk from the payoya ewe are prevented from using the name because it is already registered, causing confusion for the expansion of its commercialisation outside Spain.

In all probability a simple-minded company registrar was unaware that the name Payoyo is generic, and wrongly accepted it. In Huelva something similar happened with the Denomination of Origin Jabugo ham, but the dispute was settled and the DO became Sierra de Huelva, ergo no longer a generic name but a geographic one open to general use. This sensible precedent should persuade the owners of 'Payoyo' to permit other cheesemakers to use the name, for the benefit of the region and its people, not to mention the perplexed consumer. This seems unlikely however as Ríos and Piña appear to have registered the brand in all their overseas markets too. In the UK Payoyo, Payoya and Flor de Payoyo have been put beyond anyone else's reach.



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Invented by a footballer in the 1950s, this pastry has withstood the passing of time

The 'loca' was named after a song and was a cake of its time, both durable and not expensive to buy

✶ ESPERANZA PELÁEZ

MÁLAGA. When Manuel Ruiz started in his family business, working at Confitería Tejeros, he was filled with youthful enthusiasm.

One of his aspirations was to be put in charge of the 'locas', a hard cake with custard filling and distinctive orange icing on the top.

Today the locas represent 15% of the total production of the business which sells between 30 and 35% of its products outside of the province.

On any given day, a baker at Tejeros can make over 2,000 locas of different sizes. The 'loquita' is a small version and is a big seller. The classic and the tortas locas are ordered more for birthdays.

"It's not just the bakers and bread shops that we supply who ask us for these, but also parties, weddings and restaurants order them from us. What amazes me is the younger generation, who won't remember them, also love them" explained Manuel.

His mother, María Jesús reminds him from time to time, that it was her that brought the recipe into the family business when she and her husband, José Ruiz, opened their first bakery, in Calle Tejeros in the La Victoria district of Málaga.

María, often called María Tejeros, had been working with Eduardo Rubio Cao from Barcelona. He arrived in Málaga in 1950 to play for the CD Málaga football team. In those days footballers didn't earn anything near what they can earn now so Eduardo, who was a baker by trade, opened the Charcutería y Confitería Rubio (in

those days cooked meats and pastries were sold in the same shop) in the Alameda Principal.

Eduardo Rubio loved to experiment and he decided to fill two discs of puff pastry with crème pâtissière and coat them with icing adding a cherry-red dot on the top. Locas were born although they were originally called locos after a song by Luisa Linares and the Galindos called 'A lo loco se vive mejor'.

"The majority of cakes at the time were 'tortas' and people started calling them 'tortas locas' which gradually became 'locas'" added Manuel.

The loca was copied across the province. In Alhaurín el Grande, Pepe Guzmán, who took his first steps in Eduardo's bakery, went to the capital to meet other bakers and learn new techniques. He made the little pastry cake popular under the name 'tortas de Guzmán'. They didn't have a red dot on the top.

"The loca was a cake of its time, durable and not expensive. What happened was that my father had trouble putting the red dot on the top as it would go white under the glaze so he started leaving it off" explained Pepe's son.

The tortas de Guzmán continue to be made by José Miguel Pasteleros and by Pastelería Guzmán, both bak-



Manuel Ruiz Fernández. ✶ DANIEL MALDONADO



Piping the red dot. ✶ D. M

ers run by the sons of Pepe Guzmán.

"To make a loca took 24 hours as the layers of icing, which was made by hand, had to dry. It required four people stirring continuously for hours, as the icing had to be put on hot, and burnt easily", he remembered. In the end, something had to be

altered so that nothing about the cake would change, and the icing was made easier to apply and less hard work to make.

Interestingly, the icing has never contained egg yolk but an orange dye that is known in the trade as 'bumor'.

"My father", explained José Miguel Guzmán, "decided that the colour brought a bit of happiness.

In reality it was the colour that made the pastry so attractive."



Gris and Blanchard meet again at the

On 6 October this art museum in Malaga will be inaugurating an exceptional exhibition about the 'second period' of Cubism

The display includes 68 works from the Picasso Museum and Pompidou Centre in Paris, Kunstmuseum Basel, the Düsseldorf and the Reina Sofía, among others

M. EUGENIA MERELO

MALAGA. Life wasn't very kind to María Blanchard (Santander, 1881-Paris, 1932). Physical deformity, the kyphoscoliosis she had suffered since birth, marked her existence. Her suffering, and the exclusion and rejection she experienced, led her to paint as a way of seeking beauty. She moved to Paris to get away from the persecution, and joined the group of artists who consolidated the renewal of art at the beginning of the 20th century.

Juan Gris (Madrid, 1887-Boulogne-sur-Seine, 1927) was the 13th child of a wealthy family. Paris was also the city he chose when he was 19 and wanted to avoid military service and the war in Morocco. There was no place for death in the plans of a young man who was dreaming of a bohemian life and brilliant artistic career.

Paris, art and Cubism brought María Blanchard and Juan Gris together, and from 6 October these two Spanish artists will be meeting again at the Carmen Thyssen Museum in Malaga, in an exceptional exhibition in which, for the first time, the works they produced between 1916 and 1927 will be on display. These were the years of Cubism's 'second moment', when the leadership of Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque was over.

'Juan Gris, María Blanchard y los cubismos' is a display of 68 works, including paintings, sculptures and sketches by these two artists and also featuring Jean Metzinger, Jacques Lipchitz and Albert Gleizes. It is curated by Eugenio Carmona, professor of History of Art at Mala-

ga university, and Lourdes Moreno, the artistic director of the Carmen Thyssen Museum.

An impressive range of Spanish and international museums have loaned works for this happy reunion of Cubist artists, as well as the Generación del 27 Cultural Centre of Malaga and numerous private collections.

Enhancing knowledge

"All the museums who agreed to loan their works could see that this was going to be a serious project to enhance knowledge, not just an exhibition to please tourists. We want to be involved in the present process of thought, which says that the world of art needs to take a further look at the second period of Cubism," says Eugenio Carmona.

This is the first exhibition "to portray an important part of Spanish Cubism and, at the same time, highlight the situation of a female artist, at that time," he says, pointing out that Juan Gris, who illustrated the front page of Litoral magazine as a tribute to Góngora, "is the painter who most influenced the painters of the Generation of 27."

Through this exhibition, which will undoubtedly be one of the most important in the forthcoming season, a connection is made between an international experience, such as Cubism during the early years of the First World War in Paris, and the origins of Malaga culture, with the Litoral magazine and the Generation of 27.

Lourdes Moreno explains that "the second life of Cubism was a period of creation which took place during a short space of time, during the war and the bombardment of Paris, when these painters of extraordinary forms and shapes withdrew from the world and produced their works." Gris and Blanchard were there, with Jean Metzinger, Jacques Lipchitz and Albert Gleizes. They all used to meet up in the Café de la Rotonde in Paris.

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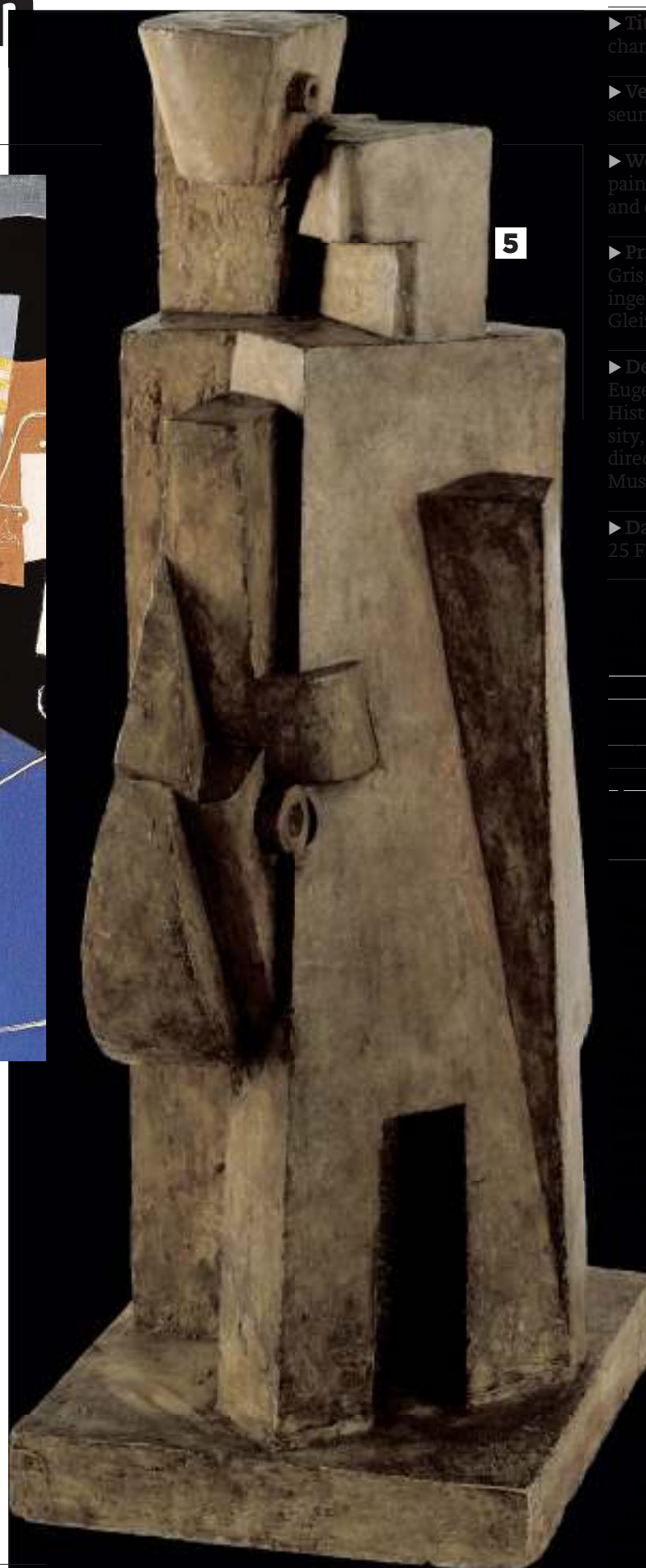
2. Juan Gris. 'Mujer sentada', May 1917. Oil on wood, 116x73 cm. Carmen Thyssen-Bornemisza collection, from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid.

3. María Blanchard. 'Sé buena/Juana de Arco', 1917. Oil on canvas, 140x85 cm. Pompidou

Centre Paris (Acquired in 1951).

4. Juan Gris. 'Guitarra y frutero', August 1918. Oil on canvas, 60x73 cm. Kunstmuseum Basel. (Donated by Raoul La Roche).

5. Jacques Lipchitz. 'Hombre con mandolina', 1917. Patinated plaster, 80.8 x 29.5 x 29.5 cm. Pompidou Centre París. (Donated by Fundación Jacques and Yulla Lipchitz, 1976).



THE EXHIBITION

► **Title.** 'Juan Gris, María Blanchard y los cubismos (1916-1927)'.

► **Venue.** Carmen Thyssen Museum, Malaga.

► **Works.** 68 in total, including paintings, sculptures, sketches and documentation.

► **Principal featured artists.** Juan Gris, María Blanchard, Jean Metzinger, Jacques Lipchitz and Albert Gleizes.

► **Designers and curators.** Eugenio Carmona, professor of History of Art at Malaga university, and Lourdes Moreno, artistic director of the Carmen Thyssen Museum.

► **Dates.** From 6 October 2017 to 25 February 2018.

was all much more difficult for Blanchard than for Juan Gris. "She suffered in a totally male world, which is still latent today," says Lourdes Moreno. "It was also a world which was unfair and cruel to anybody different. She was obviously different, in her personality and in Paris. Henry Kahnweiler, the dealer who was one of the patrons of Cubism, never contracted her and even used to say nasty things to her."

Male and deformed

Eugenio Carmona says that Gino Severini used to say that María Blanchard had great talent, despite being a woman and deformed.

Art critics at that time, complained that her Cubism wasn't very feminine as if she was only supposed to paint pretty pictures," he says. "Her work is rigorous, thoughtful, intellectual, and that wasn't seen as feminine in a woman."

Lourdes Moreno says the exhibition brings us closer to artists who "at a time of what seemed to be total destruction, wanted to give the world an example of purity, of intellectual focus and development, but based on everyday life, on the objects around them, however poor they may have been. It was a mental exercise of thinking that shapes and colours are a universal language, something that could be understood in a similarity to religious belief."

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Farruquito and family will perform in the Marbella bullring. :: TB

Farruquito and Raphael in Marbella

:: TONY BRYANT

MARBELLA. The bullring in Marbella will host performances by the flamenco dancer, Farruquito and his family, and the celebrated Spanish singer, Raphael, on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September.

Farruquito will perform his deep-rooted style of flamenco dance along with various members of his large clan on Saturday night. They will be joined on stage by special guest musician, Melody, a 27-year-old singer from Dos Hermanas in Seville.

Farruquito was born into the heart of a gypsy flamenco family and he was raised and nurtured by his grandfather, El Farruco, one of the greatest dancers in the history of flamenco. His first stage appearance was at the age of five when he performed alongside his grandfather in the show *Flamenco Puro*, which premiered on Broadway, but it was his role in the Carlos Saura film, *Flamenco*, that was to be his springboard into the world of flamenco fame.

On Sunday night, Raphael, one of Spain's most popular singers, returns to the Marbella hoping

to repeat the success of his performance on the same stage last year.

Raphael is a worldwide acclaimed singer and actor. A pioneer of modern Spanish music, especially the copla; he is considered a major influence in having opened the door and paving the way to the flood of Spanish singers that followed in the wake of his enormous success. Raphael is a showman to say the least and his emotion-charged lyrics and dramatic stage presence has entertained people worldwide for more than five decades.

He is sure to perform most of his greatest hits, including *Mi Gran Noche*, *Digan lo que Digan* and his signature song, *Yo Soy Aquél*, which he performed in the Eurovision Song Contest in 1966.

Both concerts start at 9pm and tickets, which start at 22.50 euros for Farruquito and 38.50 euros for Raphael, are available online or from the ticket office on the night of the show.

i Information :
www.turismo.marbella.es

Chanquete World Music

:: JENNIE RHODES

NERJA. Nerja will be bidding farewell to the summer on Saturday 16 September with the second Chanquete World Music Festival, with bands from as far afield as Bosnia and Cuba, as well as a number of well-known, homegrown artists.

This year sees a second stage being added to the event, which sold a record number of tickets last year.

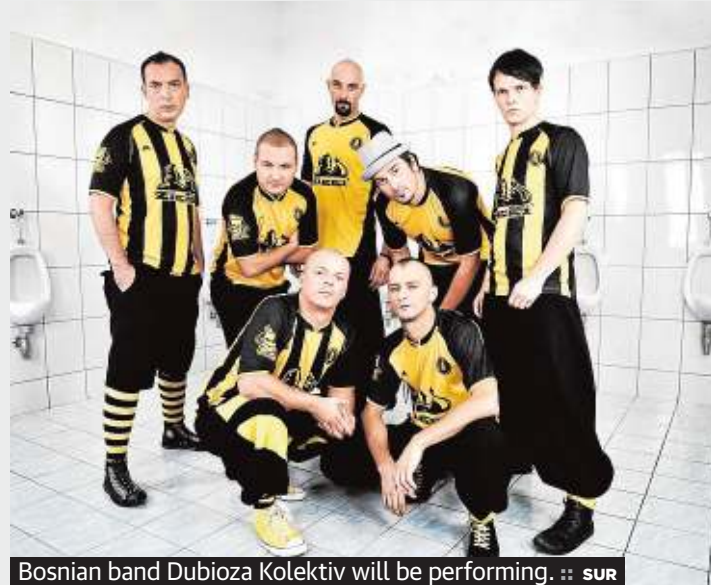
Highlights this year include the Bosnian group, Dubioza Kolektiv, described as having a "fresh take on hip-hop, reggae, dub, rock and Bosnian folklore" and who are in Nerja as part of their 2017 European tour.

Cuban hip-hop group Orishas are also performing at the Chanquete festival as a European tour of their own.

Well-known Spanish artists, including Malaka Youth, La Mala Rodríguez and El Canijo de Jerez will also be performing.

In total, 16 bands form the lineup for Chanquete, which will be taking over Nerja's El Playazo beach to the west of the town.

Gates open at 4pm and tickets can be bought on the day for 35 euros, or beforehand online,



Bosnian band Dubioza Kolektiv will be performing. :: SUR

INFORMATION

► **When.** 16 September, from 4pm.

► **Where.** El Playazo beach, Nerja.

► **For further information.**
www.chanqueteworldmusic.com.

or from distribution points in Nerja, Malaga and Granada, for 28 euros

Official buses are being organised from departure points in Malaga, Torre del Mar, Vélez-Málaga and Granada, as well as other cities in Andalucía.

Camping is also available and all prices and further information can be found on the website (www.chanqueteworldmusic.com).

Nerja: a place of refuge

:: J. RHODES

NERJA. The Nerja museum will be hosting a fascinating and symbolic exhibition from today called 'Nerja se recuerda' (Nerja looks back). The artist behind the project is the late Maurice Zalcman, one of Nerja's first foreign residents.

Maurice was born in Poland in 1923, but was of French nationality and grew up in Belgium.

During the Second World War, having spent time in a Nazi labour camp, he escaped from a train destined for a concentration camp in eastern Europe and travelled clandestinely through Belgium, France and into Spain.

While in Spain, Maurice was arrested and spent three months in prison in Jaca. After his release in 1943 he went to Casablanca in Morocco, where he joined the allied forces and took part in the Normandy landings and the liberation of Paris before going to Berchtesgaden in Germany, where he stayed until the war was over.

After the war the artist studied at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris and while there he met Pablo Picasso.

He eventually returned to Nerja with his family in 1957, where he remained until his death in 1996.

He spent much of his time painting the town, as well as the



Maurice Zalcman at Nerja museum. :: SUR

coast and mountains that surround it.

The Nerja Cave Foundation, which manages the museum, describes Maurice Zalcman's work as "evoking the sentiment of Nerja at a time before the town was a tourist destination."

The exhibition runs until 5 November and the museum is open every day from 9am until 4pm. Entry is four euros for adults and two euros for children from six to 12 years old.

INFORMATION

► **When.** Until Sunday, 5 November.

► **Where.** Museo de Nerja, Plaza de España 4, 29780 Nerja.

► **More information.**
www.cuevadenerja.es/en/nerja-museum/

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DISCOVER ANDALUCÍA



The almond festival takes place on Sunday 24 September this year. :: SUR

Almogía and the almond festival

1 DAY IN ALMOGÍA

Car + walk

Journey time: 25 minutes from Malaga.
Festival: 3 hours.
Exploring the village: 3 hours.
Walking in the area: 2 hours.



JAVIER ALMELLONES

Ever since 2004, on the last Sunday in September every year, the village of Almogía has organised an festival based around one of its the most important products, and one which is most used in Andalusian gastronomy, the almond. This year the event

will take place on 24th, with an extensive programme of activities, including live music and food tastings.

Nowadays, Almogía is one of the biggest almond producers in Malaga province. There are innumerable almond trees to be seen in the area around this village, which is situated between the Guadalhorce Valley and the Montes de Malaga.

Those who decide to go along on Sunday 24th can sample dishes made with almonds in local restaurants, which specialise in recipes from long ago as well as more modern versions. For example, the 'ajoblanco' soup, (and the thicker version, known as 'porra blanca'), toasted almonds, 'chanfaina' and suckling kid in almond sauce.

However, apart from the chance to enjoy some traditional Andalusian dishes, Almogía's

'Day of the Almond' is also a good time to have fun in other ways. One, for example, is the music. There will be folk songs, choirs, rumba and flamenco, as well as artisan markets selling products from the village and the nearby area. It goes without saying that there will be plenty of this year's almonds on sale.

You can also explore this village in Malaga province which the Moors called Al Mexia. Translated into modern-day Spanish, it means 'Lovely lady'.

The main tourist attractions will be open all day while the festival is taking place. Among the most interesting buildings are the church of La Asunción, the chapel of the Sagrado Corazón de Jesús and the Torre de la Vela, a watchtower dating back to Moorish times, which is perched on a hill to give a good view of the surrounding area.

There are also some lovely walks in the rugged mountainous countryside. The route up to the Monte Santi Petri, two stages of the Mozarabic Route through Malaga, or a walk by the Casasola reservoir are just a few of the most interesting options.



The hillsides of the Axarquía. :: J.A.

Axarquía raisins at their best in El Borge

1 DAY IN EL BORGE

Car + festival

Journey time: 50 minutes from Malaga.
Festival: 3 hours.
Exploring the village: 2 hours.

This Sunday 17 September sees the annual festival of the raisin in the Axarquía village of El Borge.

Each year the village celebrates the work involved in harvesting the muscat grapes with a fiesta. Stalls will be offering the first muscat grapes of the season and the traditions around the harvesting are recreated with examples of the woven baskets used to transport the crop and the sieves used to classify the size of

the raisins.

The Día de la Pasa isn't entirely about the raisin industry though; there will be opportunities to taste some of the traditional cooking of this area of the Axarquía such as 'saladilla arriera' (mule driver's salad), migas (fried breadcrumbs with garlic) and chacina (cooked meats). Samples of these dishes will be offered to visitors from 2.30pm in the Plaza de la Constitución.

In this square, which is in the centre of the village, there will be a verdiales concert by the Arroyo Concha band. A flamenco performance, with special guest Malaga singer Lamari from the band Chambao will close the event.



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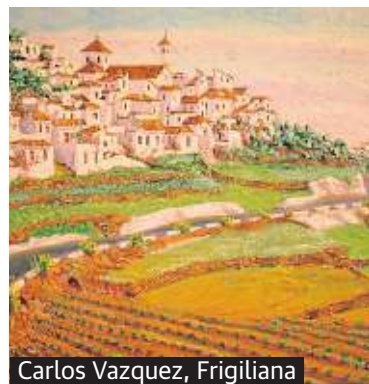


EXHIBITIONS

Art Moves

Estepona. Until 6 October. *El Campanario Golf and Country House.*

Emile Chaussidière and Paul Rosher will be exhibiting a selection of their paintings. Inauguration cocktails at 8.30pm, 18 August. art@artmoves.es



Carlos Vazquez, Frigiliana

Eugenio Pardini

Marbella. Until October. Various venues including *Es.Arte Gallery, Centro Commercial Fernando Moreno, Hotel Marbella Club and the Club Social on the Zalaeta urb.* Sean Hepburn (son of Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer) has brought his collection of art by Eugenio Pardini to Marbella for the exhibition. www.esartegallery.com or tel: 670 063 867

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.

'Málaga. Ciudad del Saber'

Malaga. Until 24 September. *Museo de Patrimonio Municipal. Paseo de Reding.* An exhibition of rarely seen artefacts from Malaga such as documents, utensils and archeological finds that illustrate the Islamic period in the city's history. www.museodelpatrimoniomunicipal.malaga.eu

Philippe Starck

Malaga. Until 17 September. *Pompidou Centre, Muelle Uno* 'Secret Drawings, 4,000 sketches unveiled' is an exhibition of the artist's works which give an insight into how his mind works when he is creating his art.

Bacon, Freud and the London School

Malaga. Until 17 September. *Picasso Museum* This exhibition is the result of an agreement between the Tate in London and the Picasso museum in Malaga. It features 90 works covering eighty years by renowned artists such as Freud, Bacon, Kossof, Ronald B. Kitaj, Michael Andrews, Euan Uglow and Paula Rego. www.museopicassomalaga.org

Malaga walks the walk



The catwalk on Calle Larios last year. :: SUR

MALAGA. The main shopping street in Malaga, Calle Marqués de Larios, has been transformed into a catwalk for the most important fashion event in Malaga city. At over 300 metres it is the longest haute couture cat walk in Europe and will host an array of fashion from top national and international designers as well as the most promising new names in the world of fashion. Well-known models will be striding down the cat walk to show them off during the event with prize

INFORMATION

► **What.** A fashion show.

► **When.** 15-16 September. 8.30pm.

► **Where.** Calle Marqués de Larios. info@nuevamoda.com

giving on the last day to the most promising up-and-coming new designers.

Santiago Ydáñez

Malaga. Until 24 September. *Centro de Arte Contemporáneo.* The exhibition 'El Corazón Manda', unites 50 works by Jaén artist, Santiago Ydáñez. They include paintings, objects and a taxidermy sculpture of a bull.

Daniel Ponce Montuy

Malaga. Until 29 September. *Sociedad Económica del Amigos del País, Plaza de la Constitución.* An exhibition of colourful paintings by renowned Mexican artist Daniel Ponce Montuy.

Spain for you

Torremolinos. Until 22 September. *Palacio de Congresos.* The exhibition documents how Spain and the Costa del Sol were first promoted as a tourist destination. It includes artifacts and posters etc dating back to the 1930s up to present day.

Economistas en el arte

Torremolinos. Until 22 September. *Centro Cultural Pablo Ruiz Picasso.* Oils, watercolours, drawings, photographs and sculptures created by ten students at the Economics Faculty of Malaga University.

Carlos Vazquez Mancera

Frigiliana. Until 15 October. *Sala de Exposiciones de la Casa de Aperos.* A selection of landscapes by Carlos Vazquez Mancera. www.carlosvazquez.webcindario.com



MOVIE LISTING

From Friday 15 th to
Thursday 21 th September

ORIGINAL VERSION SUBTITLED SPANISH



HAMPSTEAD

Director Joel Hopkins
Starring Diane Keaton and Brendan Gleeson
COMEDY - 103 min.



Friday 15: 20:30
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17: 16:30, 20:30
From Monday 18 to Thursday 21: 18:30



IT

Director Andy Muschietti
Starring Bill Skarsgård and Jaeden Lieberher
HORROR - 135 min.



Friday 15: 17:45, 20:00, 22:30
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17: 15:45, 17:45, 20:00, 22:30
Monday 18 to Tuesday 19: 17:45, 20:00, 22:30
Wednesday 20: 17:45
Thursday 21: 17:45, 20:15, 22:30



CHURCHILL

Director Jonathan Teplitzky
Starring Brian Cox and Miranda Richardson
DRAMA - 100 min.



Friday 15: 18:00
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17: 16:10, 18:00
From Monday 18 to Thursday 21: 17:45



AMERICAN MADE

Director Doug Liman
Starring Tom Cruise and Sarah Wright
ACTION - 115 min.



Friday 15: 18:15, 22:45
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THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD

From Friday 15 and Sunday 17: 20:30
From Monday 18 to Wednesday 20: 20:00



THE EMOJI MOVIE

Friday 15: 18:30
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From Monday 18 to Thursday 21: 18:00



CHARITY

AID charity auction

Alhaurín el Grande. 15 September, 13 October. *La Cuchara restaurant.* Sale starts at 7pm

If you wish to enter items for sale at the auction e.g. Bric a Brac, furniture and more...contact AID at least 24 hours before the auction. Commission 15% will go to the charity. Bring items between 5pm and 6pm. Contact: Chris 628239174 – Joe 626942427. Unsold items must be collected at the end of the Auction. www.animals-in-distress.eu



Ensemble Mainake, Malaga

Acompalia Gala Night

Granada. 22 September, 7.30pm. *Salon Safi, La Mamunia, Otura.* 50€.

The Acompalia charity will be holding its annual gala night in the restaurant and gardens of Mamunia. Cava and canapes on arrival, three-course meal, live music, DJ, raffle

etc. By reservation only. Tickets available until 15 September. Minibus from the Costa Tropical. Email: info@acompalia.org or visit <https://acompalia.org/news/summer-charity-ball/>

Día de Pedal

San Pedro de Alcántara. 17 September, *Plaza de la Iglesia.* Leaves at 11.30am.

To register, arrive there for 9am. There is also a collection point for school materials at FAMPMA Mainake.

MUSIC & DANCE

The Wall Bar

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

15 September. Daphne & Nicky Trio. Jazz and bossanova.

16 September. Dana and Gianni. Blues and jazz fusion.

Local Rock Festival

Almuñécar. 15 September, 9pm.

Plaza de la Constitución. Free.

Bands performing include FM, Tentados Por El Silencio and Ruta 69. www.almunecar.info

Ocean Bar

Malaga. 16 September, 10.30pm. *Hotel Vincci. C/Pacífico.*

Billy Preacher and Dani. Blues, Rock'n'roll, American folk music. Guitar and harmonica.

Ensemble Mainake

Malaga. 16 September, 8pm. *Sala*

María Cristina, C/Marqués de Valdecañas, 2. Free.

The ensemble is made up of members of the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra. They will be in concert to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the orchestra performing Schubert's Quintet in A major 'The Trout'.

Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes

15 September, 8pm. Brahms Academic festival Overture and Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer in the first half followed by Bohuslav Martinu's Symphony n°4. Conducted by Manuel Hernández Silva. www.orquestafilarmonicade malaga.com

Verdiales competition

Rincon de la Victoria. 16 September, 6pm. *Benagalbón.*

A traditional 'battle of the bands' with cash prizes for the winners. The Montes de Málaga, Comares and Almogía styles of song will be competing. There will also be a special performance by the Chacarrá de Tarifa group.

Rockaneando

Marbella. 15-17 September, ticket office open from 8pm. Concerts starts at 10pm.

Pop/rock extravaganza opening with a Danza Invisible concert on the Friday. The bands performing over the three days include Trogloditas, Pantano and Rebel-des.

FLAMENCO

Flamenco and copla

Vélez-Málaga. 16 September, from 9pm. *Cerro de San Cristóbal.*

The evening will include performances by the Elsa Guerra dance school, Luisa Chicano and Sergio Pérez 'El Cindindi', and the Antonio Guerra dance school. They will be accompanied by Vanessa Fernández (vocals), Antonio Delgado 'El Gato' (guitar), and Jesús Carmona (percussion).

Museo de Arte Flamenca Peña Juan Brea

Malaga. 8.30pm.

16 September. Manuel Roldán flamenco dance group.

21 September. Curro Ramón flamenco dance group. info@flamenka.com

LECTURES

DFAS lectures

Benahavis. 3 October, 6.30pm. *Benahavis Town Hall.* Visitors 12€.

Hidden Canvases – Street Art and the City

The Benahavis Art Society, have asked the British artist Doug Gillen to open their new season with a talk entitled Hidden Canvases – Street Art and the City. Doug Gillen is exceptionally well qualified to talk on the subject. He is involved in documenting the street art scene in London and abroad through his project Fifth Wall TV.



BDFAS, Benahavis

www.benahavisdfas.com/events

FESTIVALS

Fairs and festivals

Torremolinos. 24 September (Romería), 27 September until 1 October (fair).

Feria de San Miguel starts with a pilgrimage on the 24 September to Los Pinares and the main fair in the fair ground starting on the 27th.

Villanueva del Trabuco. Until 17 September.


The annual fiesta in honour of the town's patron saint. Live music, dance performances, paella competition, horse races, fancy dress parade and 'Wacky Races' draw hundreds of visitors to this pretty town to the north of Malaga.

Fiesta de la Cabra

Casabermeja. 15-17 September.

Goat products will be onsale as well as other local produce and crafts. Goat show, live music and children's activities.





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Festival Árabe Andalusi

Salares. 15-17 September.
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Día de la Almendra

Almogia. 24 September.
Almogia is one of the main producers of almonds in Malaga province and celebrates the almond harvest with tastings, recipes, live music, dancing and a craft market.

EVENTS

Open Mind Fest

Marbella. Until 17 September, Albergue Juvenil Fuerte Nagüeles.
More than 70 spiritual masters in various disciplines from all over the world will be attending.

Expocultura

Torremolinos. 15, 16 September, 6pm until midnight Friday and from 11am Saturday. Centro Cultural Pablo Ruiz Picasso.
An event that combines art, culture, gastronomy and health. Live music, poetry recitals, dance, an Arab souk with crafts, gastronomy etc. Workshops for yoga and alternative therapies. An Arab/flamenco show each evening at 8pm, tickets 7€. Information and reservations (stall or for workshop place) tel: 604380883

Historical re-enactment

Mijas. 16, 17 September. Casa Museo and Las Murallas.
The event records the brave battle of seventy soldiers who fought to defend Mijas from Napoleon's army. There will also be a craft market, flamenco performances etc.

Andalucía Bird Society

Cabra. 16 September, 8am.
A field meeting in Cabra, Córdoba to watch birds, especially Bonelli's Eagle and Crossbills. Bring water and picnic. Tel: 669 649 529 or email: abs.societad@gmail.com or www.andaluciabirdsociety.org

Arboretum autumn fair

Marbella. 17 September, 11am-



Kate Kerr, Floral Club, Estepona

7pm. Behind Marbella bus station
The Arboretum is holding a fair. There will be stalls with organic and environmentally friendly products plus arts and crafts. There will also be an exhibition of photos, activities for parents and children and a guided tour of the park. Live music will be provided by Mitá I Mitá. The organisers are asking guests to bring their own plate, glass and cutlery. Donated books will be sold to raise money. www.fundacionarboretum.org or Facebook: fundacionarboretum

Oktoberfest

Torrox. Until 17 September. Torrox Costa, Avda Esperanto.
Live music, German gastronomy and beer at this traditional German festival.

Age Concern Lunch

Estepona and Manilva. 11 October, 2pm. Alfonsos near BP garage. 10€, 11€ guests.
Leave your name and details with the manager in the shop or tel: 951318234 and leave your details.

Floral Art Club

Estepona. Agro Jardín, Cancelada. 19 September 3pm: The first demonstration "Inspired by Nature" is by Kate Kerr. She is a National demonstrator from Dumfries, Scotland. Formerly a vet, Kate changed direction and became an artist through her love of flowers. Kate is also holding a workshop on 21 September at 11am. Places are limited so please make a reservation. Visitors 10€. Annual membership 50€. Tel: 694 425 219 or send an email to esteponafloralartclub@hotmail.com

O. V. FILM

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Cine Albéniz

C/Alcazabilla 4, Malaga. Tel: 902 36 02 95 or visit www.cinealbeniz.com or www.unientradas.es
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The Hitman's Bodyguard: 16.20 (Tues)
American Made: 21.20, (Tues)
It: 18.10, 20.50, 23.35 (Tues)
Spider man: The Homecoming: 22.00 (Tues)

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Avda de la Encarnación, Fuengirola. Tel. 952 19 86 00.
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Detroit: 12.15, 16.40, 00.00 (every day); 19.30, 22.30 (Mon, Tues, Thu).
American Made: 12.10, 15.45, 18.00 (every day)
Opera: The Magic Flute: 20.15 (Wed)
Woody Allen season: 16.00, 20.00
Mighty Aphrodite: 21 September.
Everyone Says I Love You: 28 September.
Cinesur Malaga Nostrum
Opera: The Magic Flute: 20.15 (Wed)

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American Made: 13.15, (Sat, Sun)
The Hitman's Bodyguard: 13.30, 18.50 (every day)
Detroit: 12.30 (Sat, Sun)
It: 12.00, 15.15 (Sat, Sun); 18.00, 20.45 (every day); 23.30 (Fri, Sat)
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Spain, at the top of world tennis

For the first time in history, two Spanish players are ranked world number one in their respective categories

COLPISA

MADRID. 11 September 2017 marked one of Spanish tennis' greatest achievements; it was the first day that both the men's and women's world number one have been from Spain.

Rafa Nadal cemented his position as the number one men's tennis player on Sunday after he beat Kevin Anderson in straight sets to win the US Open.

He now sits almost 2,000 points above all-time Grand Slam record holder, Roger Federer, who sits second in the ATP world rankings.

Recently joining Nadal at the very top of international tennis is Garbiñe Muguruza. On Monday, the Caracas-born Spanish national shot to the top of the women's singles rankings issued by the WTA. She is now ahead of Romanian Simona Halep by virtue of Karolína Plíšková's quarterfinal defeat in New York one year after finishing as the runner-up. The Czech is now in fourth place.

Now, for the first time in history,



Muguruza climbs to top spot by virtue of Plíšková's defeat. :: EFE

two Spaniards sit at the pinnacle of the game. Only two other countries have managed this in the past. Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova, all from the US, coincided as world number ones. Also, Germans Boris Becker and Steffi Graf sat together at the top of world tennis in

1991. The last two players from the same country to lead the world tennis classifications were Americans Serena Williams and Andre Agassi.

Now, Spain's Nadal and Muguruza join these tennis legends at the forefront of the game, a remarkable achievement for Spanish tennis.

Nadal wins the US Open to claim 16th Grand Slam title

Rafael Nadal thrashed Kevin Anderson in straight sets (6-3, 6-3, 6-4) to win in New York on Sunday

CHARLES DOWLES

MALAGA. 31-year-old South African, Kevin Anderson, was no match for the pace and skill of Spaniard Rafael Nadal on Sunday night and suffered a straight-sets defeat in his first major final.

Nadal, ranked number one in the world, now has an incredible 16 Grand Slam victories to his name, just three fewer than the reigning leader, Roger Federer.

Nadal beat Argentine Juan del Potro in the semifinals to reach the final on Sunday. Anderson beat Nadal's fellow countryman Pablo Carreño Busta in the corresponding clash.

This is Nadal's second Grand Slam victory this year; he also won the French Open in June, his tenth victory in that tournament.



Nadal holds the US Open trophy, his second Grand Slam victory this year and the 16th of his career. :: EFE



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Chris Froome claims historic Vuelta victory in Madrid



CHARLES DOWLES
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The Kenya-born Briton is now joint seventh in the all-time Grand Tour leaderboard with five major titles

year, alongside Jacques Anquetil and Bernard Hinault - the latter the last to do so, back in 1978.

The final stage was won by the Italian, Matteo Trentin, who became the 100th rider to win at least one stage in three grand tours. Despite finishing in 11th place in the final stage, Froome remained top of the general classification leaderboard, having first put on the red jersey in the third stage and never relinquishing it.

than Chris Froome who still has work to do to match the Spaniard's impressive record.

The Madrid-born cyclist finished fifth in the overall rankings, behind Sunweb's Wilco Kelderman. Joining Froome on the podium were Russia's Ilnur Zakarin (Katusha Alpecin) in third, and Italian Vincenzo Nibali (Bahrain-Mérida) as runner-up.



Froome celebrates his victory with the rest of Team Sky. :: J. JORDAN/ AFP

A perfect send-off

Spaniard, Alberto Contador, who announced before the competition that this would be his last, narrowly missed out on a podium finish despite winning the 20th stage on the penultimate day. The grueling Angliru mountain climb is a notoriously difficult stage but Contador was able to claim a victory on home soil to close his successful career.

The Trek rider won seven grand tours in his fruitful career, two more

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Stage

Name	Time
1. Matteo Trentin (Eqs)	3h06:25
2. Lorenzo Manzin (Fdj)	+0:00
3. Søren Kragh Andersen (Sun)	+0:00
4. Tom Van Asbroeck (Tcg)	+0:00
5. Iván García Cortina (Tbm)	+0:00
6. Cort Nielsen Magnus (Ors)	+0:00
7. Kenneth Vanbilsen (Cof)	+0:00
8. Sacha Modolo (Uae)	+0:00
9. Michael Schwarzmann (Boh)	+0:00
10. Daniel Hoelgaard (Fdj)	+0:00
11. Chris Froome (Sky)	+0:00
12. Juan José Lobato (Tjl)	+0:00
13. Edward Theuns (Tfr)	+0:00
14. Loïc Vliegen (Bmc)	+0:00
15. Julien Duval (Alm)	+0:00
45. Luis Ángel Maté (Cof)	+ 14 sec.

General

Name	Time
1. Chris Froome (Sky)	82h30:02
2. Vincenzo Nibali (Tbm)	+ 2:15
3. Ilnur Zakarin (Kat)	+ 2:51
4. Wilco Kelderman (Sun)	+ 3:15
5. Alberto Contador (Tfr)	+ 3:18
6. Wout Poels (Sky)	+ 6:59
7. Michael Woods (Tcg)	+ 8:27
8. Miguel Ángel López (Ast)	+ 9:13
9. Steven Kruijswijk (Tjl)	+ 11:18
10. Tejay Van Garderen (Bmc)	+ 15:50
11. Esteban Chaves (Ors)	+ 16:46
12. Louis Meintjes (Uae)	+ 17:41
13. Fabio Aru (Ast)	+ 21:41
14. Nicolas Roche (Bmc)	+ 22:00
15. Sergio Pardilla (Cjr)	+ 22:59
24. Luis Ángel Maté (Cof)	+ 1h.13:27

Mountain

1. Davide Villella (Tcg)	67
2. Miguel Ángel López (Ast)	47
3. Chris Froome (Sky)	35
4. José J. Rojas (Mov)	33

Team

Name	Time
1. Astana Pro Team	247h16:21
2. Movistar Team	+ 6:16
3. Team Sky	+ 8:12
4. UAE Team Emirates	+ 49:02

Points

1. Chris Froome (Sky)	158
2. Matteo Trentin (Eqs)	156
3. Vincenzo Nibali (Tbm)	128
4. Alberto Contador (Tfr)	105



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This will be the eighth time that Fuengirola has hosted an international competition. :: SIMO TYNYS

International inline hockey back in Fuengirola

The town's mayor, Ana Mula, will be present to open the new rink at Santa Fe in Los Boliches on Saturday

:: DARYL FINCH

FUENGIROLA. Local inline hockey team, the Fuengirola Lions, will this weekend host the eighth international inline hockey tournament, with a total of ten participating teams. Because of growing interest from abroad, local sides Málaga, Marbella and Sevilla are unable to com-

pete this time.

In addition to the two sides which make up Fuengirola Lions, Lions and Barona, the participating teams come from Finland (two), Belgium (one), the United Kingdom (one) and further afield in Spain: Murcia Rollers, Sancti Petri, Buhos and Águilas.

Besides the great weather and atmosphere, a new attraction for the teams will be the ice hockey boards from Finland installed during the summer break to increase safety for both players and spectators.

What's more, mayor of Fuengirola, Ana Mula, will be in attendance

Lions hoping for yet another successful season

Thanks to new installations completed by the town hall during the summer break, the Fuengirola Lions have now acquired more training times. The juniors now train on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8pm while the adults train on the same day from 8 to 10pm.

This year the Lions will have junior teams in three different age groups (benjamín, alevín and infantil) while in the Liga Andaluza, Lions and Barona will compete separately but will join forces in the Liga Sur.

Last season Fuengirola Lions won both the Liga Sur and the Liga Andaluza, with their second team coming runner-up in the latter. They were also champions in three junior categories.

to open the new rink, at the Santa Fe sports centre in Los Boliches alongside representatives from the Andalusian Federation and Liga Sur.

The tournament gets under way this Saturday at 9am and will run until 9.30pm. Sunday's matchday will be slightly shorter from 11am, with the final starting at 6pm.

Cheerleaders will provide extra entertainment. Entry to the tournament is free.



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Marc Gasol starred for Spain as they beat Germany 84-72 on Tuesday night in the quarterfinals of the EuroBasket finals. He scored 28 points in a fierce encounter which remained neck-and-neck until the third quarter, when Spain started to impose themselves and gained a 12-point lead. Reigning champions Spain were due to line up against Slovenia last night, hoping to secure a place in the final in which they would be favourites to win their fourth European championship title.

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Roberto

Recio

Adrián (En-Nesyri, 73')

Borja Bastón

Kuzmanovic

Luis Hernández

Rosales (Cifu, 73')

4-2-3-1

Tannane (Momo, 81')

Michel

Calleri (Gómez, 90')

Aquilani

Jonathan Viera

Javi Castellano

Aythami

Halilovic (Rémy, 64')

Dani Castellano

Unused substitutes: Cenk (GK), Bayse, Rolón, Chory Castro. **Unused substitutes:** Lizoain(GK), David García, Bigas, Hernán.

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LAS PALMAS

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6	On target	7
6	Off target	3
3	Corners	2
3	Offsides	2
23	Fouls committed	10
4	Yellow cards	2
0	Red cards	0

Goals: 0-1 Viera (45'); 1-1 Diego (48'); 1-2 Calleri (69'); 1-3 Rémy (88').

Referee: Estrada Fernández. Yellows for Adrián, Recio, Borja Bastón, Dani Castellano, Michel and Ontiveros.

Venue: La Rosaleda (22,697 spectators).

TABLE & FIXTURES

MATCHDAY

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Results

Leganés-Getafe	1-2
Barcelona-Espanyol	5-0
R. Madrid-Levante	1-1
Sevilla-Eibar	3-0
Valencia-Atlético	0-0
Athletic-Girona	2-0
Celta-Alavés	1-0
Deportivo-R. Sociedad	2-4
Villarreal-Betis	3-1
MÁLAGA-Las Palmas	1-3

Fixtures

Eibar - Leganes
Levante - Valencia
Getafe - Barcelona
Betis - Deportivo La Coruña
Atlético Madrid - MÁLAGA
Alavés - Villarreal
Girona - Sevilla
Las Palmas - Athletic Bilbao
Real Sociedad - Real Madrid
Espanyol - Celta Vigo

LEAGUE TABLE

★ Champions League ■ Europa League ▼ Relegation

TEAM	PT	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
★ 1. Barcelona	9	3	3	0	0	9	0
★ 2. Real Sociedad	9	3	3	0	0	10	4
★ 3. Sevilla	7	3	2	1	0	5	1
★ 4. Athletic	7	3	2	1	0	3	0
■ 5. Leganés	6	3	2	0	1	3	2
■ 6. Atlético	5	3	1	2	0	7	3
7. Real Madrid	5	3	1	2	0	6	3
8. Levante	5	3	1	2	0	4	3
9. Valencia	5	3	1	2	0	3	2
10. Getafe	4	3	1	1	1	2	2
11. Girona	4	3	1	1	1	3	4
12. Celta	3	3	1	0	2	4	5
13. Villarreal	3	3	1	0	2	3	5
14. Las Palmas	3	3	1	0	2	4	7
15. Betis	3	3	1	0	2	3	6
16. Eibar	3	3	1	0	2	1	4
17. Deportivo	1	3	0	1	2	4	9
▼ 18. Espanyol	1	3	0	1	2	1	7
▼ 19. MÁLAGA	0	3	0	0	3	1	5
▼ 20. Alavés	0	3	0	0	3	0	4

Winless Malaga fall into the drop zone



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La Rosaleda emptied when Loïc Rémy scored Las Palmas' third and fans' frustrations quickly turned to the owner

MÁLAGA. Malaga fans were left calling for the departure of owner Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani after their latest defeat, their third out of three games so far, saw them propping up the table.

La Rosaleda was unusually subdued on Monday night even before fans watched their side fall limply to Las Palmas who themselves were looking for their first points of the season.

The hosts started the game with visibly more determination than the visitors to compete for loose balls, but creativity was lacking and the Canarians easily soaked up the pressure they exerted. Conversely, Las Palmas, through the pace and



Adrián dejected after seeing his side concede. :: NITO SALAS

trickery of Oussama Tannane and Jonathan Viera, looked threatening every time they went forward. Las Palmas did not control the game, but unlike Malaga, they made their attacks count, none more so than a minute before the half time whistle when Alen Halilović's pass gave Viera all the space he needed in the box; all that was left to do was direct his shot in off Roberto's near post.

The mood among the home faithful improved at the start of the second half. There were shouts for a penalty when Las Palmas defender Navarro handled the ball in his own area after the ball flicked up off his own foot, but the protests were quickly ignored by referee Estrada Fernández. Shortly after, the crowd were lifted again, this time in celebration as Diego González nodded home a perfectly-delivered freekick from Recio from the right, making the scoreline level.

Unfortunately, this two or three minute spell was about as good as it would get for Michel's men who remained on the back foot and ought to have been behind again, but for Roberto who flicked Halilović's shot in the 63rd minute onto the crossbar.

Halilović, who had been impressive, was then unexpectedly with-

drawn, with former Chelsea and Newcastle United man Loïc Rémy taking his place. However, this move soon paid off when ex-West Ham striker Jonathan Calleri ran onto a through ball and expertly held off González before smashing the ball into the roof of the net. Michel rang the changes in response, throwing on Youssef En-Nesyri and Javi Ontiveros, but frustration soon started to boil over as the Las Palmas defence continued to resist and limit the hosts to shots from distance and hopeful balls into the box.

With stoppage time looming, the inevitable came. Rémy collected the ball in a tight space to the left of the area before tucking the ball into the opposite corner for a debut to remember – and just rewards for his side's performance.

La Rosaleda then quickly emptied with the crowd chanting "¡Al-Thani vete ya!" (Al-Thani out!) as the reality of another relegation battle quickly dawned after an underwhelming end to the transfer window and an alarming run of form which has seen the side win only one game since the start of preseason.

It doesn't get any easier for Malaga as they head to the capital on Saturday for the inaugural match at Atlético's new Wanda Metropolitana stadium.

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A balancing act

David Moyes understood the issues at play at Real Sociedad but couldn't get to grips with them in the same way Eusebio has

Right now there's one team that's pound for pound ahead of the rest in La Liga; and it's the British pound that has been significant in the reconstruction of the team.

In fact it was probably the Scottish pound that was responsible for instigating the Real Sociedad revival. Since they paid off David Moyes the club has ascended steadily.

Three wins in the opening three La Liga games is almost certainly a false dawn but it shows just how far the Basque club has come since Eusebio Sacristán took over in November 2015. Back then they were

teetering just above the relegation zone in 16th place. The team had lost its identity.

I spoke with David Moyes frequently during his time in San Sebastián and grew to appreciate his issues.

There was one game when he deliberated whether to select a striker who was the product of the club or the expensive foreign signing. His heart said go with the Brazilian but his head had worked out that it would mean the team had six non-Basque players and five from the out of region. He went with the local boy, kept the balance favourable, but lost the game.

Moyes, maybe subconsciously influenced by his Celtic roots, wanted to keep the team as regional as possible. I pointed out that Real Sociedad have far more academy players than their great rivals Ath-



Eusebio and Moyes have had contrasting times at Anoeta. :: EFE / REUTERS

letic Bilbao. Athletic pride themselves on being all-Basque but many of their players are signed from elsewhere.

Eusebio has managed to pull off the balancing act. Of the eleven that started the game against Deportivo La Coruña, seven were from the Basque region. His secret has been to tap into the club's excellent youth system and compliment it with signings of imagination.

The best four foreign players in his squad cost British pounds al-



though none of them made an impression in the Premier League.

The latest is Adnan Januzaj whose undisciplined talents sent Louis Van Gaal barmy, frustrated David Moyes and teased supporters rather than defenders. Now at the age of 21 he has a chance to become a man in northern Spain.

His journey isn't unlike that of Carlos Vela. The Mexican was surplus at Arsenal and his relationship with Moyes wasn't too harmonious. He's been reborn under Euse-

bio and will be a big influence until he heads to the MLS in the winter.

Juanmi didn't register a Premier League goal in his season at Southampton and was trusted with just 32 minutes of action after December 2016. At Real Sociedad he's transformed into one of the most consistent players. He was last season's leading scorer and has led with three goals in the opening three games of the season.

The other Premier League signing was goalkeeper Gerónimo Rulli. It was a complex transfer from Manchester City, a club that I doubt he ever actually visited. In a paper exercise he moved there for a couple of days in between his loan and actual transfer to Real Sociedad. I suspect the English club have a buy-back clause for one of the top young keepers in the world and it was no surprise that Napoli were chasing him last summer.

So, it's no slight on Moyes to say that Eusebio has managed the rules of leading Real Sociedad with a greater understanding.

A tale of two halves ends in Marbella victory

Chus Hevia's goal in the second half changed the tide and was enough separate the two sides

MARBELLA 1 SAN FERNANDO 0

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. After defeats in the league and the Copa del Rey last week, Marbella hoped to return to winning ways on Sunday and they did just that with a narrow, but im-



Otín fighting to retain possession on Sunday. :: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

portant victory.

Marbella were weak against Segoviana in the Copa del Rey last week; the team were flat and worst of all, lacking in identity. Estévez made five changes to the starting 11, but the first half on Sunday was no improvement.

The visitors looked in control and they thought they had taken the lead when Pedro Ríos converted with a header after some fantastic attacking play from Javi Casares. The linesman, however, had raised his flag for offside - a let-off for Los Blanquillos.

The home side did not have a sin-

gle shot at goal in the first half; the visitors stretched the hosts and only luck kept the scoreline level before the break.

Marbella looked like a different team after the break. They created more chances in the first five minutes of the second half than they did in the entire first 45. Corpas and Chus Hevia were the most influential players, the latter scoring the decisive goal.

In the 60th minute, Chus Hevia picked up a loose ball, which he fired past the visitors' keeper Doblas in spectacular fashion. The hosts looked for the second, but despite some excellent crosses whipped in by Corpas, nobody was able to convert and the game ended 1-0.

Marbella play away to Granada B in the league on Saturday at 18:30.



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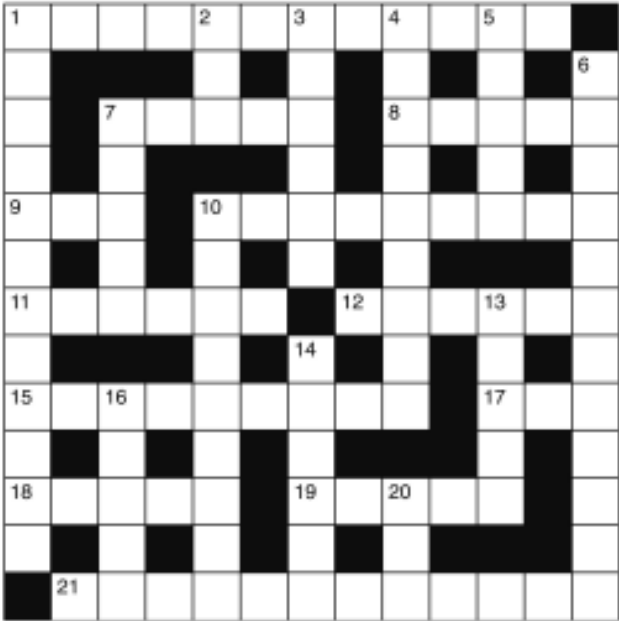


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- Down
- 1

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- 7

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- 8

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- 9

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- 10

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- 11

Presumably it's not even a curio! (6)
- 12

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- 15

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- 17

Have penitential thoughts about a bit of cruelty (3)
- 18

A wild cat - one of several in the pound (5)
- 19

Make an attempt at composition (5)
- 21

Exercise that may well be boring in Stockholm! (7,5)
- 1

What the sniper or the snooker-player will do (4,1,3,4)
- 2 & 9 Ac

Kind of cap for change of gear (8)
- 3 & 12 Ac

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- 4

Not a band of journalists who practised abduction! (5-4)
- 5

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- 6

Suffering tyranny, like one at the bottom of the rugby scrum! (5,3,4)
- 7

Kind of stock raised round the East (5)
- 10

Adopt sure reform - it's extended far and wide (9)
- 13 & 14 Dn

They're among the first to stop lying (5,6)
- 14

See 13 Down
- 16

We're upset about the end of demolition - do some restoring (5)
- 20

Suffering absolute depression, initially (3)

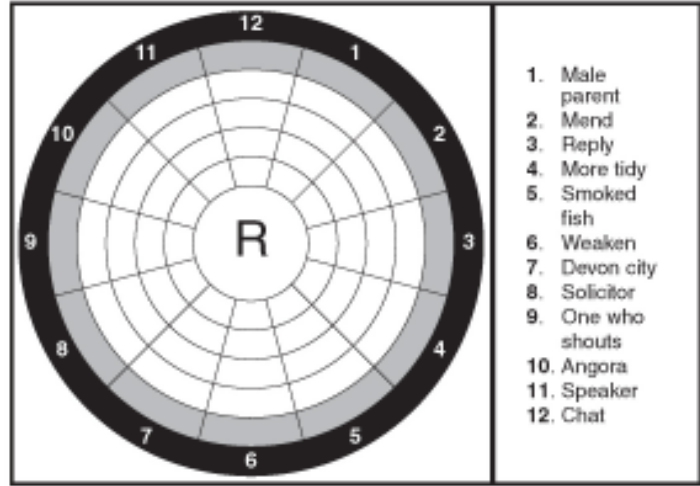
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Instructions
Complete the square making sure that every row of nine numbers includes all digits from 1 to 9, every column includes all digits from 1 to 9 and every 3 by 3 subsection includes all digits from 1 to 9

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CLOCKWORD

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



1. Male parent
2. Mend
3. Reply
4. More tidy
5. Smoked fish
6. Weaken
7. Devon city
8. Solicitor
9. One who shouts
10. Angora
11. Speaker
12. Chat

THE WORDPUZZLER

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

- CAN you identify the peoples of the world from the anagrams listed below?
1. Vasil
2. Baar
3. Cost
4. Romo
5. Uulz
6. Durk
7. Rebs
8. Ninf
9. Lope
10. Kurt

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QUIZ

QUESTION 1

What type of food is 'burrata'?

1. Spanish scrambled egg

2. Cajun stew

3. Mexican filled tortilla

4. Italian cheese

QUESTION 2

A 'Yellow Pershore' or 'Yellow Egg' is a variety of what fruit?

1. Plum

2. Apple

3. Aubergine

4. Tomato

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- Across

1) Engagement (10)

6) Designer (9)

10) To grate (6)

12) Mausoleum (7)

13) I twisted (5)

14) Risks (7)

16) Ambassador (f) (10)

18) She sends (5)

19) Wishes (6)

22) That (3)

23) Responsibilities (17)

24) Farm animal (3)

25) Jug (5)

27) Breaking (news) (6,4) (10)

28) Like that (3)

29) Nature (6)

33) To equal (7)

35) Unless (5)

36) Country (4)

37) To sob (8)

39) I gave (2)

40) Curl (4)

41) Anchor (11)

44) Without (3)

45) Timely (8)

46) Hometown (6,5) (11)
- Down

1) Short film (12)

2) Bad (3)

3) Works (5)

4) I begged (7)

5) UFO (4)

6) You sleep (7)

7) Path (5)

8) Waste (8)

9) Queen (5)

11) I read (3)

13) Back room (10)

14) To check (7)

15) In love (pl) (10)

17) Journalism (10)

19) Drain (7)

20) Daily (6)

21) Constitutional (14)

24) You will reopen (9)

26) Husband (6)

30) Courtship (8)

31) Cast (7)

32) Commoner (7)

34) Support (5)

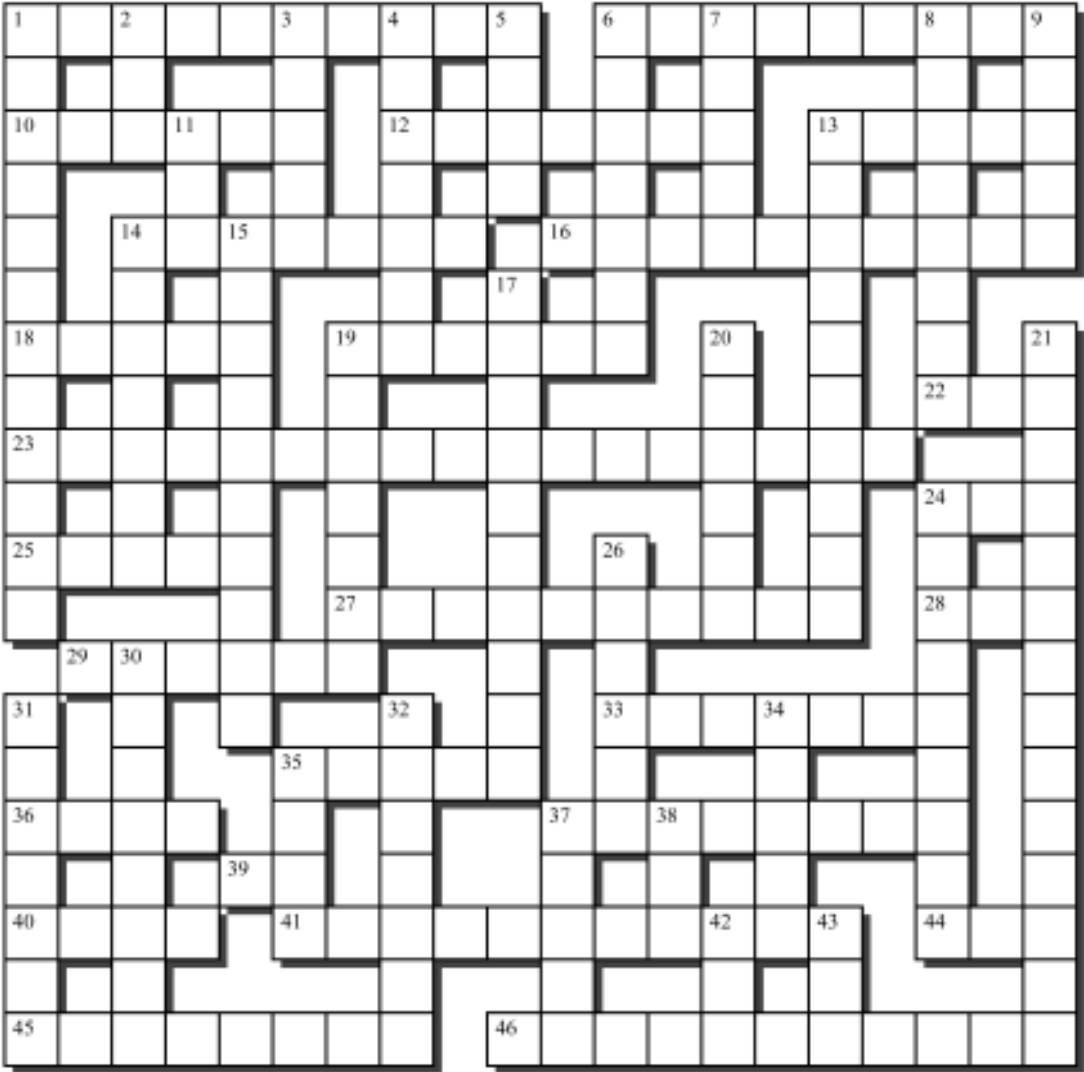
35) Underpants (4)

37) I felt (5)

38) He rolls up (3)

42) Day (3)

43) Rum (3)



ANSWERS

Quiz answers

Answer 1: Italian cheese.
Of interest: Burrata is a fresh Italian cheese made from mozzarella and cream. The outer shell is solid mozzarella, while the inside contains stracciatella and cream, giving it an unusual, soft texture.
Answer 2: Plum
Of interest: Yellow Egg or Pershore Egg is a traditional cooking plum from the Vale of Evesham in the West Midlands. It was rated by the Victorian fruit expert Robert Hogg as “an excellent baking and preserving plum”.

Cryptic Crossword

Solutions: Across: 1 Top of the poll; 7 Bored; 8 Emden; 9 Age; 10 Overstate; 11 Oddly; 12 Talent; 15 Scrapping; 17 Rue; 18 Ounce; 19 Essay; 21 Swedish drill. Down: 1 Take a pot shot; 2 For; 3 Hidden; 4 Press-gang; 5 Lydia; 6 Under the heel; 7 Breed; 10 Outspread; 13 Early; 14 Risers; 16 Renew; 20 Sad.

Clockword solution

SOLUTION: 1 Father, 2 Repair, 3 Answer, 4 Nestle, 5 Kipper, 6 Impair, 7 Exeter, 8 Lawyer, 9 Yeller, 10 Mohair, 11 Orator, 12 Natter.
CELEBRITY: Frankie Lynton.

Wordpuzzler solution

1. Slav
2. Arab
3. Scot
4. Moor
5. Zulu
6. Kurd
7. Sep
8. Finn
9. Pole
10. Turk
DOR
PAR
HML
TUK
OLO
CGL
SER
ALP
MOO
SPR
RAN
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Sudoku solution

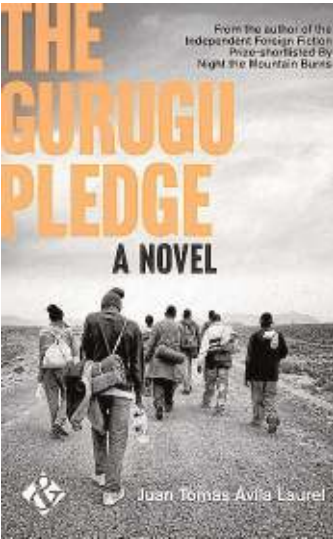
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3	5	9	6	1	8	4	2	7

Language Crossword

DOWN:
1. DORTONMETRAJE 2.MAL 3.0BRAS
4.MPLOSRE 5.OVNI 6.DUEBOMES
7.SENDIA KDERROCHE 9.REINA 11.LEE
13.TRASTIBIDA 14.BEVISAR
15.ENAMORADOS 17.PERIODISMO
19.DESAGUE 20.DIARIO
21.CONSTITUCIONAL 24.REABRIRAS
26.MARIDO 30.NOVIATZO 31.REPARO
32.PLEBEYO 34.FOYO 35.SUP
37.SENTI 38.TA 42.DIA 43.ION

ACROSS:
1.COMPRONISO 6.DISENADOR
10.BALLAR 12.PANTEON 13.TORCI
14.BESOS 16.MBAJADORA 18.ENIA
19.DESOS 22.ESO
23.RESPOSABILIDADES 24.IES
25.ARIA 27.ULTIMAHORA 28.ASI
29.INDOLE 33.IGUALAR 35.SALVO
36.PAIS 37.SOLLOZAR 39.DE 40.ORTUNO
41.PRESENTADOR 44.SIN 45.OMORTUO
46.CIUDADNATAL

BOOK OF THE WEEK



The Gurugu Pledge
Juan Tomás Ávila Laurel

The story is set in Morocco’s Spanish enclaves, from where a group of Africans hope to reach Europe. Mount Gurugu is a no man’s land, and the place where the aspirants from Africa to Europe end up cordoned off by the Moroccan forest police and a high barbed-wire fence along the border with Spanish soil. “We lived in the forest and cooked enough to still be standing,” the narrator begins before his ‘brothers’ tell their stories of misfortune and their hope for a brilliant future awaiting them in Europe.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Fate is
nothing but
the deeds
committed in
a prior state
of existence

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

THE SUR IN ENGLISH CORNER

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Sorolla's other Malaga painting

The museum devoted to the Valencia artist in Madrid has changed the title of one of his works, admitting it shows the Peñón del Cuervo

FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

MALAGA. A simple competition on Facebook has changed a chapter in the history of art. It all started in June 2013, when the Sorolla Museum in Madrid posted a picture by the Valencia artist and asked "Where are we?"

Most people replied "Cap Martí, Javea", the title of the painting, but when Antonio González-Alba saw it, his answer was totally unexpected. He said it was the Peñón del Cuervo, a rocky formation on the coastline just east of the city of Malaga.

"Anybody from Malaga who looked at that picture would have said the same," said this lecturer in photography at Seville University.

However it was his response and research that prompted the museum and Sorolla's family to take a fresh look at the painting. Now they have

changed its name to 'Playa del Peñón del Cuervo, Malaga', increasing the number of landscapes the artist painted on the Costa del Sol to three.

At first though few people agreed with González-Alba's response on Facebook, so he posted photos of his own, taken a couple of years earlier, to show the likeness. He then went to the Peñón del Cuervo and took more pictures. "I wanted to find the exact spot where Joaquín Sorolla did that painting in 1910, and I was immediately surprised because the prickly pear plants in his picture are still there," he said.

He took a photo from that same spot, close to a watchtower, and superimposed it on the original.

"Apart from the fact that there was a 100-year difference between the two images, you can see that the silhouette of the Peñón del Cuervo, the coastline in the distance, the old railway tunnel and the Montes de Malaga behind are the same," he added.

González-Alba has also been to Cap Martí in Javea and says there is no comparison. "I can't believe that in 100 years nobody has noticed the difference," he said.

TWO IMAGES MORE THAN A CENTURY APART



Antonio González-Alba (above) explains the similarities with Sorolla's painting:

- 1.** The rock known as 'El Peñón del Cuervo', which is the painting's new title.
- 2.** The horizon coincides with the upper part of the rock in both.
- 3.** Both images show Los Cantales and the old railway tunnel.
- 4.** The coastline is identical, although the sea level has risen since 1910.
- 5.** There are still prickly pear bushes close to the place where Sorolla painted his picture.

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