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After four dry years, Malaga province is on the verge of its third official drought period this century. The president of the Junta de Andalucía, Susana Díaz, told the Andalusian parliament this week that a decree is already being drawn up to be brought into force if the situation does not improve.

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Malaga faces another drought with a lack of infrastructure to deal with it



The Guadalteba reservoir, one of a group of three together with the Conde de Guadalhorce and Guadalhorce. :: F. TORRES

The Junta de Andalucía is planning the measures that will need to be taken if there is insufficient rainfall

:: A. PELÁEZ/ M.D. TORTOSA

MALAGA/SEVILLE. After four dry years and lower than average rainfall, Malaga province is in danger of drought and the situation is deemed serious enough for the president of the Junta de Andalucía, Susana Díaz, to tell the Andalusian parliament this week that a decree is being drawn up to be brought into force if the situation does not improve.

Speaking at the State of the Region debate, she also called on the central government to carry out associated projects which have been outstanding for some time and never completed, such as the pipeline from the Iznájar reservoir in Cordoba to the northern Antequera area, which

was supposed to have been built two years ago.

If the drought is officially announced, it will be the third in Malaga province this century. The first, in 2005, affected the western Costa del Sol, the Guadalhorce valley, Malaga city and Torremolinos. The next, in 2008, was in La Axarquía. Both remained in force until mid-2009. Now, eight years later, with only 205 cubic hectometres of water in the reservoirs - 30 less than last year - drought is knocking on the door of homes in the province again.

Among the projects still pending, which have barely progressed in all this time, is a new dam on the Río Verde which would increase the capacity of Marbella's La Concepción reservoir from the present 61.85 cubic hectometres to 180, making it the biggest in the province. Another is the pipeline between the Costa del Sol, Guadalhorce and La Axarquía, so that water can be passed

from the western region, which has the most rainfall, to the east, when necessary. The present connection between the Costa del Sol and Malaga can only transfer 200 litres per second, which means a maximum of five cubic hectometres a year in the best of cases to the city from the Río Verde. The Junta says this capacity cannot be increased because the present pipes won't al-

low it and new lines would have to be laid between Marbella and Fuengirola and from there to Malaga.

At a meeting on Thursday the Junta promised to improve the pipe network on the Costa del Sol so that more water can be transferred from La Concepción reservoir.

At present, the Guadalhorce reservoirs contain just 112 hm³, La Viñuela 38 and La Concepción 33.8.

Suptropical fruit growers will see their water cut by 60%

La Axarquía is to be the first area to suffer water restrictions due to the drought situation. Levels in La Viñuela reservoir have fallen significantly, to just 23% of its total capacity with no more

than 38 cubic hectometres. After a meeting with the Junta de Andalucía on Thursday the local water system committee agreed to reduce the use of water for irrigation by 60%. This leaves the growers east of Malaga with only 10 cubic hectometres at their disposal during the current water year, compared to the 23 cubic hectometres in the 2016-2017 season.

Acosol wants to use recycled water for street cleaning on the Costa del Sol

:: IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. The Acosol water company has written to the regional government's Environmental Department for permission to use recycled water to hose down the streets because of the impending drought. It stresses that the recycled wastewater produced by the treatment plants at Arroyo de la Miel, Fuengirola, La Cala de Mijas, La Víbora, Estepona and Manilva meets safety standards and it would be a sensible move to save supplies.

Margarita del Cid, the head of the Mancomunidad de Municipios, of which Acosol is part, says it would also be a way of using recycled water which is otherwise wasted. Only one third is used at present, to irrigate golf courses; the remainder is channelled out to sea.

Alcaucín mayor suggests banning the use of domestic water to fill swimming pools

:: AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

MALAGA. Mario Blancke, the mayor of Alcaucín, is to propose that the Mancomunidad de Municipios of La Axarquía prohibits people in the region from using drinking water to top up their pools in the summer months.

Giving figures from his own municipality as an example, he says there are about 500 private pools and two million litres of water a month is used to fill them, especially in hot weather when the water evaporates rapidly.

He wants regulations to be introduced which oblige all pool owners to prove that the water they use comes from other sources, and he says the Mancomunidad should issue the regulations so they apply to all 31 municipalities covered by the organisation.



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Marbella town hall plans to spend three times as much on public works next year

The town's budget for 2018, due to be provisionally approved today, includes investments of more than 22 million euros

:: HÉCTOR BARBOTA

MARBELLA. The council's budget for 2018 is on its way to being finally passed before the end of the year. This week the mayor, Ángeles Muñoz, and councillor, Manuel Osorio, revealed details of the draft budget due to be put before a council session today, Friday.

One of the most significant changes is the increase in the amount set aside for investment in public works, which is more than 22 million euros, three times this year's sum.

Muñoz said that next year's budget will be "investing, innovative and social".

Three municipal departments have been given priority: Public Works, Parks and Gardens and Cleaning. In the case of the latter, spending is expected to increase from 23.5 million euros to 29.5 million, permitting the purchase of new equipment. Parks and gardens will also benefit from an increase, with the budget going from 2.7 million



Ángeles Muñoz at the SUR forum on Thursday. :: SALVADOR SALAS

Council wants to turn Roca's estate into sports centre

:: M. P.

MALAGA. Speaking at a SUR forum on Thursday, the mayor of Marbella, Ángeles Muñoz, announced that the town hall hoped to be able to turn the Finca La Caridad, an estate that is among the confiscated assets of the imprisoned corruption ring-leader Juan Antonio Roca, into a sports complex. Negotiations are ongoing with the treasury ministry, she said. The town has long since been calling for the assets of those responsible for pillaging the municipal coffers to be returned to the town.

to 7.6 million euros.

The changes mean a distribution of resources that is more in line with the town's needs, said the mayor. The increases, she added, will lead to better quality services.

Investment in public works will be shared among all departments, although the mayor stressed the need

for improvements in sports facilities.

The lion's share of the budget, however, will go towards staff wages which amount to more than 141 million euros.

The controversial aspect of the budget is the decision to ignore the spending cap imposed by the central government, which has been low-

ered by 11 million euros. Muñoz said the reduction was due to the poor management of the town's previous coalition government and not because the council's income had fallen.

The opposition group, however, has said that by ignoring the cap, the council is jeopardising its future as adjustments will have to be made in 2020.

CONSULAR CORPS STUDIES RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

The mayor of Mijas, Juan Carlos Maldonado, met with consular staff representing 30 nationalities on Wednesday to discuss the issues that most concern foreign residents on the Costa del Sol. At the meeting issues such as public safety, especially for expats, and taxes were brought up. The meeting was described as "very positive".



:: IVÁN GELIBTER

HERE AND THERE

Malaga to promote language tourism

MALAGA

:: JUAN SOTO. On 7 to 14 January over 600 Spanish teachers from all over the world will come to the city for Malaga Education Week. The aim of the event is to promote Malaga as a place where people can come to learn Spanish.

Malaga Education Week was created by the Spanish schools association (NACEM) and will be made up of debates, talks and informative meetings. Ideas regarding Spanish being an economic resource and tourist attraction will be discussed.

Torremolinos 'shopping resort' plans finalised

TORREMOLINOS

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ. The future 'shopping resort', designed by Intu, a British shopping centre developer, is one step closer to construction as of this week. Representatives from Intu were in Torremolinos on Wednesday to celebrate the completion of preliminary survey work for the shopping and leisure centre. The complex will be situated north of the Palacio de Congresos and in the next few weeks the proposed area for the 500-million-euro complex will be fenced off so that the space can be cleared.

Local council gives 8,000 euros to Cudeca

TORREMOLINOS

:: A.G. Torremolinos town hall, through its Social Services department, signed an agreement with Fundación Cudeca this week to give the non-profit organisation a grant of 8,000 euros. The money will allow the charity to look after the 120 patients with stage four cancer in Torremolinos who need constant palliative care, whether it be in their homes or in the hospice. Support will be given to families of cancer sufferers. Cudeca has been providing palliative care for patients with degenerative illnesses in Malaga since 1992.

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Ten-million-euro complex to be built on the border of two towns

Work will begin next summer in the grounds of Camping Fuengirola which will become a large shopping centre generating 200 jobs

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

FUENGIROLA/MIJAS. The historic Camping Fuengirola which is found on the stretch of land between Mijas and Fuengirola, will undergo a massive transformation in the next few months in order to be converted into a large-scale shopping centre. The project has required a private investment of around 10 million euros and, according to the Mijas town hall, will create 200 job opportunities when complete.

The land, which measures 21,000 square metres, is shared equally between Mijas and Fuengirola, which makes it a suitable location for the complex. In Mijas, the Junta de Andalucía has already approved the environmental study carried out for the project, but awaits economic and sustainability reports, among others.

According to sources in the Mijas town hall, work will not begin



Camping Fuengirola stretches across Mijas and Fuengirola. :: I.G.

until summer 2018 as the local council is being extra cautious. "This matter involves land which is shared by the two town halls of Mijas and Fuengirola and both must be in full agreement to carry out this development plan", explained a source.

As well as all of the governmental checks, the towns also have to propose this plan to residents so that

they can voice any concerns which can then be resolved. The property developer, who is the owner of the grounds, then has to present the project and apply for the required work permits.

Once all of the necessary reports have been filled in, they are sent to the Junta for final approval before work can begin.

Dance championship cancelled due to plagiarism lawsuit

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

TORREMOLINOS. The Campeonato de Baile dance competition will not take place this year after Torremolinos town hall announced that it was "improper". The competition was created in 1989 and the final usually takes place in Torremolinos. This news comes after entrepreneur and politi-

cian, Javier Checa accused Torremolinos town hall of plagiarism. Last year the council created the Muestra de Baile MueBT dance competition, which is similar to the Baile Retro created by Checa. Nevertheless, the minister for culture, Aída Blanes, insists that the cancellation has nothing to do with the lawsuit.



The Campeonato de Baile. :: A.G.

IN BRIEF



Hundreds of people use this unpaved route every day. :: A. GÓMEZ

Land bought in El Pinillo to ease access to school

TORREMOLINOS

:: A.G. The town hall of El Pinillo has purchased some land which will allow residents to access the local nursery and primary school without having to walk along a hazardous path. The council has acquired

2,062 square metres in Ramal de Salgareño street to carry out work which will connect the school with the neighborhoods La Leala, El Ealtillo and El Pinillo, as well as the train stop. The path is currently unpaved and the town hall plans to flatten it out to make it safe for people to pass. Locals have been asking the council to improve the path for several years.

Roadworks finish on motorway into Mijas

MIJAS

:: I.G. The work to resurface the motorway which accesses Mijas has finished. The mayor of Mijas and various representatives from the Andalucía government visited the site this week. The A-368 is used by nearly 5,000 vehicles per day. Improvement work has also been carried out on other motorways to improve the links between the towns of Benalmádena, Fuengirola, and Alhaurín.

Dog park in Las Lagunas will be ready for spring

MIJAS

:: I.G. Mijas town hall have announced that work to develop a dog park in Las Lagunas will begin in January. The work will cost close to 400,000 euros and take around three months to complete according to the companies carrying it out. The dog park will be opened in the area near the Cortijo Don Elías. The construction department of the local council says the park will have "modern installations".

Benalmádena eradicates all use of paper

BENALMÁDENA

:: I.G. In a few months, every administrative process in Benalmádena town hall will be completed entirely online, using a cloud system. The project aims to completely remove the use of paper in the local council. The budget for this project is 2.4

million euros, of which 1.8 million is going towards software development and permits and the rest towards acquiring the technology. T-Systems, the overseer of the project will modernise the way that the local council does its work.

They plan to impose this system in every department by May 2018 and the council is sure that it will improve the quality of their services.



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Carvajal station: mission impossible for many

Nothing has been done in a year, even though Fuengirola council unanimously agreed to ask the Ministry of Public Works to resolve the situation

by **IVÁN GELIBTER.**

FUENGIROLA. Ricardo Criado can't catch the train at his nearest station, which is Carvajal, a district in Fuengirola. There are 119 steps up to the platform and Ricardo, who uses an electric wheelchair, can't get up them. Nor is he the only person affected. You only have to climb the stairs once to realise that they pose a problem for all but the fittest passengers.

The station platform at Carvajal, like the one at Torreblanca, is not accessible to everybody. Exactly one year ago complaints from residents led the Ciudadanos spokesman in Fuengirola, Javier Toro, to present a motion to ask the Ministry of Public Works to solve this problem. However, even though all the political parties on the council voted in favour, the Spanish government

appears to be ignoring a situation which affects at least 2,000 people who live in the area.

"The law says the main entrance to a railway station has to be accessible," says Ricardo. There is another access, higher up, but he can't use that one either. "I can't get up there or down again in a wheelchair. This is affecting my life and it isn't right, not only for me but for people with prams, for example, or tourists who arrive from the airport with a suitcase," he says.

The president of the local residents' association, Eladia Pabón, says very few people can climb the 119 stairs without difficulty, especially if they are carrying something. "And also if it is windy or raining, it's not only difficult but dangerous as well," she insists.

"People in the area have been complaining about this for years, because the accesses just aren't acceptable. In addition, the lighting is inadequate and the pavement is falling to pieces," says Javier Toro about the stations, which he describes as "a complete failure in terms of accessibility."

"Over a year ago we presented a motion to demand that the Min-

istry of Public Works, Adif and Renfe take urgent action to ensure that these stations are accessible to everybody," he explains.

He points out that the fact that the motion was supported by all the groups on the council and approved unanimously shows how serious the problem is.

Over a year later, he is critical of the lack of action. "Torreblanca and Carvajal are urban areas with a large population now and they need proper station facilities which have been adapted for those with disabilities, like the ones in other parts of Fuengirola: Los Boliches, for example," he says.

Raised in parliament

The frustration about the lack of action is so great that the Ciudadanos and PSOE parties on Fuengirola council decided that the matter should be raised with the Spanish parliament. Malaga MP Miguel Ángel Heredia was due to ask the Minister for Public Works this week why the accesses to the stations are so inadequate, what measures are being taken to rectify the situation, when they would be carried out and how much they would cost.



Ricardo Criado can't catch a train in the area in which he lives. :: I. G.

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WORK FOR A-397 FOOTBRIDGE BEGINS

The construction work for a footbridge in San Pedro Alcántara which will allow pedestrians to cross the A-397 Ronda road has begun. The original location was changed to avoid water pipes and electricity lines. The work, which will be carried out by CFVC Construcciones, a company from Malaga, is costing 331,000 euros and will take an estimated four months to be completed.

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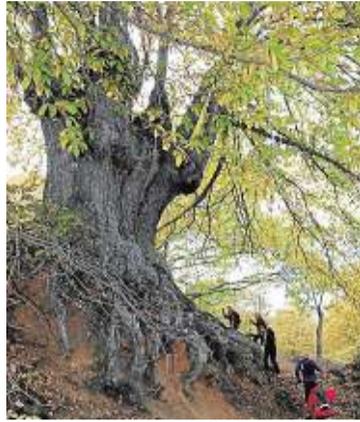
The copper-coloured season arrives in Valle de Genal

:: VANESSA MELGAR

RONDA. It took a little longer to come this year, but the season of ochre, brown, copper and gold has arrived in the Valle del Genal. This corner of Serranía de Ronda, the biggest chestnut producer in Andalucía, hosts a beautiful natural phenomenon attracting hundreds of visitors every year. Before losing their leaves the

chestnut trees paint the landscape in beautiful autumn colours. Although the lack of rain has been noticeable, the countryside of the Valle del Genal still maintains this magical halo.

Chestnut trees occupy about 4,000 hectares of the Sierra de las Nieves. Many companies, like RF Natura, offer guided tours of this autumnal landscape.



One of the oldest trees. :: v.m.



The landscape is very photogenic. :: v.m.

Bancosol prepares for its sixth Gran Recogida asking for locals to volunteer

The charity desperately needs volunteers in the province of Malaga; the need for foodbanks is still high, as Bancosol helps 49,000 people

:: AMANDA SALAZAR

MALAGA. The sixth Gran Recogida, the massive annual collection for foodbanks, will be taking place in supermarkets all over the province on 1 and 2 December. The collection in Malaga is organised by the foodbank Bancosol, and the event coincides with collections all over Spain, organised by the foodbank federation.

The Gran Recogida was created during the worst period of the economic crisis, but despite some improvement now, the need for collections like this is still high.

Bancosol looks after 49,000 people on low incomes in Malaga who need help from NGOs to be able to eat every day. Although there are fewer people in need than the 55,000 last year, the figures are still “shocking”, according to Joaquín Jiménez, vice-president of Bancosol.

Over the next few days, Bancosol has the challenge of recruiting local volunteers for the Gran Recogida, at a time when people do not realise

the urgent need for help.

“We are hoping to exceed numbers from last year, when we collected 540,000 kilos of food across the province,” indicates Jiménez, who is in charge of the Gran Recogida.

This year, Bancosol hopes to collect 650,000 kilos of food in Malaga, and three million kilos in all of Andalucía. The donations should be non-perishable items, with a special need for baby food. This year, as Jiménez explains, they hope to collect more vegetables, milk, and oil, instead of all pasta and rice, in accordance with the Andalusian FAGA plan.

In the province, the Gran Recogida will need 4,000 volunteers, to help at the 300 collection points. This year is the first time that the Gran Recogida has not been a high profile event with sponsors in Andalucía.

The collection also relies on the help of 220 NGOs that regularly work with Bancosol. Twelve per cent of all the food distributed by Bancosol in Malaga comes from the Gran Recogida, which is why, say the organisers, participation from local citizens is vital.

Volunteers: Until Friday 24 November, email malaga@bancosol.info; Tel: 952 179579 (ext. 5) or WhatsApp 674 342548.



The Gran Recogida will take place on 1 and 2 December. :: F. SILVA



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HERE AND THERE

Hard Rock Café to open in Muelle Uno**MALAGA**

:: **IGNACIO LILLO.** Executives of Hard Rock Café, one of the biggest names in the world of international catering, have signed a contract to open 1,500 square metre premises adjacent to the Pompidou museum on Muelle Uno. The building works are expected to take about nine months with the café opening around September next year. This will be the ninth Hard Rock Café in Spain and the second in Malaga province.

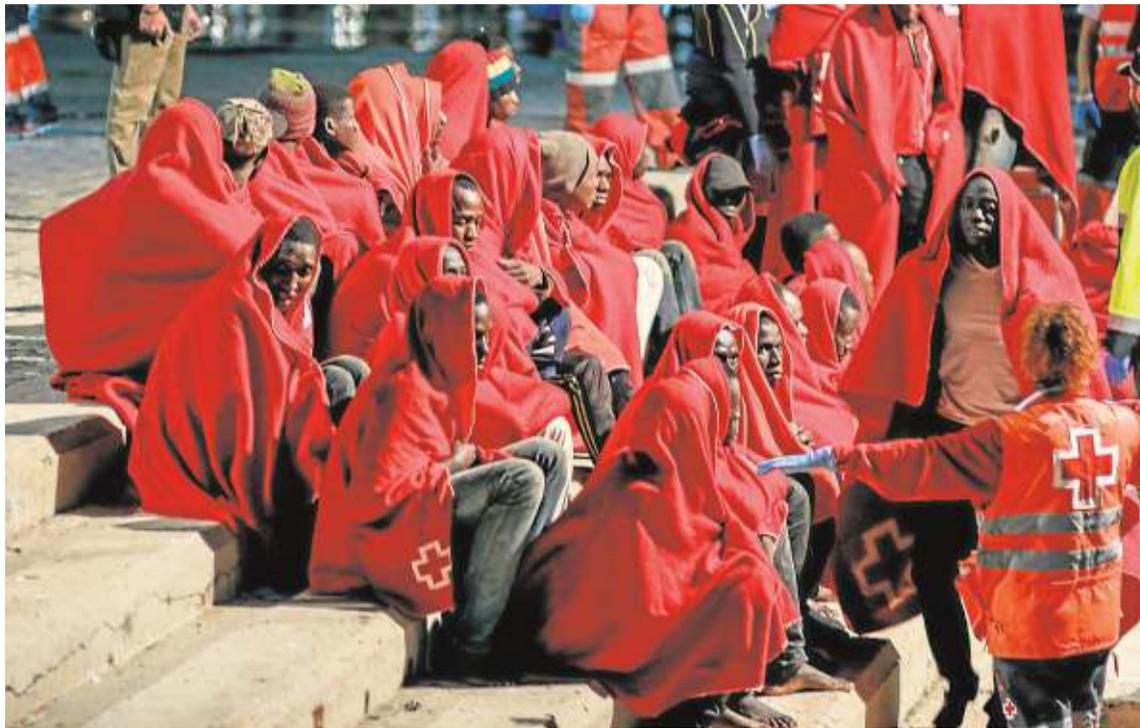
Miami company buys most of La Equitativa**MALAGA**

:: **JESÚS HINOJOSA.** Key International, a Miami based property investment and development company, have purchased 60 per cent of the Grade I listed La Equitativa building. This larger part does not include the iconic tower which is owned by the developer Rubcapel (30 per cent) and some private owners. Although nothing has been confirmed yet, it is believed that the Key International will turn the building into holiday apartments.

Museo Taurino gets a temporary reprieve**MALAGA**

:: **ANTONIO ROMERO.** The Centro de Arte de la Tauromaquia Juan Barco (bullfighting museum) in Malaga has been temporarily allowed to remain in the building owned by Malaga City Hall.

The council say the museum has not been paying its utility bills and has applied for forced access to the building. However, the judge turned down the application as the museum have lodged an appeal which is still pending against the cancellation of its contract.



A group of illegal migrants at Malaga port on Saturday. :: **FERNANDO TORRES**

Red Cross struggles with double the number of migrants in Malaga

The Red Cross needs its own premises at the port in order to deal with the huge numbers of migrants adequately

:: JESÚS HINOJOSA

MALAGA. The tightening up at the borders of Turkey and Greece, the increase in patrols in Italian waters and the complicated situation in Libya, has meant that there has been a notable increase in the number of sub-Saharan migrants attempting to reach Andalucía's shores by boat.

With the five boats rescued in the Mar de Alborán last Saturday, the number of people brought to Malaga port by Sea Rescue teams has risen exponentially to the point where it is over double the figure

registered in 2016.

Samuel Linares, provincial coordinator for the Red Cross confirmed that last year 790 people were attended by the organisation and so far this year, they have had to cope with more than 1,700 individuals.

The 164 migrants rescued on Saturday were taken to the sports centre in Ciudad Jardín to await being interviewed by the National Police and to have their futures determined.

In the last three weeks there has been more than four hundred migrants attended by the Red Cross, on many occasions without adequate facilities to do so, according to Linares. He is concerned that there is no permanent infrastructure at the port of Malaga to process the refugees and says, "Other ports such as Almería and Motril have it [infrastructure], but we

have no designated place in Malaga to carry out our work."

Linares explained that on Saturday, the migrants had to be placed in provisional marquees while the Red Cross identified each one and then moved them to the sports centre in Ciudad Jardín. This took until midnight.

"To change their clothes, they had to use the toilets in the passenger terminal. We aren't able to deal with so many. Medical assistance had to be given to those who needed it on the quayside," he complained.

He added that this lack of permanent quarters for the Red Cross had been communicated to the central government representative in Malaga.

"They have said that they are studying the options. Meanwhile we continue in this precarious situation."

Residents in El Palo left without water after aquifer is contaminated**:: IGNACIO LILLO**

MALAGA. Over 700 families were without water for a few days this week after three people poured detergent into an aquifer in El Palo.

The detergent was noticed by consumers on Monday evening when the water in the taps came out frothy and perfumed. The police were alerted and warned residents in Miraflores del Palo not to drink the water.

The local police soon discovered the culprits. One was the owner of a store room in the basement of the building that houses the well that supplies the water to the urbanisation. The owner, with two young helpers, had been cleaning out the store room and had tipped a large container of detergent down a hole in the floor. The three suspects insist that it was an error and they had no idea that the product would get into the well water.

Although the three have been interviewed, and while police determine whether it was a crime against public health, they have not been arrested.

The well, which is fed by an aquifer, is now unusable and it is not known when it will be operational again.

Local conservation director, Pilar Gutiérrez says, "They have caused a lot of damage, they have caused a disaster... we have to wait for the technicians to evaluate if the residue will settle and it can be cleaned".

For the time being, the residents are using water from Emasa which does not normally supply the area. Since 1992 the development has been in conflict with the town hall over the supply of water and has been relying on the aquifer.

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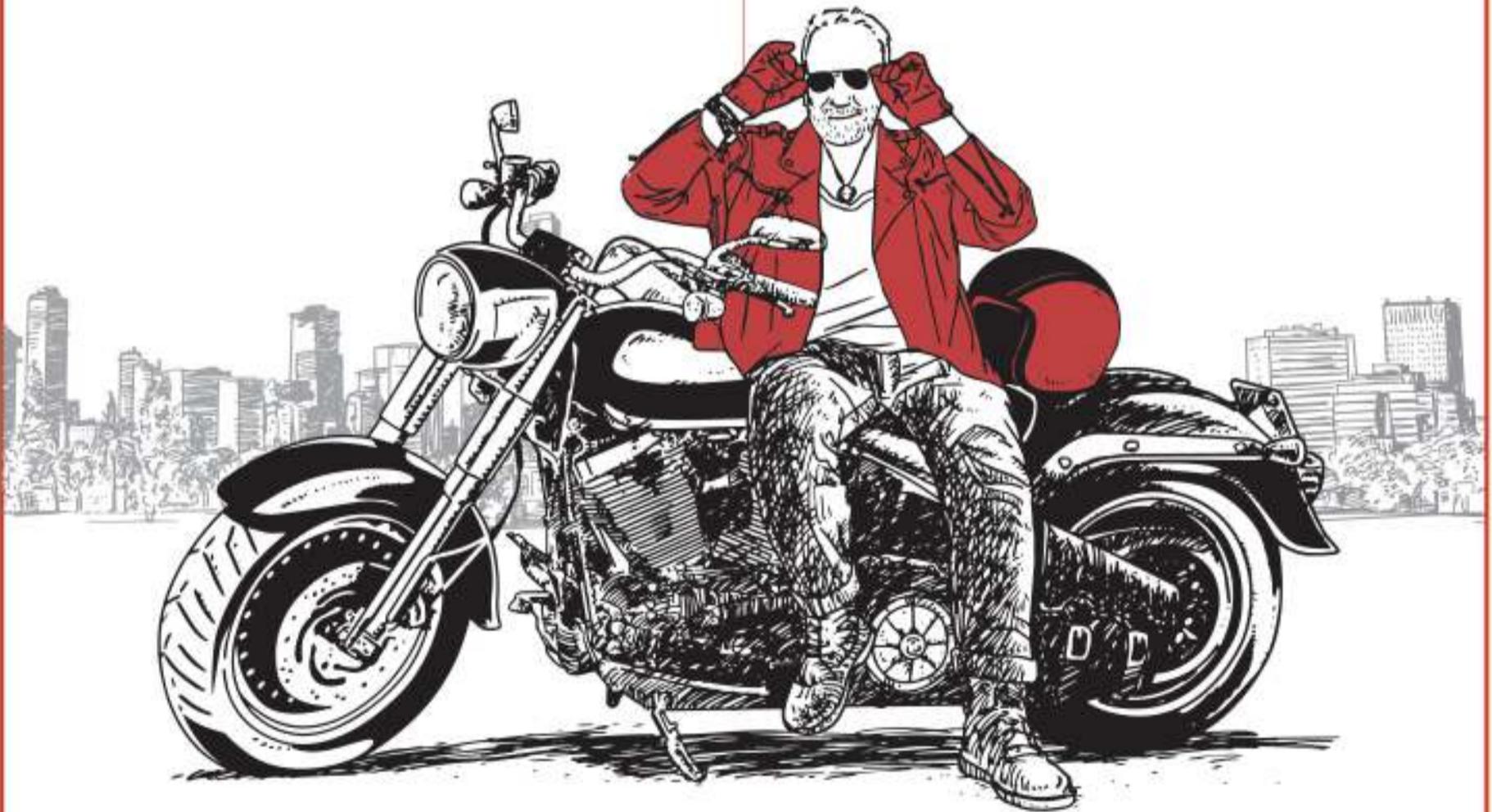
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HERE AND THERE

Town hall reveals plans to build a 67-metre pier

TORRE DEL MAR

:: SUR. Vélez-Málaga town hall unveiled last week computer images and a video for a pier in Torre del Mar. The video, as well as details of the project, were revealed during a press conference where councillors announced that the walkway will measure 67 metres in length and have a viewing point at the end. They con-

firmed that it is designed to be “fully accessible” and will be “made using sustainable materials.” The director of the environmental aspects of the project, Alberto Jiménez Madrid, said that the pier is also designed to, “respect coastal dynamics and the movement of sediments.” Tourism councillor, Jesús Pérez Atencia, said the pier would be “a new tourist attraction as well as being the only one in Andalucía.” He added that it would set the town apart from other Spanish holiday resorts.



The proposed pier. :: SUR

School rid of fleas after pupils kept at home

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

:: A. P. Vélez-Málaga council has fumigated the town’s Reñidero primary school and the nearby plot of land which was thought to be the cause of dozens of flea bite complaints. Around 100 pupils were kept away from the school on Monday to protest at the council’s failure to act. Dog owners have been asked not to take their pets to the land in order to prevent further problems.

School bags, toys and food en route to Africa

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

:: A. P. Vélez-Málaga town hall donated one hundred rucksacks with school materials to the Malaga based Policía Amigo NGO last week. The school materials, along with toys and three thousand kilos of food are now on their way to the city of Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso where they will be given to children who do not have access to the educational resources they need.

Vote of no confidence remains in the balance after councillor no-show

The Partido Popular were photographed with the document while waiting for Ciudadanos’ Mari Carmen López, who didn’t attend the meeting

EUGENIO CABEZAS

NERJA. Rumours over the much talked about vote of no confidence against the Mayor of Nerja, Rosa Arbal, continue to be just speculation after a councillor from the Ciudadanos party failed to show up to a meeting with Partido Popular (PP) politicians to sign the document on Monday.

According to the PP, an agreement had been reached with Ciudadanos’ only representative on the council, Mari Carmen López, that the vote of no confidence would be signed by both parties and presented to the town hall on the same day.

However, according to sources at the Ciudadanos’ Malaga headquarters, such an agreement was “never” reached and it is believed that the national leader of the party, Alberto Rivera, has also intervened. Elías Bendo, provincial leader of the PP party, demonstrated his “surprise” at the



PP councillors waiting to sign the document on Monday. :: SUR

Ciudadanos councillor’s no-show.

Sources suggest that the unwillingness of Ciudadanos to be party to the vote are linked to the ongoing investigation of 40 people, including current councillors and local business people, into the illegal dumping of rubbish at the town’s Rio de la Miel.

Ciudadanos have said that until the three PP councillors under investigation have been removed from the town hall they will not sign the vote of no confidence. The PP have retaliated by saying that the existing mayor and other councillors are also involved in the scandal.



Computer image of what Plaza de las Carmelitas will look like. :: SUR

Computer image shows how pedestrianised town centre will look once work finishes

SUR

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Vélez-Málaga town hall has released images of how the town’s centre will look once the proposed pedestrianisation project is complete. The pictures were shown to local business associations during a meeting last Friday.

Images show the existing Plaza de las Carmelitas in front of the town hall being extended into

what is currently a one-way road which cuts through the town’s main shopping streets.

Concern was shown at the meeting among business owners who claim that the project would reduce the number of parking spaces outside shops and other premises and put pressure on the council to factor in more parking spaces to the project. Work is set to start in 2018 with a 884,000 euro budget.

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British Armed Forces participate in the Governors Parade in Gibraltar last Sunday. :: SUR



Remembering the fallen at the service in the English cemetery. :: TB

Remembering our silent heroes

Several Remembrance Day services took place along the Costa del Sol and in Gibraltar last weekend



RBL Mijas Costa held their service in the Salon Varieties Theatre. :: SUR



The RBL in Coín with Fernando Fernández (second from right) :: SUR

Branches of the Royal British Legion honoured the military personnel who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom

:: TONY BRYANT

MALAGA. British armed forces associations along the Costa del Sol turned out last weekend to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice during two World Wars and recent conflicts. Several Remembrance Day services were organised by the Royal British Legion Spain South to honour the fallen and their families.

Members of the Coin branch of the RBL gathered in Coín's cemetery chapel. The Mayor of Coín, Fer-

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nando Fernández, and the Captain of the Guardia Civil, Bernabé Moya Ortiz, attended the event. As in previous years, the TAPAs choir performed at the service.

The TIMS choir provided the hymns during the RBL service in the Salon Varietés Theatre in Fuen-girola. The service was led by the President of RBL Spain South, Neil Adams, and attended by members of several branches, including Mijas Costa and Marbella.

The Royal Air Force Association held a service in the St George's Anglican Church in Malaga. The event was attended by Charmaine Arbouin, British Consul of Andalucía and the Canary Islands, who laid a memorial wreath on the graves in the English cemetery. This was followed by the reading of On Flanders Fields.

During the service, the reverend Mark Pudge said: "We meet to commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations so that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace."

The Mollina branch of the RBL held their Remembrance Day service, led by reverend Doreen Cage, on Saturday. Members of the Mollina branch also attended the Governor's Remembrance Parade in Gibraltar on Sunday.



Simon Manley with UK armed forces at the ceremony in Madrid. :: SUR

The British Ambassador to Spain attends service in Madrid

:: T. BRYANT

MALAGA. The British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, attended and read a lesson at the Service of Remembrance at St George's Anglican Church in Madrid. The Ambassador was joined by diplomatic colleagues from

across the Commonwealth, EU and other countries, as well as serving members of UK armed forces based in Spain. Simon Manley said: "Remembrance Day is a special moment for us all to remember those who serve, and have served, to keep us safe and free."

HERE AND THERE



The start of the tunnel's excavation in the Alameda. :: SUR

Alameda metro tunnel excavation begins

MALAGA

:: **IGNACIO LILLO.** On Wednesday, the construction company, Sando-Acciona, began digging the tunnel in the Alameda Principal.

Once the tunnel is excavated,

it will be roofed so that work can carry on underneath without affecting pedestrians and businesses above ground.

The roof will go on in December and allow the area either side to be resurfaced and pedestrianised.

The tunnel will be constructed with reinforced concrete slabs as will the station at Atarazanas.

Christmas lights testing surprises shoppers

MALAGA

:: **SUR.** The Christmas lights in Malaga centre will be officially turned on next Friday 24 November at 7.30 pm. This year, Calle Larios is being transformed into Malaga Cathedral, featuring domes and stained glass windows.

On Wednesday morning, tests began on the lights to check that

they were all working. These tests came as a surprise to visitors and locals walking down Calle Larios.

The switching on ceremony will begin at 6.30 pm with different Christmas activities and a free concert from Andy y Lucas in the Plaza de la Constitución, before the lighting ceremony an hour later.

After 24 November, popular Christmas music will be played twice daily at 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm in the centre of Malaga.

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Square renamed after former president

A plaza in El Capistrano village in Nerja is to get a name change in honour of Alfons Mettel, who retired earlier this year after 30 years in charge

:: JENNIE RHODES

NERJA. Friends, neighbours, foreigners' councillor, Jorge Bravo and infrastructure councillor, José María Rivas Gálvez, joined Alfons Mettel who retired earlier this year after 30 years as president of El Capistrano village in Nerja last Thursday for the renaming of a plaza. Plaza Alfons Mettel, which is situated in the heart of the village, was named after Mr Mettel in recognition of his hard work and dedication to El Capistrano spanning three decades.

Alfons and Rosie Mettel originally bought a house in the development in 1978, seven years after construction started. The couple used it as a holiday home for a decade and became permanent residents in 1988.

Alfons, who spent many years working in top level positions for Unilever in Africa and South America, was asked soon after moving in to take over as president of the village. On accepting the position, he promised his wife that it would "only be for a year or so," he explains. He took over in the midst of what some have described as "a rebellion." There was a bank loan that had to be paid back and problems with electricity supply and the sewage system ensued. Many homeowners were not paying the monthly community fees and there was division among residents.

One of the first steps that the new president took was to restrict the use of the pool to those who were up to date with community fees. This led to a knock on the door one Sunday morning, Alfons recalls, from the Guardia Civil, who had received calls



Cllr Jorge Bravo, Alfons Mettel & Cllr José María Rivas Gálvez in front of plaque. :: SUR

from residents asking Alfons to be "more lenient." The case ended up going to the high court in Madrid. Eventually people started to pay community fees again and the all important swimming pool was available once again to everyone. "We came here to retire and relax," Alfons jokes.

Among the numerous residents, projects and anecdotes they have met, seen and can recount in the time they have lived there, Rosie and Alfons will have witnessed the filming of popular Spanish television series, Verano Azul in 1981 which used El Capistrano. British television presenter, Judith Chalmers, once owned a property there and they will have lived through the timeshare boom of the late 1970s and 80s.

The couple are originally from Ger-

many, but through Alfons's job with Unilever, have lived in The Congo, Kenya, Mexico and Venezuela, where their two children were born. Reflecting on their 30 years in Nerja, Rosie says, "We have never lived anywhere for so long!"

The couple both speak fluent English, Spanish and French along with their native German. "For work purposes the lingua franca in many countries we have lived in has been English but if you live in the country you have to speak the language," Alfons says of their linguistic skills.

Rosie has been involved in work with organisations such as the International Red Cross in the different countries the couple have lived in. She has helped in schools and hospitals to get necessary resources and

on a project in Zaire along with the Austrian ambassador, to educate people on birth control.

Alfons was awarded an OBE in 1988 for services to industry and for helping British people who were living in the same countries as him. He says that he was the 75th German person to receive the title. Although he admits he was "very honoured to have been honoured," he confesses that he never uses the title. Alfons was unable to travel to London for the ceremony. However, he was presented with the award at a later date by the UK ambassador to Spain on behalf of the Queen, when a British warship docked in Almería.

In 1993 the then Mayor of Nerja approached Alfons to set up an association for presidents of housing developments and that is when APCUN (Association of Presidents of Urbanisations In Nerja) was born. The mayor was aware of other presidents of housing developments facing similar problems and knew about the progress he had made at El Capistrano.

Despite the inauspicious start to his tenure as president of El Capistrano Alfons has turned things around in the last 30 years. Potential enemies he may have made in the early days of swimming pool restrictions have become long-term neighbours and friends and the couple talk of the sense of community that exists in the area. "Our neighbours are very nice people, it's a very close community with lots of activities that have developed over the years," says Rosie.

There are organisations, lectures, films, concerts, international dinners, a social room, book club and library. A host of volunteers of all ages help out with the various activities and despite language barriers "people do come together"

they say.

At 85, Alfons says he is looking forward to a retirement full of travel and writing. He has a book published and says he has another in the pipeline. He adds that he always said that if and when there was someone able and willing to take over the job then he would step down. It took him 30 years but Keith Taylor, who was previously Vice-president, took over at the beginning of 2017. "The hand over went very smoothly," confirms Alfons.



Alfons and Rosie Mettel. :: J.R.

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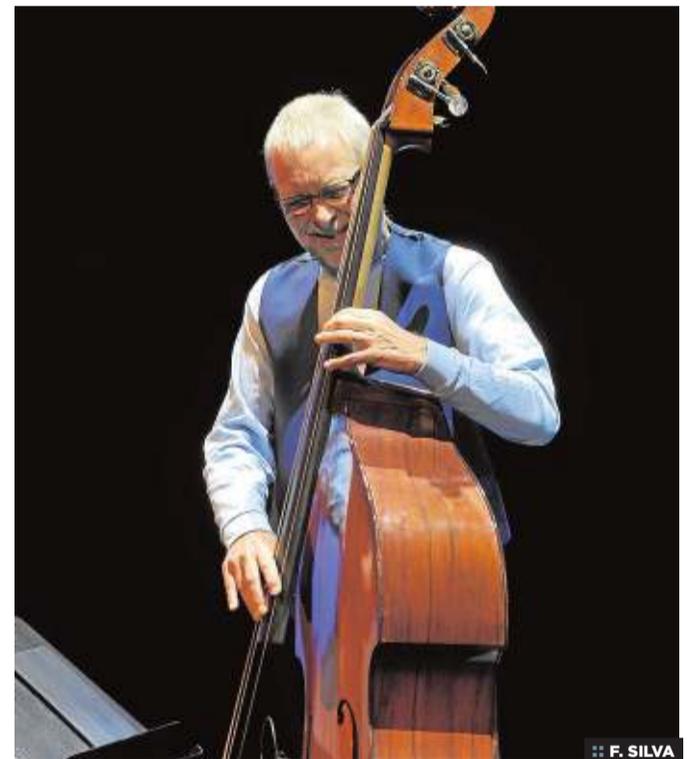
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Gibraltar authorities discuss post-Brexit border problems with Northern Ireland politicians

Chief minister Fabian Picardo and deputy chief minister Dr Joseph Garcia held discussions with the Northern Ireland Committee in London

INÍGO GURRUCHAGA

LONDON. "What I'd give for four more kilometres!" said chief minister Fabian Picardo, about the restrictions that Gibraltar's geography places on its development. "And what I'd give not to have 180 border crossings!" responded Londonderry MP Gregory Campbell at a recent meeting in London. Mr Picardo and deputy chief minister Dr Joseph Garcia were meeting the parliamentary Northern Ireland Committee to discuss Brexit and the similarities and differences between the Northern Irish and Gibraltar borders.

There are significant differences in their situations. The frontier between Gibraltar and Spain is 1.2 kilometres, with one crossing point for pedestrians and another for commercial vehicles. Northern Ireland's stretches for 400 kilometres and has nearly 200 crossing points. Gibraltar has never been part of the Customs Union and is not part of Schengen,



Chief Minister Fabian Picardo, in Gibraltar. :: SUR

so its controls are necessary.

The Irish politicians were very interested in the technology which Gibraltar uses, especially to monitor the movement of around 13,000 people between 7.30 and 9.30am. There are 15 high resolution cameras to check pedestrians crossing the border, and 17 checking vehicle number plates in real time.

The Northern Irish politicians believe that their relationship with Dublin is better than that between Gibraltar and Spain. Picardo stressed that on a human level there is understanding, but Spain's claim to sovereignty impedes further cooperation.

Another difference pointed out by the chief minister is that the Gibraltar economy is based on serv-

ices, particularly finance, insurance and internet gaming. It imports food and consumer goods from Spain or the UK. The border between the two Irelands has to be crossed half a dozen times a day just in the process of producing a bottle of Bailey's. Its economy is based on farming, agriculture and industrial goods.

"The only thing Gibraltar is losing is freedom of movement," explained Picardo. The British government has promised that there will be no 'hard' border between Northern Ireland and Ireland, and there will be 'no friction', but nobody has explained how to avoid border controls similar to those of Gibraltar, at its nearly 200 crossing points, if Ireland remains in the Customs Union and Northern Ireland leaves this common tariff area alongside the UK.

The committee asked the chief minister why Gibraltar didn't become part of the Customs Union when the UK joined the former CEE in 1972. "Because we had no frontier with Europe," he answered. "Spain wasn't in the EC and it had closed the border. Gibraltar, isolated, developed its own taxation system, and so it is actually better equipped than the UK to deal with Brexit."

IN BRIEF

Christmas fair attractions

GIBRALTAR

:: **D.B.** The traditional Christmas fair attractions will be in Gibraltar again this year throughout the festive season. They will be in John Mackintosh Square from Saturday 2 December to Sunday 14 January and will be open all day. All rides will be priced at £2 except for the first day, Saturday 2 December and Thursday 4 January, when they will be free for all to enjoy. Further information is available from Gibraltar Cultural Services, telephone (00350) 20067236.

Improved signs for pedestrians

GIBRALTAR

:: **D.B.** New signs have been installed along Waterport Road to guide passengers walking between their cruise ships and the city centre. In the past, some people have unwittingly crossed North Mole Road and Waterport Road in dangerous places, so the signs have been erected at the pelican crossings on both sides of this busy thoroughfare.

In future, signs at strategic locations will also indicate the time it takes to walk along the pedestrian routes.

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Secessionist drive goes down a gear as sides focus on election

Two weeks after the declaration of the Catalan republic, separatist parties are admitting that they sought independence too hastily

:: SUR

BARCELONA / MADRID. Just over two weeks after the Catalan parliament declared the republic of Catalonia, the separatist parties are starting to admit that the region was not ready for independence.

The politicians behind the independence process, which kicked off with the illegal referendum on 1 October, are now engrossed in how they are going to approach the upcoming regional election on 21 December.

Having agreed to go their separate ways and stand as individual parties, candidates are turning to more realistic objectives.

ERC, the Catalan Republican Left party, admitted this week that "mistakes have been made" and that they have been "naïve". These words came in a letter to party

members from its leader, Oriol Junqueras, formerly vice-president of the regional government, who is still in prison along with another seven former ministers.

In the same letter, Junqueras named Marta Rovira as the republican party's candidate to lead the regional government.

This time, though, the pre-election period is showing no signs of the hurry for independence that featured in the campaign of the previous poll.

The "18 month" deadlines announced by the pro-independence coalition in the previous campaign and slogans such as "we're in a hurry" have been deleted from the script.

The PDeCAT, the party headed by former president Carles Puigdemont, has also criticised its own haste. "Fast-track independence doesn't exist," said the party's coordinator Marta Pascal, this week.

Puigdemont, meanwhile, is still in Belgium, where he awaits a decision on whether he is to be extradited to Spain to be questioned regarding accusations of rebellion and sedition.



Protesters call for the release of the former regional ministers in Barcelona on Saturday. :: EFE

Thousands take to the streets to call for the release of the former ministers

:: C. REINO

BARCELONA. Hundreds of the thousands of people joined a demonstration in Barcelona on Saturday to call for the release of the former ministers of the Catalan government currently being held in Madrid prisons.

The demonstration was supported despite the air of perplexity currently surrounding the se-

cessionist movement, caused by the different strategies of their leaders.

There have been calls for the politicians who led the independence drive to tell the truth about the current situation, especially as all parties have, apparently, accepted the regional elections 21 December.

Calling elections was one of the

measures taken by prime minister Mariano Rajoy when he activated article 155 of the constitution to take control of the Catalan government after the unilateral declaration of independence on 27 October.

The pro-independence movement's immediate plans include a rally that promises to "fill" Brussels on 7 December.



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Susana Díaz during the debate on the region. :: EFE

Plans for more jobs and stable contracts for older unemployed

:: MARÍA DOLORESTORTOSA

SEVILLE. Susana Díaz, president of the Junta de Andalucía, put the emphasis on plans for employment at the general debate on the region held in the Andalusian Parliament in Seville on Wednesday.

She proposed the approval of a decree that would promote employment in industry, giving it a budget of 308 million euros. The legislation would include specific plans for the unemployed of between 45 and 55 years of age. There are over 360,000 unemployed people in this age group in Andalucía. Job contracts will have a minimum duration of six months

and, like the plans which are aimed at young people, the Junta will focus on the population in the local area. Díaz also announced that 50 million euros would be the incentive to encourage stable employment with 8,000 euros paid out per contract.

These new measures will be included in the 2018 budget that Parliament will approve in two weeks. The budget already includes proposals for free university registration, 7,675 new places for civil servants and up to 10 billion euros to the Andalusian Health Service to improve emergency treatment and shorten waiting lists.



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THE EURO ZONE

A RETURN TO NORMALITY

The last few days have seen Spanish prime minister Mariano Rajoy in Catalonia, asking Catalans to “restore normality” in the regional election he has called for December 21st. Rajoy hopes that Catalans will quash the secession movement once and for all (or at least for the moment) by voting for parties who oppose the region’s independence; and if such a vote is returned, says Rajoy, his government will raise Spain’s official growth forecast for 2018 to around 3%, up from the current 2.3%. For Rajoy, the medium-term health of the Spanish economy depends on the December 21st vote.

Rajoy’s administration is understandably concerned about what might happen if the Catalonia crisis continues into next year. Indeed, the Popular Party lowered its estimate for next year’s GDP

expansion from 2.6% a few weeks ago, in light of the chaos unleashed by an illegal referendum on Catalanian independence on October 1st.

The EU is slightly more optimistic than the Spanish government in its forecast for 2018: currently, its estimate for GDP expansion stands at 2.5%, with the caveat that that figure might have to be revised if the Catalonia issue isn’t resolved by the end of this year. Brussels has also predicted, somewhat strangely, that Spain will reduce its budget deficit to 2.4% of GDP in 2018, thus bringing it within their EU-wide limit of 3%. The EU seems to be forgetting that during its time in office, Rajoy’s government has missed every single one of the EU’s budgetary targets.

The outcome of the December 21st election in Catalonia will impact on Spain’s ability to meet

its most pressing fiscal goals in 2018, from bringing its unruly budget in line to maintaining GDP growth. Which begs the question of what’s likely to happen when Catalans head to the ballot boxes in four weeks’ time. The latest polls suggest that it will be a knife-edge vote: a GAD3 survey a couple of weeks ago indicated that pro-independence parties will gain a slim majority in the Catalan parliament, whilst a poll in La Razon newspaper showed that secessionists will win the most seats (65) but miss out on a majority.

Rajoy’s life would undoubtedly become a lot easier if Catalonia’s pro-independence parties are beaten on December 21st. But if secessionists do find themselves with a parliamentary majority after the vote, then a new and complex phase of the Catalonia issue will begin. Currently, the main separatist parties disagree on whether to push on for full independence or campaign for greater regional autonomy, even though Catalonia currently enjoys a substantial amount of independence from Madrid (or at least it did before Rajoy seized control of the region). Either way, the secessionists want the inauguration of a new status quo in Spain - precisely the opposite of the restoration of normality for which Rajoy is hoping.

IN BRIEF

Essential tax advice at SUR seminar in Mijas

MIJAS

:: R. H. Pedro Fernández, partner at Garrigues the leading Spanish law firm, will be speaking at the Linea Directa and SUR in English Essential Expat Advice Seminar in the Salón de Actos in La Cala de Mijas town hall on 22 November at 12 noon.

Fernández specialises in tax law and will summarise how Spain treats foreigners settling here and when they are likely to be considered fully tax resident and therefore liable to report their worldwide income. He will also explain which structures within the law are suitable to manage new resi-



Pedro Fernández. :: SUR

dents’ future tax burden properly and advise those already resident on changes that could result in a better tax position within the current regulatory environment.

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Instant international bank transfers

MADRID

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More jobs around, but not for everyone

MADRID

:: L. PALACIOS. The recovery of the job market is a reality but it is not the same for everyone. According to the report by Infoempleo Adecco 2016, only 2.25% of the jobs available are for those over 46 years of age. It’s only a little better for those under 25, with just 9.8% of the jobs on offer aimed at them. The inequality varies according to region: Madrid, Barcelona, Vicaya and Valencia scoop 55.1% of the vacancies.

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How can landlords protect themselves when letting a property?

A legal expert gives advice on what to bear in mind if you are planning to rent out your house or apartment

:: ÁLVARO FRÍAS

MALAGA. The phone rings. You have an apartment to let and someone is interested in renting it. Good news. However, this situation doesn't always work out well. Sometimes people don't pay the rent or they may cause damage to your property or belongings. So what can you do to minimise the risk of this happening and protect your interests? José Luis Galeote is a lawyer who specialises in such matters. He is on the governing board of the College of Lawyers of Malaga, and we asked him what landlords can do to protect themselves from a bad experience.

A written contract

Although a rental contract can be agreed verbally, that is definitely not advisable and is in neither party's interest. José Luis Galeote explains that with a 'gentlemen's handshake' type of rental there is no way of proving what you have agreed if there is disagreement between landlord and tenant at a later date.

It is always advisable, therefore, to have a written rental contract. In fact, José Luis insists that the contract should be drawn up by a lawyer, because he or she will know what they are doing. "I have seen private contracts which are a mishmash of bits of others and in the end they are completely chaotic. They are not worth the paper they're written on," he says.

Ask to see proof of income

When signing the contract, the owners usually ask the potential tenant to show them proof of their salary or their employment contract. José Luis says this is a way of proving that the tenants are solvent and can pay the rent.

Draw up an inventory

It is very important to attach a



It is never a good idea to agree a contract verbally. :: SUR

complete inventory to the contract, showing the furniture and equipment which is in the property and the condition it is in. José Luis says this is something people do not often do, and it is a safeguard in case tenants damage something in the home, which the owner may not notice until the tenants have moved out and he or she takes possession of the property again.

"We have seen cases where the property has been completely destroyed. For example, the tenants have even taken the TV with them, but if it is not shown on the inventory it is difficult to prove who it belonged to," he explains.

Deposits

When someone is going to rent your property, it is always a good idea to ask for a deposit. José Luis Galeote explains that landlords can sometimes obtain a bank guarantee, which is "very good," but he

admits that some banks are reluctant to give these, especially in the case of individuals rather than companies or businesses.

If that is the case, he suggests that another person, who is not the tenant, should act as guarantor and sign the contract as such. "For example, if you are renting to a young person or couple, you can ask that their parents act as guarantors, to protect your interests if the tenants don't pay the rent," he says.

Additional guarantee

The Law of Urban Rentals says that an owner can ask a potential tenant of a residential property for a one month deposit, or two months in the case of commercial premises. However, in some cases people ask for more. José Luis says that some owners ask the tenant for a sum of money which is equal to several months' rent, to cover themselves in case of non-

payment. It gives them a margin. This is fairly common in the case of commercial properties, but it is not requested as often for residential lets.

Insurance

Something which is becoming more common nowadays is for landlords to take out an insurance policy, so that the insurers pay the rent if the tenant fails to do so. Even so, José Luis recommends reading the clauses carefully to make sure that the insurance cover is adequate.

Act quickly

If a tenant doesn't pay, says José Luis, you need to act quickly. He recommends taking the tenant to court, because that can take months, and it could mean that you receive no rent during that time. "The earlier you do it, the less time the tenant is living in your property without paying," he insists.

It can take six months or more to evict a non-paying tenant

:: A. FRÍAS

MALAGA. If the situation becomes difficult because the tenant has stopped paying the rent, you can take them to court.

In fact, that is the only way of evicting them from your property. However, it is not a speedy process - it can take five or six months to complete.

"Sometimes it can take longer than that to evict a client, depending on the court which will be handling the matter," says lawyer José Luis Galeote.

"If the court has a heavy workload and a backlog of cases waiting to be heard, you can wait a long time."

Landlords can only evict a tenant under the Law of Urban Rentals by taking out a civil law case, not a criminal one; that is the only option.

However, people can take tenants to a criminal court in certain circumstances after they have been granted the eviction order.

For example, if the tenants have been evicted and the landlord then discovers that they have caused considerable damage to the property or have removed items from it, such as the television for example, he or she can lodge a criminal case against them.

However, this process is longer, and can often take up to two years.

The problem in both of these cases is in getting tenants to pay the rent they owe for the months they missed, or to pay for the damage they caused or for the items they removed from the property.

After making its decision, the court will normally ask for some of their assets to be seized to cover those costs, but "in the vast majority of cases that doesn't work because they don't own anything. Then there is nothing that can be done," explains José Luis.

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A sure way to lose your money

I really enjoyed reading the latest SUR in English but my first reaction when I saw the photo of Professor Karen O'Reilly was to flinch, and I'll tell you why! She had placed her handbag on the ground behind her and both she and the photographer were clearly oblivious, concentrating on the photo.

It worried me, on two counts. Nearly any Spaniard would tell you that it brings bad luck to put a bag on the ground (I think the superstition is that money will escape from it). But even if bad luck

doesn't come that way, it could well come in the form of a thief. I know four people who have had bags taken almost from under their eyes - two having hung them from the back of the chair in a restaurant, the other two having left the bag on a chair briefly and in full view of their friends.

I thought it was worth warning people! Many thanks for a great read: the interview was very interesting.

MEGAN JONES
BY EMAIL

A thank you

The SUR is very popular here; I have been reading your paper for years. You do a great job and keep the English speaking community here very much up to date with important matters that concern the life and living here in Spain. Long may you prosper and continue to provide your vast number of readers with such well informed media coverage. Very kind regards.

TOM LYNAM
TORREMOLINOS

Traders spoil the promenade

The street traders selling shoes handbags etc, etc spoil one of the nicest promenades in Europe. The promenade at Benalmádena and Torremolinos are littered with many traders, not only displaying their stock covering half the width of the promenade, but also occupying the benches that I would think were provided for the tourists. If the local council are content and allow the traders to sell their goods on the promenade, why does the council not designate grassed areas adjacent to the promenade for the traders to conduct their business from, and give the promenade back to the people that it was intended for, the tourists?

JOHN SIMS
BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

Deadly white powder kills pets

I would just like to inform everyone around the Nueva Andalucía-La Campana area of an awful person who seems to "have it in" for our beloved pets, particularly dogs and cats.

If you see a white powdered substance on the floor and you are walking your dog, please avoid it, if your dog sniffs it he will die.

This substance has already claimed the life of 10 dogs I know of, the last one belonging to an elderly gentleman who's Cocker Spaniel died in his arms from internal hemorrhaging on the side of the road, while he cried racking sobs, probably his only companion.

It is atrocious that more is not been done by the authorities as to the poisonous powder keep your dogs away!

It could also possibly affect small children. How many pets have to die before somebody takes action?

As to the water shortages and terrible situation of the reservoirs. How low do they have to get before action is taken? Empty?

And what about the great big desalination plant that was built years ago? What happened to that to help with our water supply?

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Power dangers

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Power To All Our Friends warbled Cliff Richard back in 1973, accompanying himself with an odd open palm hand-punching gesture which, presumably, was designed to distract us from just how dreadful the song was. Sadly, it didn't. Remarkably, said ditty came third in the Eurovision song contest in the same year - Lord only knows what the standard of the rest of the entries must have been like.

Anyway the word 'power' has appeared consistently in the press recently whether it be related to a sad assortment of Hollywood sleaze buckets or to embarrassingly inept attempts at regional independence much closer to home. It's certainly a very interesting concept.

Some say money gives you power but that's not really true (although having no money does, sadly, render you largely power-

less). I've had the misfortune to be seated at tables with people rolling in dough and quite often - though certainly not always - they've been the least powerful people in the room. No discernible sense of humour, poor manners and a bizarre sense of entitlement are just a few of the characteristics that some very rich people can display which, of course, means they command no respect from those in their company which, in turn, leaves them powerless in that situation.

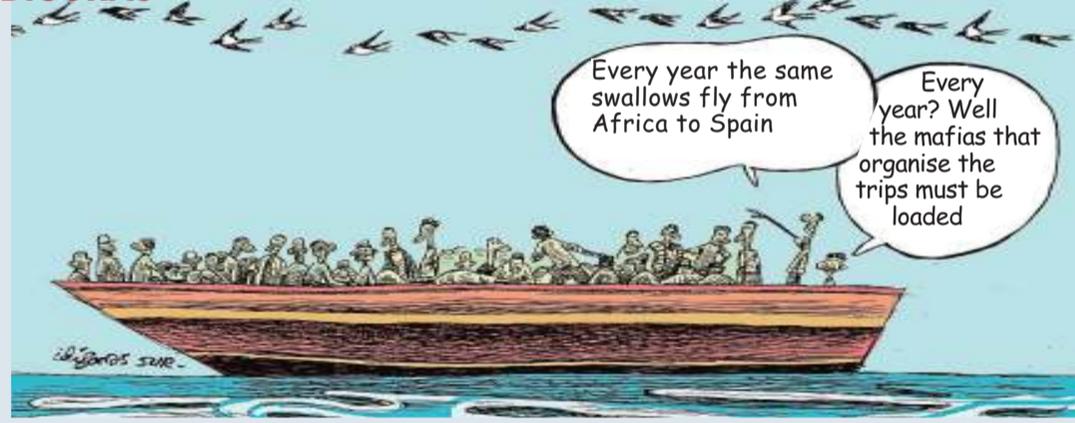
What does make people genuinely powerful, then? As implied above, a finely tuned sense of humour can make someone very powerful indeed. Rapier wit can cut through in almost any circumstances, no matter how ostensibly intimidating they might first appear. Treating others with respect and courtesy also contributes to

the power a person may have. I've lost count of the times I've heard of somebody being hailed as having 'charisma' when, in fact, it's simply that they've had good manners. In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed man is, indeed, king.

This week, the Malaga comedian Chiquito de La Calzada died aged 85 after a long and illustrious career which brought joy to millions. Married to Pepa for 62 years until her death in 2012, Chiquito (real name Gregorio) was renowned for his courtesy, generosity and humility. The outpouring of heartfelt affection for him in the last few days from both young and old alike has been deeply heartwarming.

There are, I fear, a few 'powerful' figures knocking around Hollywood who could only dream of achieving that kind of greatness, even if they lived to be a hundred. RIP Chiquito.

IDÍGORAS



A load of bull

MARK NAYLER

A couple of weeks ago, SUR in English published a letter by a reader named John Fitzgerald that contained some entirely unsubstantiated claims about the modern Spanish bullfight. In particular, Mr Fitzgerald - citing no sources for his hefty accusations - said that fighting bulls are frequently harmed before entering the ring.

According to Mr Fitzgerald, fighting bulls in Spanish bullrings are weakened by being "beaten over the kidneys" before the bullfight begins. In all the twenty years that I have been studying and following the bullfight - watching it, reading about it, grappling with its moral complexities, discussing it with experts - I have never heard

of this alleged offence being committed in modern, professional bullfights. I am therefore intrigued as to how Mr Fitzgerald apparently discovered that it is a widespread practice in modern bullfighting.

Likewise with his equally unsubstantiated claim that the bulls have Vaseline rubbed in their eyes beforehand so that their sight is impaired. If either of these claims were true, most aficionados of the bullfight would justifiably be outraged, as the bull is a revered and respected protagonist of the spectacle. Yet the reason Mr Fitzgerald is unable to offer any evidence for his charges is because such practices would be impossible to get away with in Spain's top bullrings.

Fighting bulls are examined by specially-trained vets before they

are judged in good enough condition for the bullfight (any serious book on modern bullfighting will contain more information about these examinations). And when they come out of the gates into the ring, they are immediately replaced with a fitter animal if there is any sign that they are not in peak condition. I have seen this happen many times in Spanish bullrings. If a bull came out of the pens in the condition that Mr Fitzgerald suggests - half blind, badly winded, unable to sight and chase the capes - it would be sent back to the corrales, unharmed, within minutes. The bullfight would be impossible with an animal in such terrible condition.

Perhaps in amateur village fiestas, bullfighters and farmers are not as diligent as they are in professional bullfighting (nor the public so unforgiving). And if such disgusting practices do occur at un-regulated bullfights, they ought to be prevented. But it is simply not true that the bull is damaged before bullfights in Spain's top bullrings.

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Lew Hoad and his wife Jenny first arrived in Malaga in 1967. The couple came in search of a property that they could convert into a tennis club where Lew could coach following his retirement from his professional career in the mid-1960s.

Lew Hoad was one of Australia's greatest tennis talents and Jenny was also a respected player who was no stranger to Wimbledon or the US, French and Australian Open championships.

Following a hectic career, playing in tournaments all over the world, the Hoads bought a run-down farmhouse in Mijas Costa, which they turned into the first club of its kind in Spain.

Once the transfer of the land had been finalised, the couple hired a team of local builders to start the conversion of the farmhouse and the surrounding land. They started with one main court and four other courts, surrounded by landscaped gardens planted with orchids, water lilies, palms and eucalyptus trees that Jenny brought over from Australia. With the help of a longtime friend, the couple worked from dawn to dusk



Jenny playing at Wimbledon during the 1950s. :: SUR

A surprise visit by Princess Diana

:: TONY BRYANT

MIJAS. One of the tennis club's most famous visitors was Princess Diana, although the Hoads had not been pre-informed about the visit. Lew and Jenny had arrived at the club one day to be told that the world's most famous royal had tried to check in. Diana had arrived with two friends, but the manager advised them that the security

would not be sufficient and recommended they go to the Hotel Byblos. By the time she reached the hotel word had spread and the area was swamped with paparazzi.

Jenny wrote to the princess saying how sorry she was to have missed her: Diana's private secretary informed Jenny that she was most grateful for the efficiency of her staff.

to turn the old farm into the world-renowned Lew Hoad Tennis and Padel Club; once the club was completed, they began to welcome some of the world's greatest tennis stars.

Even though Jenny sold the club in 1999, following her husband's death from leukaemia in 1994, she still has strong ties to the club. She organises the annual

Veterans ITF Tournament that is held in honour of her late husband and can often be found offering coaching sessions, although in a much smaller capacity than when she owned the club.

Some of Jenny's greatest treasures are memories of the wonderful times she shared with her husband during the club's golden years. The guest book, which Jenny

still cherishes today, includes names such as Roy Emerson, Stan Smith, Tom Gorman, Jimmy Connors and Björn Borg, to name just a few.

However, it was not only the tennis elite that visited the club, as the visitors' book demonstrates.

Peter Ustinov, Stewart Granger, Ava Gardener, Richard Burton, Sean Connery and James Hunt

were among the host of stars who stayed at the club.

"Lew loved having people around, the more interesting and challenging the better. I remember an incident one night involving Stewart Granger and Richard Burton - who had consumed far too much brandy. Burton began to get a little outlandish so Lew persuaded him to go to bed, which wasn't easily done, but Lew could always handle situations like this," Jenny tells SUR in English.

One of the strangest friendships was struck up with the great jazz saxophonist, Stan Getz, who visited the club for lessons in the 1970s.

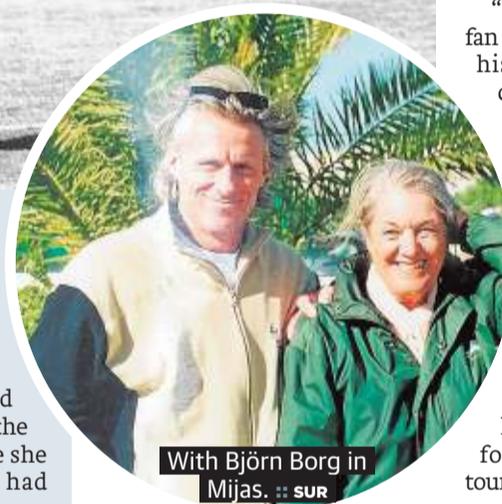
"Lew loved jazz and was a huge fan of Stan Getz, but when he saw his hero lurching around the court, Lew told him to forget tennis and stick to his sax," Jenny explains, smiling as she recalls the incident.

However, the jazz giant would return to the club with his young son the following year and this episode is another that Jenny remembers with delight.

"Stan asked if he could leave Nicky (his son) with us for a couple of weeks while he toured in Europe and we obviously agreed. We didn't see Stan again for about a year, although by time he returned, his son had become a confident player," Jenny says.

Sadly, Lew Hoad was diagnosed with leukaemia in 1994 and died just a few months later. Jenny continued to run the club for several years, but was eventually forced to sell, which, in her own words, "was an extremely difficult decision to make".

"Looking back I wouldn't change a thing. I love this area and have many great memories of my life here with Lew; he absolutely adored Spain. It would be pointless living anywhere else, after all, I've been here 50 years now," Jenny says with a hint of nostalgia.

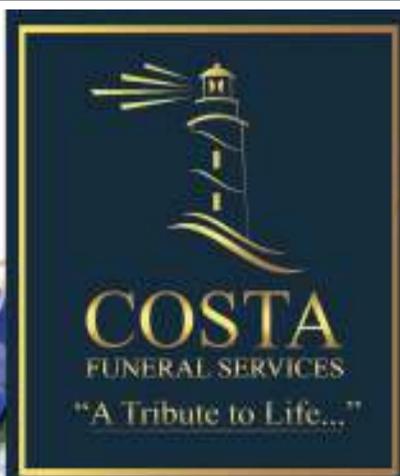


With Björn Borg in Mijas. :: SUR

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Crowds turned up for the funeral in the church in La Trinidad on Sunday. :: ÁLVARO CABRERA

Malaga loses a comedy genius

Comedian and flamenco artist Chiquito de la Calzada, died last weekend, aged 85

:: SUR

MALAGA. Spain's most famous comedians and Andalucía's highest authorities joined hundreds of members of the general public who crowded into and around San Pablo church in the city's Trinidad district on Sunday to bid farewell to Chiquito de la Calzada, who died on Saturday morning.

Born in Malaga in 1932, Chiquito - whose real name was Gregorio Sánchez - was a much-loved comedian who became a household name in Spain in the nineties after appearing on numerous TV shows.

His unique form of storytelling, complete with a trademark silly walk and a whole new surreal vocabulary, won the hearts of viewers, and he made regular appearances on TV and in films until the early years of the new century.

Chiquito was no stranger to the stage, however, starting his performing career in the world of flamenco. As a youth he had climbed onto tables to sing to diners in roadside 'ventas' in the Montes de Málaga and later he could be found on stage



Chiquito de la Calzada, performing in his heyday. :: SUR

in the legendary flamenco 'tablaó' El Jaleo in Torremolinos, hand-clapping, stamping and singing in the background, behind the dancers.

He was one of the first Spanish flamenco artists to take his art to Japan, spending two years in the country where his stage name was altered to 'Chiquitosan', and he went on tour in Germany with Camarón de la Isla and Tomatito.

However it was his charisma and humour that opened doors to television and wider fame.

He had lived alone in Malaga since his wife, Josefa García (Pepita), died in 2012, and more than 50 years of

marriage.

Institutional recognition came last year in the form of the title of 'Hijo Predilecto' of Malaga given by the provincial government.

Posthumous honours are likely to follow. Spain's minister for Culture, Íñigo Méndez de Vigo, proposed this week that Chiquito be granted the Medalla de Oro de las Bellas Artes (Gold Medal of Fine Arts).

Malaga's mayor has promised a sculpture of the artist in the city's park and numerous proposals to give his name to streets and squares have been made this week.

THE NIGHT SKY

KEN CAMPBELL



The Leonid shower

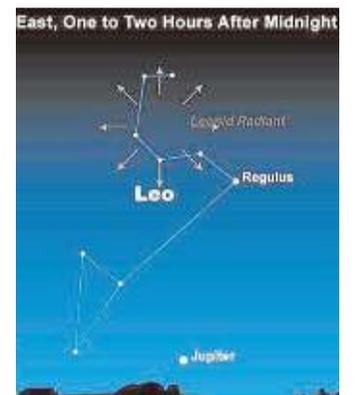
The Earth will pass through the trail left by the Tempel-Tuttle comet tonight so look out for meteors

A meteor or shooting star is caused when a tiny piece of space rock, no bigger than a grain of sand, enters the Earth's upper atmosphere at tremendous speed. Friction with the atmosphere causes the rock to burn up and produces a brief streak of light across the sky. On any clear night if you wait long enough you will see one or two sporadic meteors. But at certain times of the year the Earth passes through the debris left behind by a comet. The comet may be long gone but the debris trail from its tail will remain in space across the orbital path of the Earth. As the Earth passes through the trail, the debris crashes into our atmosphere and produces a meteor shower. Tonight (Friday 17th) the Earth will pass through the trail left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle.

Tempel-Tuttle is a short term comet meaning that it orbits the Sun every 33 years, the last time it was in our neighbourhood was in February 1998, it will be back again in May 2031.

Two astronomers working separately, Wilhelm Tempel and Horace Parnell Tuttle discovered it in 1865. There is no danger of the comet ever hitting the Earth but its tail directly crosses the path of the Earth. The encounter will produce maybe 20 to 30 meteors per hour, all appearing to radiate from the constellation of Leo, hence the name, the Leonid meteor shower.

You don't need any special equipment to watch the meteor shower - just lay back in as dark an area as possible, away from any street lights, and look up. You may see meteors anywhere in the sky but if you follow an



imaginary line backwards you will find them originating from the 'head' of the lion.

The best time to see the meteors is after midnight when our part of the Earth is pointing directly into the stream. But patience is the key here; it is very unlikely that you will spot a meteor simply by popping your head out of the window during the ad break on TV. You will need at least 15 minutes to allow your eyes to become dark-adapted then lay back and enjoy the show.

In past years the Leonids have produced a meteor storm of hundreds of meteors an hour; in 1966 viewers in the USA reported seeing 40 to 50 meteors per second during a 15 minute span. This year is not expected to be up to that standard but with the moon being out of the way it should still be a good showing.

Remember if you do manage to see a shooting star then make a wish as they always come true!

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REF. R.A.L.

We live in the countryside and next to our house there is a plot that we have used as a garden for years. We grow ecological vegetables and aloe vera, which we sell in the local market. We had the verbal promise that the owner of the plot would sell it to us, so we invested an important amount of money to prepare the land.

However, the owner has recently passed away, and we have found out that the inheritors have the intention of selling the property. When we knew about this, we told them that we had a right of pre-emption, as the owner had promised to sell the land to us, but they do not want to honour this. Is there any way to enforce our verbal agreement, or at least to recover the money invested?

Whatever is built or planted on somebody else's land belongs to the owner of the land. However, the owner of the land, as long as it was built or planted in good faith, could take possession of the building or plantation if he paid compensation equivalent to the expenses or the increase of the land's value that it has gained thanks to it. But for that, it is essential to be able to prove, by means of a witness, that the agreement indeed existed, as otherwise, if it cannot be

proven, the inheritors will not be obliged to honour your right of pre-emption.

REF. U.L.E.

I have decided to sign a Spanish will to bequeath the two properties that I have in Spain, but I am expecting that there will be disagreements between my inheritors, as we do not have a good family relationship. I would like to designate a person I trust who, when I pass away, will take charge of dividing up my assets, in order to avoid family conflicts. Is there a figure like this in Spanish law?

In Spanish law we have the "albacea" (executor), and his/her name must be included in the will. The executor's task is precisely to help the inheritors with the problems that might arise when dividing up the assets, and especially to verify that the last will of the deceased is honoured.

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Choosing a sensible alternative

Too early to start thinking about Christmas? Not really!

It seems to come around faster as each year goes by and already Christmas commercials are appearing on television. Children are asked what they would like as a present and the popular request is for a puppy or kitten. It has been so for many years. It is wonderful for the child but for how long? A month or maybe two and then the novelty wears off and everything gets left to the parents. This can carry on for ten or more years when the child has left school and Mum and Dad still have to face the commitment.

It is tragic, but understandable, how rescue centres become full to the brim in early spring and with the best will in the world cannot accept any more animals.

Now here is an idea. Make a child happy by making him or her an arctophile, a lover and collector of teddy bears. My wife and I have thirty-five of them oc-

cupping the lid of a chest in our bedroom. We acquire a new one every year. They cost nothing to keep, require little attention and if the child tires of them they can be pensioned off to a cupboard.

Children of all ages love teddies and many adults do too. Big game hunter, Theodore Roosevelt, known as Teddy, really started something when early in the last century he spotted a bear cub and his heart softened and he refused to shoot it.

The German toy manufacturer Stieff caught on and created the teddy bear. Other companies followed and the teddy became one of the world's most popular toys.

It was interesting to observe when the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited Australia they accepted a toy marsupial for Prince George.

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We are providing our clients with information on all aspects of the rental of Holiday properties as well as supplying model contracts and advising on registration with the Guardia Civil which is an obligation. The Junta is now commencing inspections and in accordance with the law they can impose sanctions for failure to comply.

One issue that is not yet resolved in all areas is that of Occupation licences from the Town Halls. The picture varies with some Town Halls being proactive in issuing licences and others not responding to requests, even in areas where IBI has been paid for many years and the properties were built many years ago.

Sanctions for failing to register can result in fines of up to 18.000€ and the administration can order the closure of the establishment or property for a period of up to 6 months. It is important to get representation if a sanction is imposed as the fine can be considerably reduced. In a recent case, De Cotta Law acted for clients where the fine was reduced to 1.200€ as a result of an appeal.

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FAMILY LAW

Family law is a wide field and there are many solutions both in the courts and as private agreements.

Advice taken early as a precaution can be very helpful. When a conflict can only be resolved in court it is important to have the support of a lawyer who manages your case and helps to explain the procedure whilst continuing to seek a negotiated settlement.

At De Cotta Law we have a strong background in dealing with a range of family cases. As well as dealing with Separation and Divorce we can also advise and represent you in financial claims on divorce; seeking permission to change your residence with your children after divorce or separation; division of assets; co-habitation rights; pensions; pre-marital agreements; adoption; incapacity and the execution of foreign Judgements.

In many cases problems can be prevented by seeking advice. For example, a pre-nuptial agreement can prevent conflicts over finances on divorce or separation.

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FOUND IN TRANSLATION

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A red pencil to sketch the memory of pain

The Carpenter's Pencil Manuel Rivas

Maria de Visitação is a newly-arrived prostitute in a Spanish brothel. By night, she deals with the “strenuous thrusts” of the smugglers who have taken over the contraband industry in nearby Fronteira, a town just over the border in Portugal; but by day she has time to listen to the Civil War stories of her pimp and landlord Herbal, a man of few words who sketches on napkins with a carpenter’s pencil while waiting for customers.

The worn-out red pencil with which Herbal passes the brothel’s dead hours has had many lives. In the years before Spain’s Civil War broke out, it belonged to a Galician carpenter, who in turn gave it to a shipbuilder friend of his, a communist and “self-confessed libertarian and humanist” - or, as far as Franco will presumably label him, a dangerous subversive.

The shipbuilder passes the pencil onto another carpenter, who stumbles across a painter sketching the façade of the great cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Perhaps thinking that the artist could do with some new tools, the carpenter gives him the little red pencil. It remains in the painter’s possession during his imprisonment (for no crime other than being of an artistic temperament, one supposes) after the outbreak of war, when he uses it to sketch the faces of his fellow inmates. The pencil is in his possession right up until the moment

when his head is blown off by one of Franco’s minions. His executioner’s name is Herbal, and this book is Herbal’s melancholy remembrance - recounted to his newest employee, Maria, as they wait for men to come to the brothel - of a crime he regrets.

At the heart of Manuel Rivas’ poetic and dreamlike novel is the question of whether Herbal is deserving of condemnation for executing the painter: was it just something he had to do, as one of Franco’s soldiers, or should he be held personally responsible for murdering the man whose pencil he now uses (or both)? An equally difficult quandary posed to us by this Civil War masterpiece is whether the laconic and surly pimp merits praise for deliberately botching the murder of another Republican prisoner named Doctor Da Barca.

Herbal guards Da Barca in prison in Santiago de Compostela throughout the Civil War and is on duty one bleak morning when the doctor is taken out to be shot. Yet Da Barca survives

(despite being shot through the neck by Herbal) and appears in the novel’s opening scene, in which he is interviewed in his old age by a hungover journalist. But why did the doctor survive and not the painter? Why did Herbal shoot the artist in the head yet lower his gun at the last minute when tasked with dispatching Da Barca?

As futile as it might seem to ask unanswerable questions such as these, Rivas’ novel compels us to confront them; and in doing so, it takes us further into the Civil War’s moral complexities than any historical account could.

As we are reminded many times throughout this strange and moving book, meaningless crimes were committed in abundance throughout the Spanish Civil War. When the conflict emerged in July 1939, men and women who had been friends and colleagues just days before were suddenly on different sides of a lethal dividing line.

The worn out red pencil has passed through many lives, starting with a Galician carpenter

For those who would later be asked to kill in the name of either the Republic or Franco, their supposed enemies were already unbearably human. This awful reality is explored in one of the novel’s central

passages, the protagonist of which is a singer named Pepe Sánchez. Pepe is one of Da Barca’s fellow prisoners in Santiago de Compostela. He brings life and colour to the prison with his music and is accompanied by the other prisoners, who voice the sounds of their various instruments (lacking as they do the actual instruments).

The night before his death Pepe sings all night long, backed by his improvised orchestra, and the guards love his voice as much as the inmates do. How do we know this? Because, as Herbal tells Maria in the brothel, “there were no volunteers for the firing squad that time”. Pepe was a singer and had a great sense of humour: but he was also a Republican, so he had to go. A universe of pointless suffering is contained in that one sentence.

Herbal, we realise, learnt a lot from silently observing Da Barca in prison. The charismatic doctor was popular among the other inmates in Compostela, who sought him out for his medical advice or simply to hear a good story. Herbal remembers Da Barca once explaining the “worst pain you can get” - the phantom pain experienced by those who have lost a limb. The doctor calls it “the memory of pain. The pain of what you have lost”. This is the pain that Herbal endures, as he sketches in the brothel with his stolen red pencil.

Enjoying Spanish literature, with the help of translation

This is the third in our five-feature series looking at contemporary Spanish literature available in English. This week we review Manuel Rivas’ *The Carpenter’s Pencil*, an international-

ally acclaimed novel published in English by Random House. Next week look forward to *All Souls* by Javier Marias; set in Oxford, England, a Spanish lecturer falls for a young, married tutor.



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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

17 NOVEMBER 2009

Somali pirates release the Alakrana tuna boat and its 36 hostages

On 17 November 2009, forty-seven days after its capture, the Alakrana tuna boat and the crew on board were freed after being held hostage by Somali pirates. The Spanish fishing boat, based in the Basque port of Bermeo, was sailing in international waters of the Indian Ocean when it was captured on 2 October 2009. The hijack was the second attack from Somali pirates against the Alakrana in less than a month.

The seven weeks of the vessel's capture saw a great deal of tension; the day after the Alakrana was seized, two Somali pirates were captured by the Spanish Navy and put on trial in Madrid with charges of kidnapping and armed assault and later sentenced to 439 years in prison for the hijack. In retaliation, the Somali hijackers threatened to

kill three of the Spanish crew members if the detained pirates were not released.

On 7 November 2009 the families of the 36 kidnapped sailors asked for authorities to cooperate with the Somali criminals and release the arrested pirates in order to guarantee the freedom of the hostages. Thousands of people demonstrated in Vigo and Bermeo, which is where the majority of crew members came from, to further reiterate this demand.

However in the end the crew were freed without the release of the Somalis held in Spain.

Pirate spokesmen told the press at the time of the vessel's release that they were receiving a ransom of 2.5 million euros for handing over the ship and crew. When prime minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero announced the "very good



The Alakrana tuna fishing boat. :: SUR

news" on 17 November 2009, he neither confirmed nor denied this. In his announcement he said, with a smile, that all crew members were "safe and sound" and that the "government did what it had to do". After the ship's liberation, it sailed freely to Victoria in the Seychelles, arriving there on 20 October. During the ship's release, Spanish forces attempted, to no avail, to capture the pirates who led the hijack while they were fleeing the Alakrana.

From the date of the hijack until the ship's release, the story of the Alakrana was followed closely

by the Spanish public, with the news of its liberation triggering excitement and relief around the country. All of the sailors were



A crew member is reunited with his family. :: SUR

greeted in the Basque Country and Galicia with banners and celebrations when arriving home.

In 2009, Somali pirates held 10 captured vessels, with over 200 hostages. On the same day of the Alakrana's release, pirates attacked and captured a chemical vessel, the Theresa VIII, on its way to Kenya. The vessel, which was made up of mostly Korean crew, was later released.

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Secuestro	Hijack
Atunero	Tuna boat
Buque	Vessel
Faenar	To fish
Rescate	Ransom
Tripulante	Crew member
Navegar	To sail
Zarpar	To set sail
Liberación	Release
Armamento	Arms
Botado	Launched
Portavoz	Spokesman
Pesquero	Fishing boat
Marinero	Sailor
Contabilizar	To count
Aliviado	Relieved
Sollozo	Sobbing
Juicio	Trial
Rehén	Hostage

As a result of the incident with the Alakrana, on 2 November 2009 Spanish laws were changed to allow security guards to carry firearms of up to 12.7 millimetres on board ships displaying a Spanish flag, provided that the weapon is bought from Spanish arms manufacturers or distributors. It was hoped that this measure would prevent further capture of Spanish vessels and sailors.

Bilingual crossword inside back page



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GARDENING

Siberian bugloss

Brunnera is a genus of herbaceous perennials with large heart-shaped leaves and powder-blue forget-me-not-like flowers in the spring

Siberian bugloss or *Brunnera macrophylla*, is a woodland plant and member of the Boraginaceae family. It is equally valued for its attractive foliage as for its pretty little blue flowers which appear in spring and it is often grown in borders among spring bulbs. It can also be used as ground cover

or planted in a large container.

Of the various species available, *B. macrophylla* 'Jack Frost' is the most suited to growing in southern Spain as it can withstand more

heat in the summer than other species. However, it does need adequate shade, especially in the afternoons during the summer, and a rich, moisture retentive soil.

Once established it can form a clump 60cm across by 30-45cm tall.

The hybrid 'Jack Frost' has striking, large, silvery leaves with green veining and border. The leaves will stay on the plant all year but the best seasons for this plant are from autumn until early summer.

The flowers look very similar to forget-me-nots' powder-blue, five petalled blooms. They are held in racemes on dainty stems above the foliage and attract bees and butterflies.

In early summer the spent flowers should be snipped off and through the hottest months it may be necessary to remove any damaged or brown leaves to keep it looking tidy.

Propagation is by seed (*Siberian bugloss* may also self-seed around the garden) or by lifting and dividing the rhizomous roots in winter.

The genus is named after Swiss botanist Samuel Brunner (1790-1844) and the common name 'bugloss' comes from a Greek term meaning 'ox tongue' which probably refers to the shape and roughness of the leaves.



B. macrophylla 'Jack Frost' and close-up (inset). :: WIKIMEDIA

READER'S PHOTO



:: MARIA HILLEN

NOVEMBER COLOUR

"Some sunflower seeds, a little water and it looks like the summer is here to stay," says Maria Hillen who sent in this photo.

GARDENING HINTS FOR NOVEMBER

Evicting tenants

If you are lucky enough to have some tropical plants in pots you may be thinking about bringing them indoors or at least somewhere where they will be protected from the wintry weather. It's not enough to carry or drag the pot into the corner of a cool room; you should give it a thorough check-over first. Insects may be lurking that will appreciate the move and use it to procreate and decimate all your plants that are

overwintering alongside the host plant. Bugs to look out for include the dreaded red spider mite, mealy bugs and my personal nemesis, scale insects. Check undersides of leaves, stems and leaf bracts and identify every six-legged 'tenant' you come across before dealing with it. Ideally, make sure you are not killing beneficial insects that may also be taking advantage of the indoor climate.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

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

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AROUND MALAGA

Places of interest at the heart of Andalucía

JAVIER ALMELLONES

The fertile Vega de Antequera plain is right in the heart of Andalucía, in a natural corridor between the Mediterranean coast and the Guadalquivir Valley, which for thousands of years has given it an indisputable strategic value.

Due to this long history, there are numerous remains from different civilisations on this extensive area of land. In addition, it also boasts an important natural heritage, with protected areas of huge environmental value, and its agriculture, consisting principally of lar-

ge areas of olive groves and vines.

This region is made up of seven municipalities: Humilladero, Mollina, Alameda, Fuente de Piedra, Casabermeja, Villanueva de la Concepción and the town of Antequera. Apart from the latter, none of them have more than 6,000 inhabitants. Despite their size, their historic and ecological heritage make them interesting to visit. For example, in this area you can find not only important nature reserves such as the Fuente de Piedra lagoon but also important historic monuments like the San Sebastián cemetery in Casabermeja.



The Fuente de Piedra lagoon is a major tourist attraction. :: J.A.

Humilladero

History. This municipality is situated on flat land with the famous Sierrecilla behind. Its name dates back to the time of the Reconquest. According to some historians this was where, in 1410, the Infante de Antequera fell to his knees and swore that he would not sheath his sword again until he had taken the town. A monastery was built in the same place; it no longer exists, but the village grew up around it. A replica of the Cruz del Humilladero cross has been erected on the spot.

What to see: El Rosario church and the 'Cruz del Humilladero' cross.



Mollina

Vineyards. In recent years this village on the Vega de Antequera plain has become famous for its wine production. In fact, its landscapes strongly contrast with those of Antequera because there are so many vines. It also boasts the Sierra de la Camorra, where pot-holers will find about 30 caves, such as the increasingly famous Cueva de los Órganos. The village is a fine example of traditional local architecture.

What to see: La Capuchina wineries and the Sierra de la Camorra mountains.



Fuente de Piedra

Nature. The main attraction of this village is the Fuente de Piedra lagoon, a saline wetland which is home to the second largest colony of pink flamingos in Europe. There are also numerous varieties of birds, making it extremely popular with ornithologists. In the village itself there are also some interesting places to visit, such as the fountain around which it originated and the church of Las Virtudes.

What to see: The Piedra fountain and the lagoon.



Alameda

Legends. This village is associated with one of the legendary characters of the 19th century, the famous bandit known as El Tempranillo, who died and was buried here. Despite this, it has a great deal more to offer such as remains dating back to Roman times and prehistory. It also shares with the neighbouring village of Humilladero the nature reserve and lagoon of La Ratosa.

What to see: The tomb of El Tempranillo, Roman baths, Chalcolithic necropolis and the Andalusian Countryside Museum.



Villanueva de la Concepción

Landscapes. Situated at the foot of the Sierra del Torcal, this village is one of the youngest in Malaga province because it became independent from Antequera in 2009. Thanks to its location it has some remarkable landscapes, in which agriculture and the limestone mountains make a lovely contrast. The village also has some interesting things to see, including a series of bridges built during the reign of Carlos III.

What to see: El Torcal and El Horcajo bridge.



Casabermeja

Heritage. Part of the territory of Casabermeja, in the south of the region, lies within the natural park of Los Montes de Malaga. This makes it a very unusual village, and one which is full of contrasts. You can take an interesting trip through history, from the cave paintings at Las Peñas de Cabrera to the San Sebastián cemetery, and including the Zambra tower and the church of El Socorro.

What to see: El Hortelano mill, the olive tree at Arroyo Carnicero, San Sebastián cemetery, Peñas de Cabrera, Zambra tower and the church of El Socorro.



EXHIBITIONS

Victor Tristante

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Magpie International Gallery

Marbella. From 4 November until 24 November. C/Virgen del Pilar. 200m from port.

The exhibition 'Red & Fire' consists of works by Bernard Aubertin. In collaboration with the Italian art gallery Toro Arte Contemporáneo. www.magpie.international.



Rubén Guerrero, Malaga

Rubén Guerrero

Malaga. Until 28 January. Centro de artes Contemporáneo.

The 'Familias Mínimas (Rojo, amarillo y azul)' exhibition features 11 paintings of places, buildings, and words.

Buren at the Cube

Malaga. Until 14 January. Pompidou Centre, Malaga port.

Daniel Buren, the artist who created the iconic design on the 'Cube' at the Pompidou Centre, is exhibiting more of his work at the museum.

Jaime Sordo

Malaga. Until 14 January. Sala de La Coracha, Museo del Patrimonio Municipal, Pase de Reding. Free.

In the annex to the MUPAM is an exhibition of contemporary photographs from the collection Los Brazaes belonging to businessman Jaime Sordo. The exhibition is entitled 'Escenas: acción y representa-

Japanese lyrical drama

BY TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. The Pablo Ruiz Picasso Cultural Centre in Torremolinos will host 'Las Máscaras del Teatro Noh, a demonstration of Japanese lyrical drama', on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November.

A series of specialised seminars on the classical Noh masks has been organised by the cultural association, Hi No Hikari, with the collaboration of the Torremolinos town hall. The focus of the conference will be an exhibition of ancient Japanese masks and will feature three of the most representative of Noh; imitation, mystery and flowers.

José Vergara, a specialist in Japanese lyrical drama, will open the exhibition with a lecture and a guided tour of the exhibition, explaining the history of each of the masks. On Saturday at midday, he will present the Yugen, an important concept in traditional Japanese aesthetics and one of the major values of Japanese art of the Middle Ages.

Noh is an art form that utilises masks and there is a great variety of them. There were originally about 60 basic types of masks, but today there are well over 200 different kinds in use.

Covering the face with a mask is much like wearing makeup, however, performers feel that the



The Noh mask exhibition will be on display in Torremolinos. :: SUR

DETAILS

► **When:** Friday 24 until Saturday 25 November.

► **Where:** Pablo Ruiz Picasso Cultural Centre, Torremolinos.

Noh mask has a certain power which makes it much more spiritual than simple makeup used to change ones appearance.

Exactly when the Noh mask came into being is not entirely clear, however it is believed that masks

were developed from the mid to latter part of the Muromachi period (1338-1573). Previous to that time, the mask conventions were not entirely set and masks had stronger religious connotations.

It is believed that performers felt they needed to hide the unattractive aspects of their own faces and concentrate on making the beauty of Noh stronger.

The inauguration of 'Las Máscaras del Teatro Noh' will take place at 8pm on Friday 24 November. The event is free, although space is limited, so early arrival is advised.

ción' and includes work by Pierre Gonnord, Per Berclay, Regina José Galindo and many others.

Miguel Trillo

Malaga. Until 25 November, Exhibition room at the Rectorada of the University of Malaga.

'Cromasiáticos' is the title of this exhibition of photographs of street gang members from the Far East.

Memento Mori

Malaga. Until 28 November, Galería Alfajar opposite the gardens of Malaga Cathedral.

A collective exhibition with death as its theme. Death is often depicted in art and included in the exhibition are sculptures by Javier Huescas and paintings of cemetar-

ies by Francisco Carreño and Javier Hidalgo.

The Stones and The Beatles

Malaga. Until 18 June. La Térmica, Avda de Los Guindos.

'Rival' photographers Terry O'Neill and Gered Mankowitz immortalised some of the most important bands in history including The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. An exhibition of some of their photos is on show in La Térmica until June.

Casa de la Cultura

Mijas Costa. Las Lagunas. Until 27 November.

The Nueva Enfoque Mijas Association presents their minimalist photography exhibition, 'Un instante. Un lugar. Un espacio'.

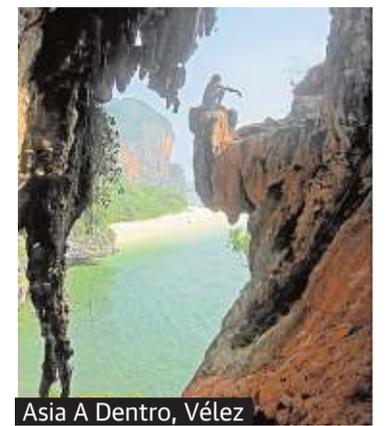


Jaime Sordo, La Coracha

Alfredo Opiso

Mijas Pueblo. Until 10 January. Centro de Arte Contemporáneo.

An exhibition of works by Alfredo Opiso.



Asia A Dentro, Vélez

Perspectives

Torre del Mar. Until 24 November, Oficina de Turismo, C/Poniente. A joint exhibition by artists Elspeth Jenkins and Olivia Garner.

Homes, Real Estate and Art

Fuengirola. Until 3 December, Homes, Avda Los Boliches. 'Patronas y Acuarelas', Barbara López demonstrates her spontaneous, organic style with sinuous and forms and wide use of colour.

Galería Krabbe

Frigiliana. Until 2 December. Galería Krabbe, C/Rosario La Joaquín.

Armagedon and Haiku Fractal is the name of this exhibition which includes works by both Dorthe Krabbe and Jacinto Lara.

El Universo Mágico

Vélez-Málaga. Until 12 December. Convento San Francisco.

A mixture of reality and fantasy in this exhibition of paintings by Antonio Higaldo.

Asia Adentro

Vélez-Málaga. Until 12 December. Sala El Pósito.

An exhibition of stunning photos taken by Pablo Berenguer Palma.

Acompalia Art

Motril. From 25 November until 16 December, 7-10pm Wed-Sat. La Fabrica de Azúcar.

A charity art exhibition to raise funds for Acompalia, an association in Granada and the Costa Tropical that cares for terminally ill patients.

CHARITY

Pop Festival for Parkinson's

Malaga. 17 November, 10.30pm. Sala Paris 15, C/La Orotava.

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kel Erentxun from Duncan Dhu, Nacho García Vega from Nacha Pop, Carlos Segarra from Los Rebeldes and Johnny Cifuentes from Burning, as well as some special guests, will be taking part in this charity event. All proceeds go to help fund research into Parkinson's disease.

Charity gala

Malaga. 17 November, 11pm. *Balneario, Baños del Carmen.* 13€ in advance or 15€ from box office. A charity gala dinner and concert organised by the Lions Club Málaga Ilusión to raise money for 'Un Plato de Comida', a charity that helps children in India. The music will be provided by Free Soul Band and Los Negroides. Tickets from www.unplatodecomida.org

ARCH winter sale

Coin. 18 November, 11am-1pm. *ARCH stables, Viña Borrego, behind Venta Miralmonte.* The Andalusian Rescue Centre for Horses are having a sale of new and well-loved rugs and tack to raise money. Refreshments available. www.horserescuspain.org Tel: Tracey 659408664.

ADANA Christmas Fair

Estepona. 19 November, 10.30am-4pm. *Palacio de Congresos.* 2€ Santa Paws, market, cafe and meet some of the rescued dogs. Tables

are still available for this event, contact Trisha Mansfield on trishaa60@gmail.com

Cudeca Christmas Car Boot La Cala Hills. 19 November, *St. Anthony's College car park* Aladin La Cala are organising the Cudeca Goldies' Christmas event with the Costa Soul Singers performing and a visit from Father Christmas. For more information tel: 952 197 577



Acompalia Art, Motril

Cudeca Charity walk

Mijas. 19 November 11 am. *Starting at Yorkshire Linen.* 5€ for adults, 2.50€ for children In aid of Positively Pink and Cudeca there will be a 10,000 step walk that finishes at St Anthony's College and the Cudeca Goldies Christmas Fayre. Tel: 951314074

FAMA Christmas Fair

Mijas Costa. 17 November, 6.30pm. *Restaurante El Brujo, Urb El Coto.* The Foundation for Abandoned and Mistreated Animals is holding a Christmas fair with tombola, raffle, stalls, food. For more information tel: 620 354 885

Multi-charity Christmas Fair

Estepona. 25 November, 11am - 3pm. *Palacio de Congresos.* Free A multi-charity 'rastró' (market) supporting Aspandem, Little Sisters of the Poor, Collective Calling, Cáritas and others. Face painting, magic show, Santa's Grotto, classic cars, bouncy castle, food, drinks and entertainment. www.cotachurch.com

Caritas Christmas Market

Marbella. 23-26 November, *Palacio de Congresos.* Stands available tel: 607501122 or email: caridad@martinez-meyer.com

MUSIC & DANCE

The Wall Bar

Malaga. *Hotel Vincci Posada del Patio, 11pm, entry free.* 17 November. Rosa Ruiz y Foky. 18 November. Adolfo Rodríguez. 60s pop.

Manolo Báez

Estepona. 18 November, 8pm. *Huber, Plataforma de Arte.* A concert by Manolo Báez. Email: [plataformadeartehu-](mailto:plataformadeartehu-ber@gmail.com)

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Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes 17 November, 8pm. Dvorak's Concerto for violin and orchestra in A minor Op 53 with violin soloist Andrea Sestakova. Followed by Tchaikovsky's Symphony n°6 in B minor Op 74 'Pathétique'.
Malaga Cathedral 24 November, 8.30pm. Music by composer Juan Francés de Iribarren.

BeeGees tribute show

Almuñécar. 17 November, 8.30pm. *Casa de la Cultura, Puerta de Granada 19.* 11€ The Spanish BeeGees will be in concert playing some of the BeeGees greatest hits. Tickets from the Casa de la Cultura or Viajes Ecuador.

José Carra Trio

Nerja. 17 November. 8.30 pm. *Hotel Plaza Cavana.* 12€ in advance. 15€ on the door. Composer and pianist, Carra, will be performing songs off his new record 'Verso', as well as from his extensive repertoire.

Atarfe Symphonic Orchestra

Almuñécar. 18 November, 8pm. *Casa de la Cultura, Puerta de Granada 19.* A tribute to Maria Callas with soprano Cristina Sánchez and the Atarfe Symphonic Orchestra.

Cuarteto Granada

Malaga. 18 November, 8pm. *Sala Unicaja de Conciertos María Cristina* The fifth concert in a series dedicated to the quartets composed by Shostakovich which will include numbers 10, 12 and 14.



Cuarteto Granada, Malaga

Nilson and Petrove duo

Malaga. 19 November, 8pm. *Sala Unicaja de Conciertos María Cristina* 'Touching the stars' organised by Drop Artist includes a recital by violinist Anna Nilsen and pianist Anna Petrova who will play the three sonatas for violin and piano by Grieg.

Queen of Magic

Nerja. 18 November. *C.C. Villa de Nerja.* 10€ This Queen tribute will see 18 classic Queen songs, played as faithfully to the original versions as possible. 



Costa Soul Singers will perform at Cudeca's festive fayre. :: SUR

Cudeca Goldies Christmas fair

TONY BRYANT

MIJAS. The Cudeca Goldies will host their Christmas fair at St Anthony's College in La Cala de Mijas on Sunday 19 November.

Organised by Aladin La Cala, the market will take place in the car park from 10am until 3pm and will offer second-hand clothing, jewellery, books, household items and Cudeca's special Christmas cards. Visitors will have the opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for Cudeca's Christmas draw, with a first prize of a brand new car.

A sponsored walk organised by the 10,000 step walkers from Yorkshire Linen, in aid of Positively Pink and Cudeca, will start from the linen store in Mijas at 11am and

finish at St Anthony's college. The walk is in memory of Ann Cullimore, the mother of a Yorkshire Linen employee who recently died of cancer.

There will be a festive performance given by the Costa Soul Singers, who will entertain with some of the most traditional Christmas carols and songs. There will also a special visit from Father Christmas to get everyone in the yuletide spirit.

Those wishing to participate in the market can book a stall, which cost 20euros, by calling 951 314 074 between 10am-6pm. All proceeds of the market will be donated to the Cudeca Hospice.

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Marbella. 18 November, 8pm. *Clinica Buchinger Wilhelmi.* 25€ Alborada Moreno and Ignacio Torner will be playing music for two pianos by composers George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein and John Adams. info@musicaconencanto.org

End of Year Show

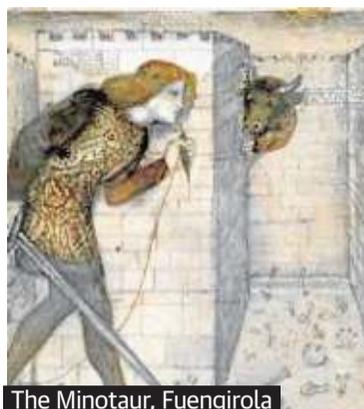
Alhaurín el Grande. 18 November, 8pm. *Venta La Recta.* 10€ The Andy Ross Singers will be performing many favourite songs at the 'End of Year Show'. A donation will be made to the Street Dogs Charity. Tickets: Papeleria Cristina's. Reservationse tel: Sue 617510758 or Cath 952112057

Harley Daniels and Nashville

Almuñécar. 19 November, 8pm. *Casa de la Cultura.* 'Oh Nashville' is the title of this tribute to Johnny Cash, Flying Burrito Brothers and the Eagles among others. Tickets in advance from Viajes Ecuador or one hour before from the box office.

The Jersey Boys

Benalmádena. 24 November, 9pm. *Moonlight Bar, Sunset Beach Hotel.* The Phoenix Club have organised a trip to see the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute show. Ticket 45€ includes dinner in the Oasis restaurant. Tel: Gail 951067723, email: phoenixsocialclub@ya-



The Minotaur, Fuengirola

hoo.co.uk www.phoenixsocialclub.co.uk.

Choir concert

Torremolinos. 21 November, 7.30pm. *La Casa de los Navajas.* The Asociación Coral de Torremolinos will be performing Ave Maria, Alma, Corazón y Vida and traditional Christmas Carols

Santa Cecilia Concerts

Almuñécar 25 November, 6pm. *Casa de la Cultura, Puerta de Granada* 19. Free. Almuñécar Municipal Band will be performing in honour of Santa Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians. **Las Lagunas de Mijas.** 18 November, 7pm. *Teatro las Lagunas.* 3€ Tickets : Asociación Musical Andalucía or from the ticket office.

Malaga. 18 November, 7.30pm. *Auditorio Edgar Neville.* The Santa María de la Victoria and Nuestro Padre Jesús Cautivo bands will be taking part.

Nerja. 22 November, 6pm. *Centro Cultural Villa de Nerja.* Students from the Escuela Municipal de Danza y Música in concert. Tickets from www.mientrada.net **Torremolinos.** 17 November, 8pm. *La Casa de Cultura.* Flautist Keiko Takeuchi and pianist Juan Manuel Santos Domínguez. **Vélez-Málaga.** 19 November, mid-day. *Teatro del Carmen.* The Stella Maris and Amigos de la Música choirs with the municipal band.

FLAMENCO

Flamenco en el Museo

Malaga. *Museo de Arte Flamenca Peña Juan Breva.* **19 November, 1pm.** Flamenco for children. **23 November, 8.30pm.** Tania Ortega, Alejandro Estrada, José M Millán 'Manu'. Reservations: 687 607 526

Flamenco en el Museo

Vélez-Málaga. *Peña Flamenca Niño*

de Vélez, C/Tejeda. **17 November, 10pm.** Fiesta Gitana de la Calle Los Negros with Aroa Soto, Bastian Soto, Isabel Soto, Bastian Jimenez and Rubén Portillo. **24 November, 10pm.** Moisés Navarro, Fátima Navarro and Amara Navarro, Jose M. Fernández and Rubén Portillo.

A tribute to Flamenco

Almuñécar. 25 November, 7pm. *Hotel Corregidor.* To celebrate the 7th anniversary of "El Flamenco, Patrimonio Inmaterial de la Humanidad".

LECTURES

U3A Lectures

Fuengirola. *Lux Mundi reference Library, free to members, guests 5€.* Email: u3afuengirola@gmail.com **History and Art: 'Tartessos'** 29 November, 11am-12.30pm. Did Bronze Age traders from southern Spain start the Minotaur bull cult of Crete?

Science and Technology: 'Climate Change' 22 November, 11am-12.30pm. Put the politics to one side and get to grips with what the science really tells us. What is the climate of the 21st century going to be like, and what, if anything, can we do about it?

Mixed bag talk: 'Famous Metal Structures that Failed'

28 November, 11am-12.30pm. Why do ships break in two, aircraft disintegrate, bridges and roofs collapse! By Geoff Cooke.

DFAS lectures

Benahavís. 28 November, 6.30pm. *Benahavís Town Hall. Visitors 12€.* **1900s Vienna - hotbed of culture** In the 1900s Imperial Vienna was one of the most exciting places in the world. It produced painters such as Klimt and Schiele and architects like Otto Wagner and Adolf Loos. It was also home to Sigmund Freud and Gustav Mahle. www.benahavid-fas.com/events

Rock around Torremolinos

TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. Torremolinos is gearing up for the fifth edition of the Ruta del Rock, a live music festival that will offer more than 60 concerts in the bars and restaurants in the town.

This popular event, which is organised by the Torremolinos town hall, will be staged over two weekends. The first instalment of the festival will commence on Friday 24 and continue until Sunday 26 November. The gigs will resume on Friday 1 and continue until Sunday 3 December.

The town hall will issue special licences to allow pubs and restaurants to present live bands in their establishments during the event. They will also supply stages for those that wish to present the shows on their terraces.

The performances will be staggered, taking place between 7pm and 11pm, to allow people time to visit each bar on the route. The music is not limited to rock; the festival will present a varied scope of genres, including reggae, soul, blues, rock and folk.



Visitors enjoy live music during a previous Ruta del Rock. :: TB

The majority of the gigs will be held in the centre of the town at venues including the Vanilla Café, Branigans Pub, The Galloping Major, Garfield's and the Bar Amsterdam. Other venues include La Langosta and El Horno Beach Club, both in La Carihuella, and the Pink Elephant in Montemar. Some of the area's top local

bands take part in the festival and the audience can vote for their favourite band and bar, and their nominations will be entered in a prize draw that will be announced shortly after the festival.

Information: www.torremolinos.es

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Sara Baras brings 'Shadows' to Malaga

TONY BRYANT/FERNANDO TORRES

MALAGA. Sara Baras, one of flamencos most celebrated dancers, is currently touring with her new show, Sombras (Shadows), a review of the two decades she and her company have been performing together.

The show, which will be presented at the Cervantes Theatre in Malaga, differs from her previous works and the dancer claims it will have a different musical and aesthetic level than anything she has ever done.

Her previous show, Voices, was a tribute to the masters of flamenco song and Sara had to stick to the compass of the traditional orthodox flamenco, but with Shadows, she draws on the lighter, jovial side of the art.

In an interview with SUR earlier this week, the dancer claimed that so many things, both good and bad, have happened to her in the last twenty years and the new show will focus on this journey, but she pointed out that it was also a tribute to the fans that have supported her illustrious career.

"I love flamenco. I feel very accomplished because I have not

INFORMATION

► **When:** Wednesday 22 until Sunday 26 November.

► **Where:** Cervantes Theatre, Malaga. www.teatrocervantes.com

► **Tickets:** 18 - 54 euros

stopped dancing for the last twenty years. I want to preserve everything that I have learned, and I would like to pass it on," the Gaitana dancer explained.

Shadows is born of the feeling of freedom and incorporates traditional flamenco styles, like the Farruca, (one of Sara's specialties) while utilising percussion and different musical instruments.

The 46-year-old dancer from Cadiz has chosen Malaga to inaugurate the new show, which features Rolling Stones saxophonist, Tim Ries, and also the work of Malaga artist, Andrés Mérida.

Andrés Mérida's drawings reflect the posture and movement of the dance and he has created a selection of images that portray



Sara Baras during a performance of 'Sombras', Malaga.

the passion, colour and ambience of flamenco.

Sara's career began more than 30 years ago and her beginnings in Cadiz are an important part of her character. She was first guided by her mother, dancer and choreographer, Concha Baras and she also received training from some of the most revered dancers in the history of flamenco dance, namely

Ciro, Manolete and El Guito.

She has performed with some of flamenco's greatest artistes, including Manuel Morao, Antonio Canales and Enrique Morente.

Today, Sara Baras is one of the most prestigious and internationally recognised flamenco performers.

Dancer, director and choreographer, since 1997, she runs her own

company, Ballet Flamenco Sara Baras, which has produced 13 shows on stages all over the world, including the Royal Albert Hall, Sydney Opera House and Carnegie Hall in New York.

The numerous prizes and awards she has received include the Best Dance Show, for 'Sabores' (Flavours) in 2008. She also received the Gold Medal of Andalucía in 2004 and was made 'favourite daughter' of Cadiz in 2006. She is respected for her work in the teaching and diffusion of dance, receiving the Asociación de Profesores de Danza Española (association of Spanish dance teachers) award in 2010.

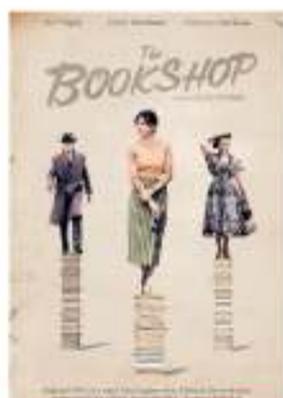
Sara Baras has a deep passion for Malaga and she is no stranger to the coveted stage in the Cervantes Theatre and it is for this reason that she has decided to make the capital of the Costa del Sol her first stop on this leg of the tour.

The show will be performed from Wednesday 22 until Sunday 26 November. Tickets for the performance, which begins at 8pm each night, with the exception of Sunday, when the show starts at 7pm, cost between 18 to 54 euros and are available from www.unidadas.es.



MOVIE LISTING From Friday 17th to Thursday 23th November

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Saturday 18 and Sunday 19: 16:00, 20:30
From Monday 20 to Wednesday 22: 20:00
Thursday 23: 20:15



FLATLINERS

Director Niels Arden Oplev
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DRAMA - 110 min.



Friday 17: 20:15, 22:30
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19: 20:30, 22:45
From Monday 20 to Thursday 23: 20:15, 22:30



JUSTICE LEAGUE

Director Zack Snyder
Starring Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill
ACTION - 119 min.



Friday 17: 17:45, 20:00, 22:30
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19: 15:40, 18:00, 20:00, 22:30
From Monday 20 to Thursday 23: 17:45, 20:00, 22:30



THOR: RAGNAROK

Director Taika Waititi
Starring Chris Hemsworth and Tom Hiddleston
ACTION - 130 min.



Friday 17: 17:45
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19: 16:00, 17:50
From Monday 20 to Thursday 23: 17:45



BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19: 16:00



THE NUT JOB 2: NUTTY BY NATURE

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19: 16:00



Peter and the Wolf

MALAGA. An 'extraordinary' production of 'Peter and the Wolf' by Sergei Prokofiev will be performed by the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra and the Per Poc company on 25 November at the Teatro Cánovas.

Prokofiev was commissioned by the director of the Children's Theatre in Moscow in 1936 to write a musical symphony for children with the aim of introducing them to the instruments in the orchestra. The result was this much-loved classic tale about a little boy called Peter and his animal friends with instruments of the orchestra playing each of the roles.

This production has the added delight of skilled puppeteers illustrating the action as Peter hunts the wolf.

It is narrated in Spanish but for non-Spanish speakers this shouldn't detract from the enchantment of Prokofiev's most performed work.



The performers. :: sur

INFORMATION

► **Where.** Teatro Cánovas, Plaza del Ejido.

► **When.** 25 November 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

► **Website.** www.orquestafilarmonicamalaga.com

LECTURES

Lux Mundi Art Appreciation Group

Torre del Mar. 20 November, 10.30am. Lux Mundi Ecumenical Centre. 2€

High Art of the Low countries: Andrew Graham Dixon will show how the art of Renaissance Flanders evolved from the precious tapestries in the Duchy of Burgundy into a leading painting school in its own right. The lecture will be followed by a discussion.

FESTIVALS

Santa Cecilia

Malaga. November. Across the province towns and villages will be paying tribute to the patron saint of music with concerts and recitals.

EVENTS

Gourmet market and tastings

Marbella. Abastos & Viandas Mercado Gourmet, Av. Ricardo Soriano.

20-26 November. Wild mushroom days.

23 November. Iberian pork tasting and barbecue. Reservations: info@abastosyviandas.com or www.abastosyviandas.com

Trip to botanical gardens

Torre del Mar. 23 November. Various departure points. 15€
Visit to Gúzman garden centre, Torremolinos and the Molina de Inca botanical gardens. Lux Mundi Torre del Mar. Tel:952 543 334 or e-mail: luxmundi@lux-mundi.org

Floral Art Club

Estepona. Agro Jardín, Cancelada. **21 November 3pm:** The floral art club are holding their Christmas demonstration which will be with Bernadette Scanlan. Bernadette is a member of the Association of Irish Floral Artists. Her demonstration is entitled 'A Magical Christmas'. A 'hands on' session will be on 23 November at 11am. Places are limited

so reservations only. Visitors 10€. Annual membership 50€ Tel: 694 425 219 or send an email to esteponafloralartclub@hotmail.com

Lux Mundi Christmas Bazaar Fuengirola 23 November. 10.30am-12.30pm. C/Nueva 3.

Lux Mundi Fuengirola. Tel:952 543 334 or e-mail: luxmundif@gmail.com



Floral Art, Estepona

Christmas market

Gibraltar From 24 November until 23 December. Wed, Thurs noon until 8pm, Fri, Sat 10am until 10pm. Line Wall Road.

Cultural Services and the Gibraltar Artisans market are joining forces for the run-up to Christmas. There will be craft stalls, entertainment, demonstrations, mulled wine, mince pies, face painting etc.

Trip to Granada Christmas lights

Torre del Mar. 12-14 December. Various departure points. Prices from 145€ for a double room.

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Justice League: 12.30, 16.30, 19.30 (every day); 16.00, 18.30, 21.00 (Mon, Tues, Thurs)

Thor: Ragnarok: 21.30 ((Mon, Tues, Thurs), 22.20 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Flatliners: 20.00 (Tues)

Happy Death Day: 16.20, 18.20 (Tues)

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Marrowbone: 15.45, 17.55 (Tues).
Thor: Ragnarok: 16.00, 18.30, 21.15 (Mon, Tues, Thurs).

The Book Shop: 11.50, 16.15 (every day).

Justice League: 12.10, 16.30, 19.00, 21.30, 00.00 (every day)

Happy Death Day: 16.00, 18.00 (Tues); 20.05 (every day).

Blue Jasmine: 16.00, 20.00 (Thurs 23rd)

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Battle of the Sexes: 16.90 (Sat, Sun)

You Can't Save The World

Alone: 15.40, 18.00 (Sat, Sun); 17.45 (Fri, Mon-Thurs); 20.00, 22.30 (every day).

The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature;: 16.00 (Sat, Sun)

Thor: Ragnarok: 16.00, 17.50 (Sat, Sun); 17.45 (Fri, Mon-Thurs).

Flatliners: 20.15, 22.30 (Fri, Mon-Thurs); 20.30, 22.45 (Sat, Sun)

The Book Shop: 16.00, 20.30 (Sat, Sun); 20.00 (Fri, Mon-Wed); 20.15 (Thurs).

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Their personal beliefs, their way of understanding art and their unique way of organisa-

tion can be seen today thanks to the important archaeological sites found throughout the Andalusian region. However, the province of Jaén is where this indigenous people has left the most traces. Among its olive groves remains a huge Iberian legacy that can be discovered on a route that includes ancient fortresses, temples and burial sites.

There is an unbeatable opportunity to enter the fascinating world of Iberian culture; until 5 January 2018 the initiative 'Escápate al Tiempo de los Íberos' is being held. Guided or dramatised visits and pottery workshops are some of the activities included at the different sites linked to Iberian culture in the province of Jaén.

From the capital, we propose an extensive tour of places that preserve important vestiges of this civilisation, such as Linares, Peal de Becerro, Ibros, Castellar, Torre-

delcampo, Porcuna and Vilches, among others.

Among the sites that are best preserved, is the 'oppidum' of Puente Tablas, located only seven kilometres from the capital of Jaén. The visitor can go into this ancient, fortified city by the same entrance as the Iberians did.

To complement this first immersion in the Iberian culture, it is a good idea to visit the Provincial Museum of Jaén, which houses an extensive collection of Iberian art. Another important milestone along this route is Linares and the ancient city of Cástulo, which was Iberian before becoming Roman. It is one of the great fortresses of the period, covering 70 hectares.

Among the Iberians' places of religious worship, the most interesting is the Santuario de la Cueva de la Lobera, located in Castellar.

It is a cave that still retains its magic, especially in its links to the sun. A trip to the cave can be complemented by a visit to the local museum, where some statuettes related to Iberian beliefs are kept.

Immense fortress walls and burial chambers are other important milestones in this historic tour through the province of Jaén.



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Oppidum de Puente Tablas: A fortified Iberian city from the fourth century BC situated seven kilometres from Jaén. JV-3012, 15, 23009 Puente Tablas (Jaén).

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LITERARY GASTRONOMY



'Mrs Harvey' wrote the book I am currently reading, 'Cositas Españolas' (1875) subtitled 'Every Day Life in Spain'. Obviously she was an important lady as everywhere she travelled she was received by nobility and aristocracy. Foolishly or bravely her travels coincided with the Carlist Wars and she witnessed soldiers on the march.

Mrs H also had plenty of time on her hands and was financially comfortable. She always rented big houses and had a couple of full-time servants.

In Granada she would spend days sitting in the Alhambra, but although she loved the country and its people, often drawing favourable comparisons with her native England, the food was a problem. She developed 'an absolute hatred, nay, detestation of our dinners.

The olla (stew) was.... an almost solid mass in which the spoon could stand upright, the little lump of black meat which might have been that of any animal from a camel to a lamb.... The unknown fish, always tasting like boiled calico....

Happily we could always have

Visitors to Spain in the middle part of the last century could possibly recognise dishes from the book written in 1875

excellent coffee and equally good bread. Butter had better be forgotten as it was sold in apothecaries as an ointment....'

How things have changed, albeit slowly. Visitors to Spain in the middle part of the last century could possibly recognise some of the dishes described by Mrs H, and certainly meat was a luxury.

In Andalucía there was beef or pork, cooked and served within hours of leaving the slaughterhouse, tough and unappetising. Coming (usually by car then) from northern Europe, the best option was to buy lamb in Aranjuez's market and freeze it at the destination.

A recent theme of Onda Cero's weekly gastronomic discussion programme was how Spanish cuisine is rated outside Spain. Minimal research on international trends showed that this bears a direct relationship to the number of a country's restaurants in foreign urban centres.

To support my theory I started counting up the number of Spanish eating-places in London, but gave up after it got to high double figures. I remember when Martinez's in Swallow Street was the only one, and outside the capital there was the 'Andalucía' in Rugby. I don't think anyone these days would rate this country's cuisine other than outstanding.

Cutting it fine for two Guinness World Records

Ham slicers from all over Spain met up in Alhaurín de la Torre in an unprecedented gastronomic event

|| FERNANDO TORRES ALHAURÍN DE LA TORRE. The town of Alhaurín de la Torre was converted into the town of jamón (cured ham) last weekend when professional ham cutters from across Spain descended on it to try and break some Guinness World records.

At the end of the day a notary verified that they had successfully managed to break two, the largest number of jamón slicers gathered together in one place (350) and the largest quantity of jamón cut by hand (900 kilos).

The day started at ten in the morning with the arrival of the jamón slicers. The doors were opened to the public one hour later.

Each professional had just two minutes to cut at least four slices of ham which had to be between 0.5 and 1.5mm thick. Whole legs of cured ham were raffled and there were also various concerts throughout the day.

As the jamón slicers got to work, visitors were able to purchase two plates of thinly sliced jamón for just five euros at the various bars set up for the event.

The money raised by the sale of jamón went to AHUCE, the Spanish brittle bone (Osteogene-



The jamón slicers association from Extremadura. || F. TORRES

The event raised funds for the Spanish association for brittle bone disease

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The event was attended by the mayor of Alhaurín, Joaquín Villanova and by associations from all over Spain including the 'Cortadores Extremeños' from Extremadura shown in the photo.



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About 100 people learn how to deal with and combat constant pain

The Costa del Sol hospital hosted a Day Against Pain on Friday and invited local associations to attend and provide information which could help sufferers

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MARBELLA. How to deal with pain when pain is inevitable. That was just one of several subjects which were discussed in depth at the Costa del Hospital on Friday, during the Day Against Pain which the management organised for medical professionals and members of the public.

The aim of this event was to exchange knowledge and information to improve all aspects of treatment and pain relief, and also to help sufferers to face up to the problem of constant pain with a positive attitude.

The conference, which was attended by about 100 people, was inaugurated by the coordinator of the Surgical Procedures department, Emilio Montenegro, the director of the Anaesthesiology and Recovery unit, José Antonio Rein-

There were workshops on biodance, postural hygiene and healthy eating

The participants could submit questions anonymously to be discussed by the forum

aldo; anaesthetist Manuel Sánchez del Águilar, who is also the head of the hospital's Pain Unit, and the head of nursing in the Surgical Block, Manuel Vergara.

The schedule for the day was drawn up by the Surgical Block, which is part of the hospital's Public Participation Commission. It began with a round table discussion called 'The Pain Unit answers', during which those present had the chance to ask questions, make suggestions, express concerns and fears, and these were answered by



Biodance can be useful in combating pain. :: SUR

members of the Pain Unit.

The speakers began by giving a brief talk on different matters which concern people about pain, and that then led to the question and answer session and exchange of views. Those taking part were also able to submit questions

anonymously, which were then also discussed.

The day also included a series of 'Keep Active' workshops on biodance (a self-development system which uses the sentiments provoked by music and movement to delve deeply into one's own con-

sciousness), postural hygiene and healthy eating. The intention was to use these alternative experiences as another way of tackling pain.

"Experiences such as these mean that the patients can take the initiative with regard to what is happening to them, and they give them more resources to use when trying to combat the pain," say the organisers.

Different associations in the Marbella area, including the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC), the Multiple Sclerosis Association of Marbella-San Pedro (A.M.P.E.M-N.A), the Association of Patients with Fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and other rheumatic illnesses (APAFFER) and the Fibromyalgia Association of Marbella (AFIMAR), were also on hand to provide information which can help pain sufferers.

This session was led by Isabel Quintanilla, who is an AECC volunteer in Marbella. The hospital committee had sent information about this event to all relative associations in the area, inviting them to take part. It was an opportunity for them not only to help others, but also to set up new contacts and links for developing future strategies and actions. During the day they set up stands from which different information was available to those who were taking part.

The Day Against Pain at the Costa del Sol hospital was brought to an end with talks on 'Pain and mental health' and 'Basic advice on following a healthy diet.'

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"I haven't changed because they have told me I have Alzheimer's: I'm still me"

A patient is calling for specialists to talk directly to people with this condition, and says they should be allowed to carry on working if they wish to and are able

ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MALAGA. Ildefonso Fernández, a 58-year-old from La Rioja, has recently helped others to understand what life is like for someone who is affected by Alzheimer's. "I haven't changed because they said I have Alzheimer's; I'm still me and that's how I want to be treated," he said.

Ildefonso is in the initial stage of this neurodegenerative condition, which was diagnosed when

he was 57, and he was giving his point of view at the VII National Alzheimer's Conference which took place at the Palacio de Ferias y Congresos in Malaga recently and was organised by the Spanish Alzheimer's Confederation (CEAFA).

After being introduced by the president of CEAFA, Cheles Cantabrana, he explained that he wanted to share some of his thoughts, reflections and conclusions with those present.

Ildefonso, who is on the Panel of Experts of People with Alzheimer's (PEPA), stressed that doctors need to communicate directly with patients who have this illness.

"My neurologist put himself in my place and was very empathetic when he talked to me. It is very difficult when you're told that you

have Alzheimer's and the outlook isn't good," he said.

He explained that about ten per cent of Alzheimer's patients are under the age of 65, which is very young to be affected by a condition of this type.

"You have to learn to live with this illness. Behind every diagnosis is a person who has rights. They deserve to be told directly by their doctor what they are suffering from. It shouldn't just be their families who are informed. The specialist needs to explain the diagnosis to them in person and talk to them, like my neurologist did with me," he said.

Ildefonso Fernández thanked the association of relatives of Alzheimer's in La Rioja for the help it had given him, saying

it had given him back the will to live and to collaborate with other patients. He also urged people to go to their doctor as soon as they noticed any

from Alzheimer's, but we are still a long way from finding a cure. I hope research will win that battle, but in the meantime we need to improve the quality of life for patients," he said.

When Ildefonso was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, he was the head of sales and under-manager of a national supermarket chain. He told the conference that patients should always be allowed to continue working if they so wished and they were able to do so. They should not be forced to give up their jobs and become obligatory pensioners.

"Why wouldn't I be able to work? Have I changed so much from one day to the next, just because I was told I have Alzheimer's?" he asked. He wants companies to be more sensitive and supportive, and to adapt people's duties so they can carry on working. "I was happy in my job. I would have liked to have continued," he said.

With regard to patients' families, he said they are the pillar which supports the patients and they need more support themselves. He called for the National Alzheimer's Plan to be put into effect as a matter of urgency.



Ildefonso Fernández.

Á NITO SALAS

QUOTES

Ildefonso Fernández
Alzheimer's patient

"It would be fantastic if our generation could be the last to suffer from Alzheimer's!"

"I loved my job and would have liked to have carried on working for the company because I was happy there"

symptoms, because detecting the illness early helps to deal with the later stages.

"The earlier we know we have Alzheimer's, the more time there is to do what we have to do," he stressed.

He also criticised the lack of investment in Spain in research for new drugs to combat Alzheimer's, and said there should be greater information and communication between researchers.

"I want to take part in clinical trials, but I need to know where they are taking place and what their aim is. It would be fantastic if our generation could be the last to suffer



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Officials and organisers of the Alzheimers conference, which was inaugurated by Queen Sofía. :: NITO SALAS

Alzheimer's sufferers and their families get royal support

:: A. ESCALERA

MALAGA. Queen Sofia, the mother of King Felipe VI, expressed support for those suffering from Alzheimer's and their families, as she officially opened the VII National Alzheimer's Conference in Malaga recently. She said relatives who care for Alzheimer's sufferers need support and should be entitled to respite care from time to time.

Also present at the conference were the president of the Junta de Andalucía, Susana Díaz; the mayor of Malaga, Francisco de la Torre; the Secretary of State for Social Services and Equality, Mario Garcés, and Cheles Cantabrana, the president of the Spanish Alzheimer's Confederation (CEAFA), which organised the event.

Susana Díaz stressed that it is important for Alzheimer's sufferers to

benefit from integral treatment. About 100,000 people in Andalucía are affected by this illness. "The earlier it is detected, the easier it is to help people learn how to live with it and to assist their families in understanding what is going to happen and help them to deal with it," she said.

The mayor of Malaga said that Alzheimer's is challenging for everybody, and that more progress is needed in research and in the way these families are looked after and assisted. He stressed that caring for Alzheimer's patients is difficult and it is work that needs to be shared. He also said he agreed how important it is for patients to be diagnosed early.

Mario Garcés, the Secretary of State

for Social Services and Equality, said more needs to be done for patients and their carers, and he explained that the National Alzheimer's Plan will be officially presented in the next few weeks. "We have the responsibility of remembering on behalf of those who no longer remember, and caring for those who care for them," he stressed.

Cheles Cantabrana, the president of CEAFA, called for patients not to be marginalised or stigmatised and said that, when they are in the early stages of this illness, they should be given the chance to make their own decisions about the future. "We need to fight the lack of understanding about Alzheimer's," she insisted.

Bill Gates donates funds to for new research into the brain disease which affects millions

:: AFP

LONDON. Bill Gates, multi-million cofounder of Microsoft, has announced recently that he will donate 50 million dollars of his own money to finance research into fighting Alzheimer's disease.

In his blog he emphasises that the money will come from his private funds and not from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which is dedicated to charitable works.

"Of all the aches and pains that we are afflicted with towards the end of our lives, one thing stands out as a particularly large threat to humanity and that's Alzheimer's disease" he said.

He added that he has a connection with Alzheimer's, "Several of the men in my family have this disease. And so, you know, I've seen how tough it is. That's not my sole motivation, but it certainly drew me in."

The money will go to the private-public partnership called the Dementia Discovery Fund which is based in London and looks at new methods of investigating the cause of this debilitating illness.

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A campaign to prevent strokes by detecting cardiac arrhythmias

The initiative is the idea of the anticoagulation patients association and promotes the diagnosis of atrial fibrillation

ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MÁLAGA. People with atrial fibrillation (AF), a quivering or irregular heartbeat (benign cardiac arrhythmia), have been shown to be at more risk of suffering a stroke. It stands to reason then, how important it is to diagnose an irregular heartbeat.

The campaign by the Asociación de Pacientes Anticoagulados y Coronarios de Málaga (APAM) aims to highlight the importance of detecting this disease in time and saving lives.

The entrance hall of the Carlos Haya Hospital in Malaga was the launch site for the campaign with two doctors from the cardiology unit, Inmaculada Navarrete and Antonio Aurelio Rojas, giving free tests to people who wanted to check if they suffer with an irregular heartbeat.

APAM's president María Victoria Martín expressed how important it was to detect these arrhyth-



Drs Navarrete and Aurelio Rojas with María Victoria Martín. :: SUR

mias which can lead to a stroke.

The simple test carried out involved placing the ball of the thumb on a small plaque which sends an electrocardiogram through to a mobile phone which can then be printed out.

AF is one of the most common heart arrhythmias, it is characterised by the atrial chambers of the

heart beating irregularly and out of sync.

This type of arrhythmia does not usually have any symptoms, therefore early detection can help prevent the illness progressing, explained Dr Navarrete.

Besides offering this free test, members of the association handed out leaflets about heart disease.

Beauty treatments and massages raise money for Los Ángeles de la Noche



Jan Sprenger getting a relaxing massage. :: SUR

Therapists from the Axarquía offered massages and other treatments to help the food kitchen in Malaga

JENNIE RHODES

MÁLAGA. The charity spa day at Las Orquideas hotel in Los Romanes last Saturday raised 815 euros for the Los Angeles de La Noche charity.

With the help of the hotel, the therapists who give up their time, and the clients, the spa days have raised over 5,000 euros since the annual event began in October 2013. This year 25 women received various treatments including relaxing massages.

Maggie Culver, who lives in the area, organises the therapy days and first came up with the idea. Jan Sprenger, who participated in this year's event says, "It's a good marriage of holistic treatments and altruism."

Los Angeles de la Noche food kitchen is based in Malaga and provides meals to around 800 people three times a day, seven days a week and make 2,000 Christmas dinners every year. For information about the charity visit: www.angelesdelanoche.org/en/



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Crowds at the Rosaleda wave Spanish flags as they watch their heroes play. :: FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ

Rosaleda full for Spain game

Last Saturday, Spain fans filled the Rosaleda as they got to see some of their national football heroes play in a friendly match against Costa Rica

:: SUR IN ENGLISH

MALAGA. On the evening of Saturday 11 November, the Rosaleda was packed as locals got the chance to see some of Spain's football heroes take on Costa Rica in a friendly match. The atmosphere in the full stadium was incredible as Spain demonstrated their strength as a team, beating Costa Rica 5-0.

The Federación Española has reason to celebrate as, thanks to this match, Malaga has demonstrated its capability to host massive international games and hopefully will do so again in the future.

Thousands of Spanish flags were waved, creating a sea of red and yellow in the stadium as Spain constantly dominated the game. Malaga-born midfielder Isco was a clear fan-favourite during this match, receiving a standing ovation when he asked to be substituted after a being injured by a



Sergio Ramos. :: ÁLVARO CABRERA

rough tackle from Costa Rica defender, Kendall Watson.

A number of second half substitutions changed the dynamic of the game, but overall Spain looked very good and should consider themselves as strong contenders for the World Cup next summer.

Russia match

Unfortunately, Spain did not fare as well in their next friendly match against Russia on Tuesday, drawing 3-3.

Spain did not appear to be comfortable on the field and gave away two penalties as a result.



Luis Rioja controlling the ball in front of the opposition. :: J.R.

Luis Rioja secures Marbella's rise to third in their division

The team from Marbella are rising up their table thanks to this brilliant second half, in which they scored three goals

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MALAGA. The third consecutive victory for Marbella, as they beat Écija 3-0 was a match with an extraordinary second half in which they could have scored even more goals than they did. Luis Rioja was the man of the match. He scored the first goal and provided an assist for Ferrón in the second. All of this cemented Marbella's move to third place in their division of the league.

Marbella's first goal was offside however this happened within the first five minutes, so they were looking strong from the beginning. After this good start for Marbella, Écija woke up a bit. Moyita, Manu Reina and Ezequiel began to create space on the field, getting three chances against a very strong Wilfred.

The second half was a whole other story. Marbella played with excellent coordination and deter-

3-0

MARBELLA-ÉCIJA

Marbella: Wilfred, Marcos Ruiz, Razvan, Alonso, Lolo Pavón, Javi Moreno (Catena, 9'), Indiano, Otín (Añón, 68'), Nuis Rioja, Francis Ferrón, and Chus Hevia (Ángel, 88').

Écija: Fermín García, Carmona (Escardó, 68'), Adri Crespo, Núñez, Luis Martínez, Marrufo (Canilla, 79'), Jonathan, Manu Reina (Juan Delgado, 63'), Ezequiel, David Casro, and Moyita.

Goals: 1-0, min. 52, Luis Rioja. 2-0, min. 60, Ferrón. 3-0, min. 65, Ferrón.

Referee: Muñoz Piedra. Yellow cards for Indiano, Fernando Estévez, Luis Martínez, and Marrufo.

Ground: Municipal. 1,400 spectators.

mination, making it seem like only one team was playing. Two minutes after half-time, Luis Rioja scored a goal thanks to great playing and a strong push from his team. Marbella's next two goals, both scored by Ferrón, were scored within minutes of each other, securing Marbella's win in their best match of the season.

Marbella will next play Recreativo de Huelva on Sunday, at 5 pm, at the Nuevo Colombino.

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"We've been thinking about the winter transfer window since September"

Michel Head coach, Malaga CF



ANTONIO GÓNGORA
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The coach is optimistic about the future despite the club's present situation: "There is always someone worse and our time will come."

MALAGA. Michel is not disheartened by Malaga's poor showing. He is optimistic and believes the club's fortunes will turn around very soon. He says there has been an important change in the fitness level and commitment of many of the players, which will soon show results, but he is aware that there are things the club needs and that the management has been thinking about the winter market ever since the transfer window ended last summer.

Now aged 54, he considers himself a realist, has high praise for the fans and says the footballers and he, the coach, are very happy living in the city.

-What are you doing to boost the team's performance before Christmas?

-Working, but we have to define 'work'. There are things that journalists don't see. We always have to keep hope alive and there is a lot to do in our everyday work.

-There appears to be a certain amount of resignation about the future of the team, even though it is still early days. Do you feel like that?

-No, and nor do my players, because we don't look for any justification other than ourselves. We are looking at what may have happened since 1 September, because we want to grow in what we are doing. The word resignation doesn't enter into our vocabulary, ever.

-What situation will Malaga need



Michel poses for a photo on La Misericordia beach in Malaga after the interview. :: SALVADOR SALAS

REFLECTIONS OF A HEAD COACH

Change

"The players have taken a step forward and realised that everybody counts here"

to be in at Christmas, if the present crisis is to be reversible?

-What it mustn't be is despondent. There are many examples of teams like ours getting ahead. In some things, which are imperceptible because the results are not showing yet, we have been improving. Six weeks

Dismissal

"It's unheard-of for a club to have so much patience with a coach, but this one always has"

ago I was saying that the only player who was making the grade was Roberto, but now others are too. We have six or seven who are much better now. **-So in January will you be reducing the staff and taking on at least two new players?**

-I have always thought 23 players

Planning

"I constantly question myself and accept the responsibility which corresponds to me"

would be sufficient, plus the subsidiaries. That increases competition, which in turn increases possibilities. If we can do that, it will be ideal. **-Some players have been a disappointment, and others who were practically overlooked have proved vital. Any more mistakes**

Comfort

"Malaga is the ideal club for players and coaches; life is good and it's very comfortable here"

could be fatal. -If you know you are about to make a mistake you don't do it. I give my opinion when I'm asked. I have nothing to do with the financial side. I believe you have to be careful, but we are in mid-November and there is still a way to go till the winter market.



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–How do you feel about the fact that nobody from inside the organisation has questioned you, despite the bad results?

–Do you know who questions the coach most? The coach. Me. That gives me security, but it is also a greater responsibility than if they questioned me. We are trying, we are doing our best and working hard like we did last year, but we're not getting the results. –But won't people's patience run out if this crisis continues?

–Patience is symptomatic in this club, on all sides, including the fans. But for the coach as well, because a lot of things have happened and I have never lost faith.

–The planning has been disastrous, and several factors and people have been involved in that. Do you blame yourself at all?

–A great many people and a lot of conditions have been involved. If I say anything it will sound as if I am trying to justify myself, and I detest that. I prefer to justify myself with my work. I accept the responsibility that corresponds to me.

–How does the departure of Arnau and the arrival of Husillos change the situation?

–They have two different ways of handling sports management, and that is noticeable. It's the same job but each has a different profile, a different feeling, and style.

–Do you see an improvement in the players' commitment?

–The players are starting to realise that everyone counts. I would say they are more focused, more responsible now, and that gives the sensation that the team is improving, even if we don't win. At first we were pretty sure that we would be able to win the matches, but we ended up losing. But that changed against Celta. I believe the players have upped their game, definitely.

–Last week in an interview with Canal Sur you said you had made a mistake in telling the players off af-



Michel, in his office during the interview. :: SALVADOR SALAS

ter the defeat in Soria. Why is that?

–I don't regret getting angry, because we all, individually and collectively, do that. But when you say it like that, it looks as if Michel is against his players, and that's not true. In the end, journalists say what they like. I don't feel bad about telling the footballers what I think, but I do when it is portrayed that way.

–When you talked about the recovery of some players, the best examples are Chory Castro and Peñaranda, who were ruled out at the start of the season.

–Yes. For us, training is very im-

portant. Some believe that if they play well one Sunday they'll do the same the following week. We believe you have to keep them guessing, because if they become overconfident they do us a lot of damage. Also, I have told them and I say it publicly: if we had been able to reduce the numbers, it is possible that neither of them would be here now. But they have carried on, they train well, they participate well, so they are important.

–Why are some players taking so long to show what they're made of?

–Because Malaga is the ideal club, for the players and the coach. It is

THE COACH IN BRIEF

–The future.

–Good. Because I always think like that. For me the present is fantastic and I think the future will be too.

–Arnau.

–Malaga's situation hasn't been fair to him, because he is capable of working and look what happened in the end.

–Al-Thani.

–He's an unusual owner. Running a club from far-off has its inconveniences but there are also positive aspects, because you only know what you want to know.

–Husillos.

–He's a man who lives for football and is a normal chap. He's unusual in this sport.

–La Rosaleda.

–It's a shame it hasn't had better results and earned a better reputation, because it is a magnificent stadium.

–King's Cup.

–It's a competition which I don't think should be set aside. I think they should promote it more.

–Resignation.

–It's a word which isn't in my vocabulary or in my life. Becoming resigned to things is a sign of getting old.

–Psychologist.

–I don't understand why people only turn to psychologists when things are going badly. They should be everywhere, in sports clubs, in life, in schools etc.

–Dismissal.

–Part of every coach's working life. When you sign a contract, it is one of the clauses. For those of us who have been around a long time, it's just one of those things. It doesn't bother us.

–Winter transfer window.

–For us it is going to be an oasis, because it will enable us to reconstruct ourselves and that's what we need to do.

a very comfortable club in a fantastic city. And the fans, even with one point, act as if we had achieved a historic victory. The press doesn't put pressure on us. I don't want them to, but it's the truth. The players come to a place where they live very well and the people here are lovely. It's great for the coach as well, because it is unheard-of for a club to have so much patience with the coach, although this one always has. If I were a calmer type of person, more relaxed, I wouldn't be flogging myself so hard to find solutions. But I am, and we have found some.

–On Sunday you have another final coming up, and with no Recio. What are you going to do?

–We didn't have Recio at Camp Nou either, and the team played a more than respectable game. He is a very important player, but we can't allow ourselves to think he is essential. We have to look for solutions, and I think we have them. We are not going to stop.

–Are you still interested in the King's Cup, as you said before the game with Numancia?

–I am, indeed. I can't see any justification for us leaving that aside and I think we could win. We're not doing well at the moment, but in a couple of months, in the next eliminator, we could be better. Every competition counts and every match is important.

–How do you feel about the support from the fans, especially in the match against Celta?

–The fans have also realised that this feeling of comfort has to change. At the Celta match, they tried to tell us to wake up. And they are also awake. What I saw from the fans then, without being an extreme situation, I had never seen anywhere else. People demonstrate for different reasons, but in the ninth match, never. The public has woken up, just as we have done now.



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A LOOK AT LA LIGA

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Zidane needs a miracle

The manager of Real Madrid may have worked wonders in the past but he needs to perform some magic to stop a disastrous end to the year

It seemed like reflective honesty at the time and few were arguing when Gerard Pique declared "In the nine years I've been [at Barca], it's the first time I feel inferior to Madrid,"

This was on the eve of the season when Real Madrid claimed yet another trophy by destroying Barcelona, 5-1 on aggregate, to add the Spanish Super Cup to their collection.

The Catalan captain was realistic when he reasoned that one team was going to dominate La Liga and their eternal rivals would give little resistance.

Examine the rest of Pique's post-match comments and it's quite prophetic: "We must live with this defeat and accept that Madrid are better than us [at the moment], but the season's very long and there's room for improvement."

Spin forwards three months and one of the giants is lumbering, surprisingly it's the champions of Spain and Europe.

Now it looks like a classic mind-game as Barca sit eight points clear of Real Madrid with the Clasico looming. If they both continue at the same pace it would be an eleven point gap going into the showcase event on December 23rd as Real head to the United Arab Emirates the week before for the FIFA Club World Championships.

Zinedine Zidane was crowned FIFA World Coach of the Year for 2017 and he needs to work some magic to prevent the year ending disastrously. He transformed the club when he replaced Rafa Benitez and little has gone wrong since then but now he needs to dig deep, make some big decisions and work his motivational powers.



Spanish Super Cup. :: EFE



Gareth Bale. :: REUTERS

He can work on minds but his biggest problem is that he can't provide any medical miracles and it appears that is what Gareth Bale requires.

Everyone commented on how the Welshman has become more ripped since moving to Spain. Sadly the more muscles he's developed the more muscles he has to pull. He's missed the last eight

games and now it's predicted that he'll be out until the New Year.

It's incredible that since the start of this year he's only lasted the whole ninety minutes in five games. In that time Real Madrid have played forty two games so you can see how they are missing his influence?

There have been stories suggesting that Tottenham would like to take him back. I would imagine that the Bernabeu money men would love that. At this rate he would only be a makeweight in the other speculated story that Harry Kane could be heading to La Liga.

Zidane has rightly been lauded since he took control of a meandering Madrid, now he needs to work harder than ever ensure that it isn't Real who end the season with an inferiority complex.

Fuengirola Lions lead all age groups in junior Andalusian league

The Fuengirola Lions hockey team got off to a strong start in the junior league last weekend, scoring an impressive grand total of 68 goals

by MINDY BURROWS

MALAGA. Last Saturday the junior Liga Andaluza began, with all games being played in Fuengirola. The Fuengirola Lions junior teams played five games across three age groups and were victorious in all of them.

In the oldest age group, the

youngsters beat Marbella 10-2 and then went on to win 10-5 against Sevilla. Lukas Rantanen scored five goals and made an assist in the latter match.

The 12 and 13 year olds, also beat Marbella, scoring 15 goals.

Goalie Aaron Arroyo did not let the opposing team score a single goal and, at the other end, Okko Kinnunen and Aaron Jääskeläinen were constantly scoring goals.

The youngest age group let in only one goal across two games and managed to score 33 goals themselves.

The Lions currently lead all three categories of the junior league.



The Lions played five games across three age groups. :: SIMO TYNYS

IN BRIEF

Malaga to host the Copa de la Reina competition

MADRID

by CARLOS J. MARTÍNEZ. From 20 to 22 April the Malaga Rincón Fertilidad will join together with Rocasa Gran Canaria and six other teams from the División de Honor to compete in Ciudad Jardín in the final round of the Copa de la Reina handball competition. The Copa de La Reina began in 1979 and this is the first time that the national tournament has come to Malaga.

Fans prepare to cheer Malaga to victory

MALAGA

by ANTONIO GÓNGORA. Malaga take on Deportivo in the Rosaleda football stadium on Sunday at noon.

The fans were a big part in Malaga's only win of the season against Celta, and now they are planning to fill the stadium with blue and white flags. On Wednesday, only 2,000 tickets remained for this match, which means the Rosaleda will have a spectacular atmosphere.

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▲ **Basketball.** Unicaja lost to Zalgiris 83-85 in the Euroleague on Tuesday. This loss comes only a few days after they were beaten 71-63 by Gipuzkoa Basket last week in their worst game of the season. They had previously thrashed Estrella Roja in the Euroleague, but they have been unable to maintain their rhythm. :: **ÁLVARO CABRERA**

► **Marathon.** The Alpino Jarapelos marathon took place last Saturday. The race passed through Alhaurín de la Torre, Benalmádena, Mijas, and Alhaurín el Grande. Zaid Ait Malek from Club Alpino Benalmádena, won for the third time finishing the course in 3 hours 51 minutes and 50 seconds. Iván Ortiz, from Malaga, was placed second. In the women's category, Gemma Arenas Alcázar won for the fourth time in a row. :: **SUR**



▲ **Football.** In Fuengirola last Saturday there was a charity football match involving legends from the national team and Malaga veterans. The former local players, including 63-year-old 'Juanito' Gómez, were beaten 2-1 by their opponents :: **ÁLVARO CABRERA**



◀ **Tennis.** Rafael Nadal was presented with the ATP World Tour No 1 Trophy during day One of the ATP World Tour Finals tennis tournament in London on Sunday. During the match the Spanish player was beaten by Belgian David Goffin, before ending his season. :: **AFP**



▲ **Water polo.** On Tuesday, Spain made a victorious debut in the World FINA water polo league in Malaga. The team played against Holland and won 9-5. The women's national team have their first game next Tuesday in Seville. :: **SALVADOR SALAS**



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THE STARS

Aquarius
January 21 - February 19
This week it is possible to help someone achieve something they should have done a long time ago.

Pisces
February 20th - March 20th
Feeding the needs of others can take a lot of time and effort. Are you ready to take on that extra responsibility?

Aries
March 21st - April 20th
Romantic decisions and propositions may be put on hold. You really need to be sure of yourself before you involve others.

Taurus
April 21st - May 21st
Dreams show you a more inspiring future. Why accept the mundane when there are such possibilities?

Gemini
May 22nd - June 21st
Let your imagination run riot and avoid listening to those who would drag it down to earth.

Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
Let your heart sing even if it still seems to be a bit out of tune. Is this the way it is meant to be? Trust your instincts.

Leo
July 24th - August 23rd
When it comes to romance and home life, be sure of what you want. Some decisions made now could be hard to get out of later.

Virgo
August 24th - September 23rd
Put all the energy and ideas into projects at home and work. Colleagues can be inspired to be on your side.

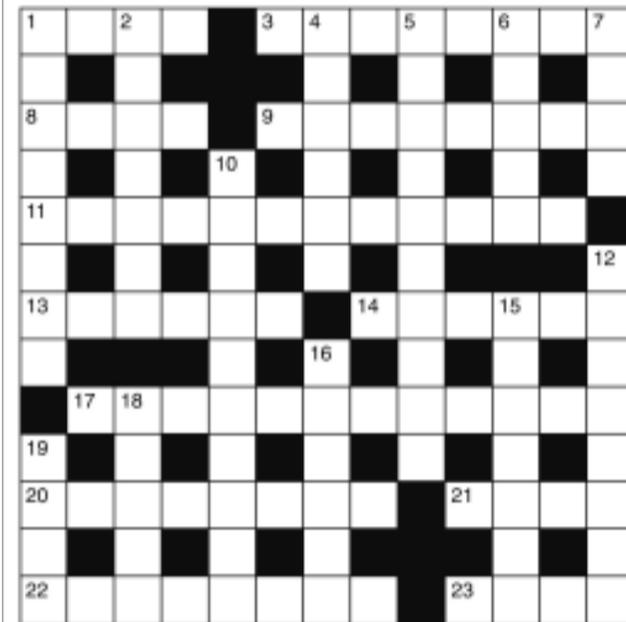
Libra
September 24th - October 23rd
When spotting something wrong, be sure that you are blaming the correct person. Mixed messages can be misunderstood.

Scorpio
October 24th - November 22nd
Enthusiasm is spreading for a neat idea of yours. Just be sure that the finances are stacking up OK.

Sagittarius
November 23rd - December 21st
Love and home life are taking up much time and thought. Even so, make the effort to fit in as much as possible.

Capricorn
December 22nd - January 20th
Someone who admires you could be giving off the exact opposite signals. General chats can help.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11269



Across

- 1 Yield sound grain (4)
- 3 Find code has been given in trust (8)
- 8 A method from home (4)
- 9 Such a conveyance is a vehicle carrying one in anger (8)
- 11 The price athletes pay? (7,5)
- 13 Is he mightier than a swordsman? (6)
- 14 Perhaps the ploughman expects dividends from them (6)
- 17 Publicity material for printing operative on strike? (5,4-3)
- 20 Glad rags of use to show people (8)
- 21 A wonderful punishment, it would seem! (4)
- 22 Prepare to greet day, perhaps (3,5)
- 23 Make the giant go back again (4)

Down

- 1 He may well have been elected to his seat (8)
- 2 Put up a number on hospital section to get fishing gear (7)
- 4 Point-blank colour? (6)
- 5 Vainly free, perhaps (3,7)
- 6 Rough copy for doctor at the back (5)
- 7 Up and down action (4)
- 10 Unimportant rise for musician? (5,5)
- 12 Wise rate, so to speak (2,2,4)
- 15 Go in for covering (7)
- 16 In ghostly obscurity? (6)
- 18 Dexter is correct (5)
- 19 Lose interest in standard (4)

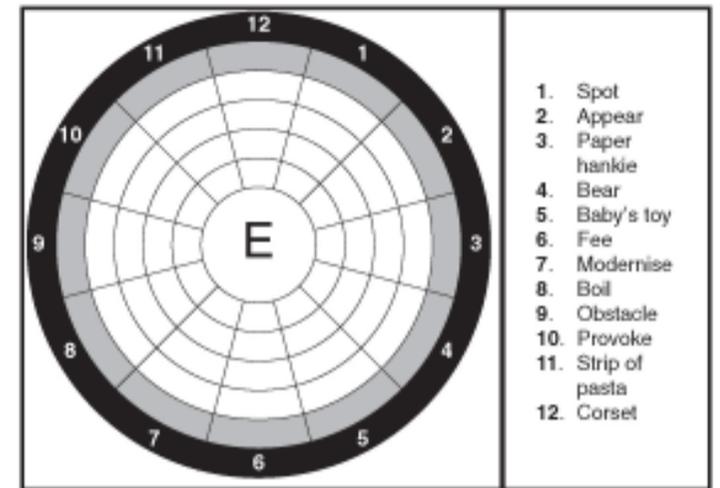
SUDOKU BY HANZO

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

9	4			2	1			
			9	3				
		8				4		3
					1			2
		1	3				8	
4	2		5					9
	6	5		7				
				8			4	
		7		9				

CLOCKWORD

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



- 1. Spot
- 2. Appear
- 3. Paper hankie
- 4. Bear
- 5. Baby's toy
- 6. Fee
- 7. Modernise
- 8. Boil
- 9. Obstacle
- 10. Provoke
- 11. Strip of pasta
- 12. Corset

THE WORDPUZZLER

N	B	I	D	A	G	R	E	R	D
G	A	R	A	S	P	A	R	I	S
I	L	O	B	K	A	B	E	G	O
S	E	L	L	I	M	A	N	A	R
E	V	O	I	E	L	T	O	M	B
O	L	S	K	V	A	H	B	E	I
U	E	P	R	O	N	I	E	N	T
L	A	G	O	S	T	G	R	D	U
G	R	I	M	A	T	U	N	I	S
E	D	S	E	H	U	N	O	P	H

CAN you identify the cities from the anagrams listed below?

- 1. Mail
- 2. Nerb
- 3. Goals
- 4. Grai
- 5. Ikve
- 6. Suitn
- 7. Pairs
- 8. More
- 9. Braat
- 10. Louse

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24 hours, music and entertainment

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

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3 p.m. News, views and music

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QUIZ

QUESTION 1

What was the title of Madonna's debut studio album?

- 1. Madonna
- 2. True Blue
- 3. Like a Virgin
- 4. Rebel Heart

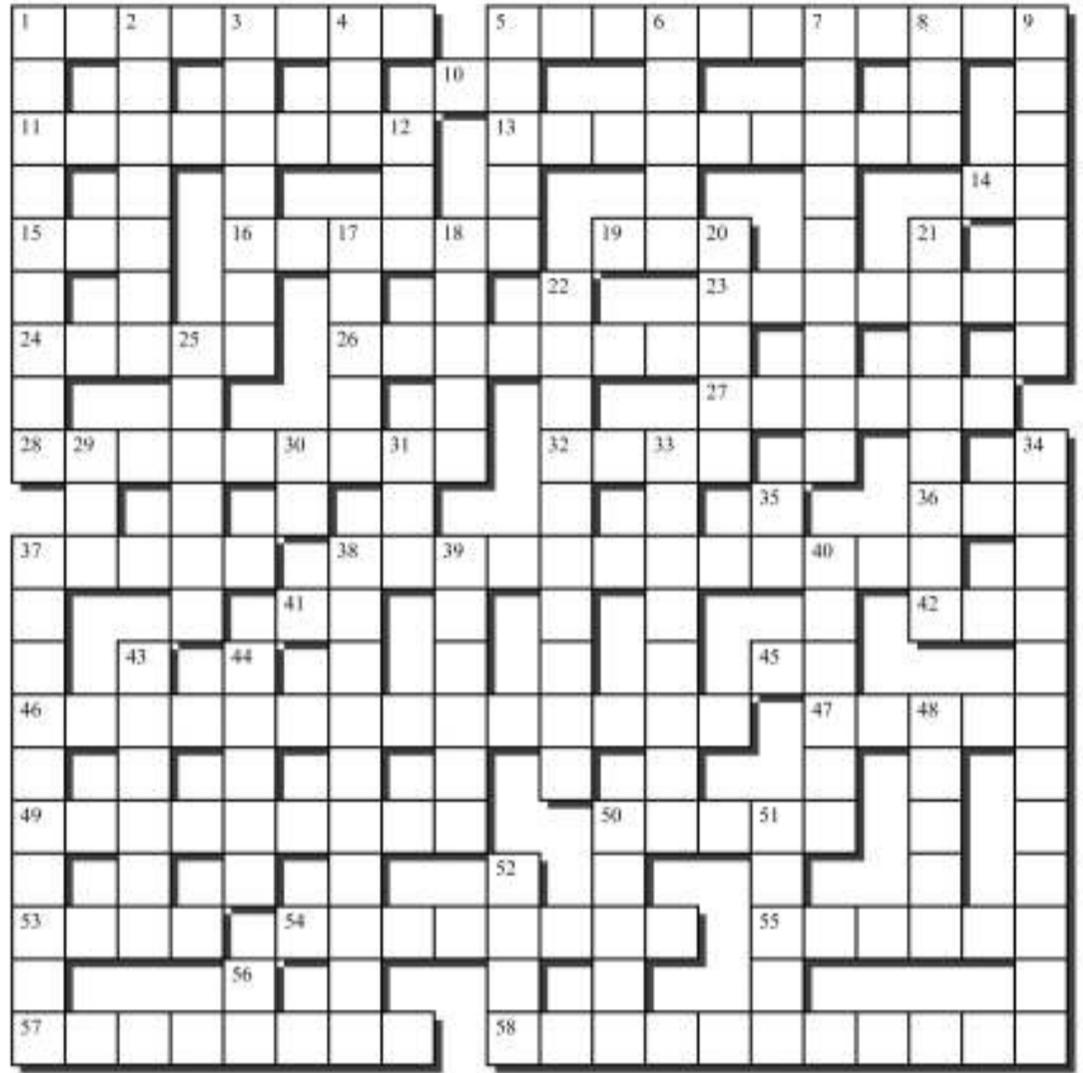
QUESTION 2

A string quartet traditionally consists of which four instruments?

- 1. Violin, viola, oboe, cello
- 2. Two Violins, viola, cello
- 3. Violin, viola, cello, dble bass
- 4. Violin, viola, cello, guitar

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Across | Down |
| 1) Spokesperson (8) | 1) Piracy (9) |
| 5) They confirmed (11) | 2) Ransom (7) |
| 10) The (f) (2) | 3) Tuna boat (7) |
| 11) Scratches (8) | 4) Gold (3) |
| 13) Security guard (9) | 5) To dig (5) |
| 14) Of (2) | 6) Fried (f) (5) |
| 15) Aunt (3) | 7) Dumbbell (9) |
| 16) To go in (6) | 8) He laughs (3) |
| 19) Bang! (3) | 9) To sail (7) |
| 23) Arrival (7) | 12) To be (3) |
| 24) I beg (5) | 17) They bring (5) |
| 26) Relieved (8) | 18) Contraband shipment (5) |
| 27) You have (pl) (6) | 20) Fleet (5) |
| 28) Arms (9) | 21) Sailor (8) |
| 32) This one (4) | 22) Release (10) |
| 36) Axis (3) | 25) Free (6) |
| 37) Podium (5) | 29) River (3) |
| 38) To count (12) | 30) It is (2) |
| 41) I (2) | 31) Uncle (3) |
| 42) I smelled (3) | 33) Sadness (8) |
| 45) To go (2) | 34) Helicopters (12) |
| 46) Hijackers (14) | 35) My (2) |
| 47) Dog (5) | 37) President (10) |
| 49) Defeated (9) | 38) Password (10) |
| 50) To damage (5) | 39) Novice (6) |
| 53) Walnut (4) | 40) To set sail (6) |
| 54) Fishing boat (8) | 43) It happens (6) |
| 55) To fish (6) | 44) Better (5) |
| 57) To hand over (8) | 48) Hostage (5) |
| 58) Crew members (11) | 50) I slept (5) |
| | 51) Bishop (in chess) (5) |
| | 52) Thin cured sausage (4) |
| | 56) She sees (2) |



ANSWERS

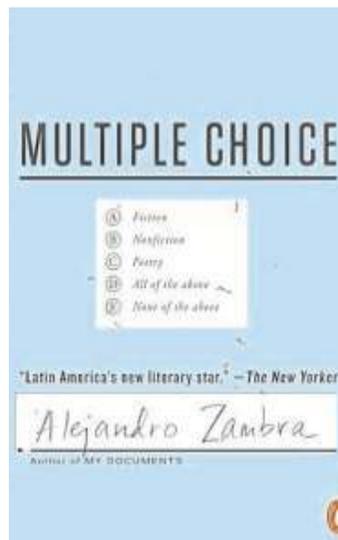
Quiz answers

Of interest: American singer Madonna has released 13 studio albums, three soundtrack albums, five live albums, six compilation albums, and 34 other limited releases. The first release under Warner Bros Records was 'Madonna' (1983). It was certified five times platinum by the RIAA.
Answer 2: Two violins, viola, cello
Of interest: The four instruments in a string quartet are almost always 2 violins, 1 viola and 1 cello. The reason that a double bass is not used is that it would sound too loud and heavy.

Cryptic Crossword

Solutions: Across: 1 Cede; 3 Confided; 8 Away; 9 Cabbage; 11 Running costs; 13 Author; 14 Shares; 17 Press hand-out; 20 Lagards; 21 Fine; 22 Get ready; 23 Ogre; Down: 1 Chairman; 2 Drawnet; 4 Orange; 5 For nothing; 6 Draft; 7 Deed; 10 Minor scale; 12 As it were; 15 Roofing; 16 Shaded; 18 Right; 19 Flag.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Multiple Choice
Alejandro Zambra

Multiple Choice involves the reader in language exercises and short narrative passages via multiple-choice questions that are thought-provoking, usually unanswerable, and often absurd. It is a new kind of reading experience, one where the reader participates directly. Humorous, sad, and at times, frustrating, Multiple Choice is about love and family; privacy and closeness; how society is affected by the legacies of the past; and the conviction that, rather than learning to think, we are trained to obey and repeat.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One has to do something new in order to see something new

GEORG LICHTENBERG

Clockword solution

SOLUTION: 1 Pimple, 2 Emerge, 3 Tissue, 4 Endure, 5 Rattle, 6 Charge, 7 Update, 8 Seethe, 9 Hurdle, 10 Incline, 11 Noodle, 12 Gidle, CELEBRITY: Peter Cushing.

Wordpuzzler solution

1. Lima
2. Bem
3. Lagos
4. Riga
5. Kiev
6. Tunis
7. Paris
8. Rome
9. Rabat
10. Seoul

Sudoku solution

9	3	4	8	5	2	1	7	6
7	1	6	9	3	4	2	5	8
2	5	8	6	1	7	4	9	3
5	8	9	7	4	1	3	6	2
6	7	1	3	2	9	5	8	4
4	2	3	5	6	8	7	1	9
8	6	5	4	7	3	9	2	1
3	9	2	1	8	5	6	4	7
1	4	7	2	9	6	8	3	5

Language Crossword

ACROSS:
1 PORTAVOZ 5 CONFERABRON 10 LA 11 RASGÜNOS 13 VIGILANTE 14 DE 15 TA 16 ENTAR 19 PAZ 21 LLGADA 24 RUGO 26 ALVADO 27 TENIS 28 RANMANTO 32 STA 36 EE 37 PODO 38 CONTABILIZAR 41 VO 42 OL 43 R 46 SCURADORS 47 PER 48 BORDADO 50 ANAR 53 NEZ 54 PESÜERO 55 FANAR 57 ENTREGAR 58 TRIPULANTES
DOWN:
1 PRATERIA 2 RESCATE 3 JUNERO 4 ORO 5 CAVAR 6 ERTA 9 NAVEGAR 11 MANCUERNA 8 RE 9 NAVEGAR 12 SER 17 TRAVEN 18 ALTO 20 PLOTA 21 MARINERO 22 LIBERACION 25 GRATIS 29 MO 30 ES 31 TO 32 PRESIDENTE 34 CONTRASÑA 37 TRISTEZA 34 HELICOPTEROS 35 MI 39 NOVATO 40 ZARAR 43 OCURE 44 MEDOR 48 REHEN 50 DORNI 51 ALPE 52 FUET 56 VE

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Reliving the golden age of rock and roll and a subculture that took on the Establishment

A recently published book tells the story of a young man's journey into adulthood and his pursuit of stardom as a musician during the 1960s

BY TONY BRYANT

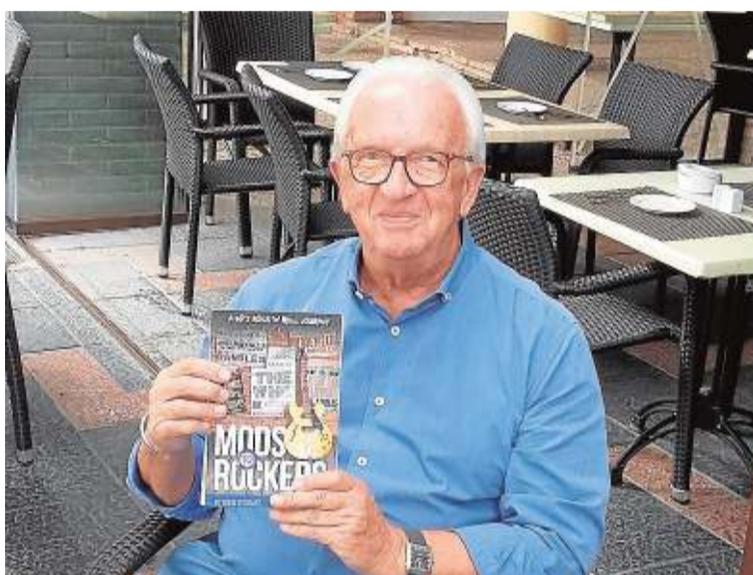
MALAGA. 'Thirty campers held after Wild West battle' reported the front page of the Daily Mail on Saturday 5 August 1961.

Colin Stoddart, now retired and living in Calahonda, was among the young men who were arrested after a gang fight that took place on St Osyth beach in Clacton.

It was the beginning of a new dawn, one of the most magical eras in the UK, and Colin had been involved in the first recorded bank holiday altercation between the leather-clad rockers and the clothes-focused, young men known as Mods.

This story is among the many that are recalled in *Mods to Rockers*, a new book available from Amazon, in which Colin recounts his experiences in the music scene of the 1960s.

Colin was born in East London in



Colin and his book about the music scene of the 60s. **BY TONY BRYANT**

1943 and was educated at St Edward's Church of England School in Romford. On leaving school, he went to work for a national high street bank, although his brush with the police in Clacton almost ended his career in banking. During this "dark period" Colin found solace in being the lead guitarist of a popular local group.

His prevailing love of the guitar and rock 'n' roll music had prompted him to form a group with his friends at school, and so he pursued a parallel career over the next eight years while continuing to work in the bank.

Colin and his generation were at the forefront of a new style, beat and ethos that would take Britain into a

brighter and more confident future. His recently published book tells the story of a young man bearing witness to one of the greatest decades Britain ever knew. From his last day at school to supporting some of the era's most iconic groups with his band, The Candles, Colin recalls this exciting period with the utmost precision.

"I have a very good memory and I have always hoarded stuff like concert posters and newspaper clippings, so writing the book was not too hard. The difficult part was deciding what to leave out," the former guitarist tells SUR in English.

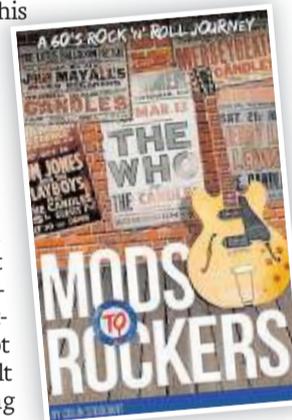
Mods to Rockers tells the tale of a young man's journey into adulthood, his pursuit of stardom, the dawn of a new scene laced with 'Purple Hearts', and the call of the dingy pubs and clubs of London. Colin relives the very early years of the British rock 'n' roll era, sharing a stage with many

emerging British acts, like The Who, Tom Jones, Dave Clark Five, The Merseybeats, and other groups of the time.

One of the author's most treasured memories was playing on the same stage as one of his childhood heroes,

the wild man of rock 'n' roll, Jerry Lee Lewis. Another was his first encounter with The Who, the most outlandish band of the time. "We were both on the same bill and Roger Daltrey asked if they could use our gear. We had just brought new amps and a drum kit, so we said no: imagine our relief when we saw how they treated their instruments, especially Keith Moon," Colin says, laughing as he recalls the incident.

This is a period that Colin remembers passionately, but by the end of the decade he had abandoned his dream and began working in the fashion industry. "The youth subculture of the '60s took on the establishment and changed the world and I witnessed it all," Colin says nostalgically.



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