



Pedro Sánchez and King Felipe with the new government ministers after the swearing-in ceremony on Thursday. :: EFE

New majority-female cabinet lines up ready to steer Spain into a new era

PSOE leader Pedro Sánchez is the new prime minister after his no-confidence vote in conservative Mariano Rajoy, who stood down as PP party leader this week

Spain has an unexpected new government after the success of Socialist party leader Pedro Sánchez's no-confidence vote in former conservative prime minister Mariano Rajoy last Friday. Sánchez, who was sworn in as PM on Saturday, has since named a cabinet that shows his com-

mitment to equality, the EU and the unity of Spain. Eleven women ministers will sit on the cabinet alongside six men, a higher ratio than in any other European country, and many of the new ministers are not politicians, but professionals in their designated field, among them a for-

mer astronaut. Ousted Mariano Rajoy announced earlier this week that he would step down as leader of the Partido Popular when his successor has been chosen at an upcoming party conference. Meanwhile, the new government set to work on Thursday after being sworn in. **P2&3**

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Fireworks on Tuesday. :: J-L

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Pedro Sánchez is sworn in as prime minister in front of King Felipe and outgoing PM Mariano Rajoy (right) . :: EFE

All change - Pedro Sánchez takes over as PM and chooses an innovative cabinet

The Socialist leader's appointments, most of whom are women, reflect his commitment to equal rights, the EU and Spanish unity, with several non-politicians joining his team

■ SUR

MADRID. New prime minister, Pedro Sánchez, has named a female-dominated cabinet with some innovative other choices in his first week in the job. Sánchez, leader of the PSOE Socialist party, dramatically ousted Mariano Rajoy of the

Partido Popular (PP) in an MPs' no-confidence vote last Friday (1 June).

The no-confidence motion, tabled in reaction to corruption accusations and court sentences against former top PP members, had seemed unlikely to succeed at first. However the minority PSOE party was able to gather the votes of the fragmented smaller political groups to reach a majority of 180 MPs in favour versus 169 against.

Smaller parties vote for PSOE

The decision by the PNV Basque nationalist party to give its five MPs' votes to Sánchez was crucial as it had sided with the PP on a vote to

pass the delayed 2018 national budget only a few days earlier. Only Ciudadanos maintained support for conservative leader.

Rajoy, who had decided not to stand down as PM ahead of the no-confidence vote, left the chamber immediately after last Friday's decision and wished Sánchez good luck. The new PM was sworn in by King Felipe on Saturday morning.

Sánchez, who is not currently an MP, promised in his address in parliament during the motion to lead a Socialist, supportive and pro-European government. He has promised to maintain the agreed national budget for 2018, a concession won

by the PNV party in return for its support, and showed signs that he recognises the challenges of leading a government with just 84 MPs that will need to pact with several other parties in order to win each vote in Madrid's Congreso.

Minority government

Many commentators expressed doubts that the government can do much before the next general election in June 2020. Head of Ciudadanos, Albert Rivera, wished Pedro Sánchez good luck at the head of a "Frankenstein government", which he said would be "weak".

The defeat of Rajoy brought ju-

Of the 17 new ministers sworn in on Thursday by the king, 11 are women

bilation from left-wing parties and calls from Catalan separatist groups for urgent talks with Sánchez on the independence question and the fate of many of their leaders who are in jail or facing arrest.

A political comeback

Pedro Sánchez's appointment as PM came as a surprise to almost everyone. Not only did the no-confidence motion succeed where it had been expected to fail, but Sánchez, 46, had resigned the PSOE leadership in 2016 rather than help the PP party into power by having his party abstain in Rajoy's investiture debate, as his replacement went on to do. He then claimed the party crown again in 2017, beating the Andalusian regional president, Susana Díaz, to the top job despite almost all other senior PSOE members openly supporting Díaz's candidacy.

Sánchez, who is from a middle-class Madrid family and has been married to Begoña Gómez for 12 years, has two daughters, born in 2005 and 2007. He is a fan of basketball and is known for his support for more equality for women, the EU and the unity of Spain, although favouring a more federal country. Sánchez wasted no time in shaping his new cabinet with fresh faces to reflect his views and unrestrained by the need to politically reward many long-standing supporters.

Outsiders appointed

Of the 17 new ministers sworn in by the king on Thursday morning, 11 are women, making it the most female-dominated government in Europe.

In addition, among his more radical appointments from outside politics are a television journalist and former astronaut, as well as two public supporters of LGBT rights.

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A Catalan charged with building bridges with that region.



José Luis Ábalos Infrastructure

A top PSOE party official who has always been loyal to Sánchez.



Isabel Celaá Spokesperson, Education and Professional Training

Previously in the Basque government and a party loyalist.



Màxim Huerta Culture and Sport

A journalist and TV pundit, his surprise appointment is controversial.



Pedro Duque Science, Innovation and Universities

A former astronaut, he has been into space twice, including on the Space Shuttle.



Magdalena Valerio Work, Migration and Social Security

An expert in pensions ready to try to reform the system.



Teresa Ribera Ecological Transition

A new, larger Environment department to promote a greener planet.



Luis Planas Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Experienced in the role from Andalucía and most recently was in Brussels.



Carmen Montón Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Affairs

A Valencian regional politician, against privatisation of health.



Reyes Maroto Industry, Business and Tourism

A reputation as a tough negotiator and experienced in Madrid regional politics.



Mariano Rajoy quits as party head and PP begins search for next leader

The election will take place at a conference in July, with the current regional president of Galicia seen as possible front runner to take over

■ SUR

MADRID. In the end Mariano Rajoy was praised by both political friends and enemies for the way he swiftly announced that he will be standing aside from the leadership of the conservative PP party. I am going "because it is best for me, best for the PP and best for Spain", explained the tearful former prime minister after meeting his party's most senior members on Tuesday.

Rajoy had resisted calls to step down as PM before last week's no-confidence vote, insisting that he had done nothing wrong in corrup-



An emotional Rajoy resigns. ■ EFE

tion scandals that have plagued the party and eventually brought down his government.

Leader of left-wing Podemos and arch critic, Pablo Iglesias, praised the outgoing PP leader after his an-

nouncement. "An elegant and intelligent politician is retiring...he won my respect," Iglesias wrote on Twitter.

Rajoy took over the PP in 2004 from José María Aznar and was prime minister from 2011. Since October 2016 he has led a minority government, which, despite having the largest number of MPs by far, has had to pact, principally with the Ciudadanos and PNV parties, to survive.

In the recent judgment in the Gürtel corruption case, Rajoy was cited as "lacking credibility" as a witness. He will stand down after a party conference in July to choose his successor.

Although candidates have still not declared their hand, a possible front runner is regional president of Galicia, Alberto Nuñez-Feijóo, who is seen as not tinged by corruption scandals and able to draw together different wings of the PP party.



Biggest hashish trafficker in Europe is arrested in Campo de Gibraltar

The man known as 'El Castaña' is part of a well-known clan that was behind the raid on La Línea hospital earlier this year

:: EFE

LA LÍNEA. National Police have dealt a major blow to the drugs trade in the Campo de Gibraltar this week with the arrest of Antonio Tejón, known as 'El Castaña', in La Línea de la Concepción. Tejón was one of the most wanted criminals in Spain and is said to be the head of the largest hashish smuggling gang in Europe, controlled by his family. A large part of the drug shipments coming into the area are said to be down to the clan.

Police sources said that his arrest took place on Wednesday

night in an operation that was carried out in La Línea. Investigators had been looking for him for some 19 months and he was held in a residential property in the town at around 11pm, sources said. Tejón was remanded in custody immediately because of the arrest warrants out in his name.

The family organisation that he leads, with help from his brother Francisco, who police suspect has fled from the immediate area, is said to be largest in the south of Spain and is called 'Los Castañitas'.

Several members of the group attacked La Línea hospital in order to free one of their members last

February, according to sources. Tejón was said to be behind the organisation of that raid.

The head of National Police in La Línea said that Tejón put up no resistance and was the only person detained on Wednesday.



Police image of the drug trafficker's arrest. :: SUR

112 REPORTS

Man faces 172-year sentence for grooming

MALAGA

:: JUAN CANO / ÁLVARO FRÍAS.

The Malaga public prosecutor's office has recommended a 172-year sentence for a 27-year-old man who has been accused of coercion and corruption of minors, possession of child pornography and the discovery and disclosure of secrets.

The man was posing as an adolescent girl and offering the victims advice about boys. A police investigation, 'Operation Molling', found that the accused had spoken with 1,000 different girls and had identified 41 separate victims. The first victim, from Antequera, led the police to the suspect's address in Castrillón (Asturias) where he was arrested.

Man arrested for abusing and locking up girlfriend

MALAGA

:: Á. FRÍAS / J. CANO. A 32-year-old woman from the Dominican Republic who travelled to Benalmádena to meet her boyfriend was locked in his flat, nude, and subjected to sexual assault and mistreatment over a period of eight days. The couple met online in August and after talking on the phone she decided to fly to Malaga and stay with her family there, although she soon moved to Benalmádena, where both her cousin and boyfriend lived. However, her boyfriend apparently became jealous of her job working in her cousin's bar, fearing she would meet other men, and decided to lock her in his home.



Miguel Ángel at his trial. :: SUR

Man who killed wife and child found dead in cell

MALAGA

:: J. CANO / Á. FRÍAS. Miguel Ángel, who was sentenced for murdering his ex-partner Estefanía and their child, Aarón, has been found dead in his cell. According to sources consulted by SUR, an investigation has been opened by police into the circumstances surrounding his death. The body of the prisoner was taken from the prison to a facility in Malaga where it was cremated.

Miguel was in a relationship with partner Estefanía between 2006 and 2013, but after they broke up he threatened her in constant phone calls, before murdering her and their son in September 2013.

Two arrested for racist aggression against Chinese student

MALAGA

:: Á. FRÍAS / J. CANO. Two men accused of racially abusing Chinese student Iris Zhang on a train between Fuengirola and Malaga have been arrested thanks to her clever use of social media, through which the suspects were quickly identified.

Following the contribution of several Facebook users, the National Police launched an investigation into the incident and soon identified the two suspects. The events took place on 29 April when Zhang was returning from Fuengirola after visiting the Feria de los Pueblos with friends. Several boys were chanting racist slogans at her as well as hitting her in the face and threatening her with a lit cigarette.

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In their hands - unions and bosses from the hospitality sector ahead of their meeting on Tuesday. :: NITO SALAS

Unions plan summer of strikes in hotels and restaurants on Costa

Dates that will have maximum impact on visitors to the area are being discussed if no deal is reached with bosses before a 15 June vote

:: JUAN SOTO

MALAGA. Tourists on the Costa del Sol this summer could meet with empty reception desks and closed restaurants as strike action moves closer. Trade unions in the hotel and hospitality sector announced on Thursday that they will call for four periods of industrial action during July, August and September.

The move comes in response to Tuesday's breakdown in the ongoing negotiations with employers over new working conditions. Union representatives and bosses were meeting for the eleventh time to sign off on a collective bargaining deal as the last one expired in December, but the meeting broke up without an agreement. Last month workers staged a four-stage march along the Costa in support of improved conditions.

Representatives of employers

have offered an eight per cent salary increase over four years, whereas unions are asking for 16 per cent. The Mahos association, representing restaurants, called this demand "ridiculous", saying that businesses outside the busiest areas couldn't afford it.

Another key disagreement centres on hotels, where the local hoteliers association, Aehcos, wants to link salary increases to an improvement in absenteeism and changes in the way days off are allocated. Unions want staff who work

for outside contractors to be included in the terms of the new deal. The hoteliers say this has nothing to do with the collective agreement and it is up to each company to negotiate separately.

Speaking for the unions, Sergio de Oses of UGT said that it was "a pity that what could be the best summer ever for tourism could be remembered as the worst". Luis Callejón, of Aehcos, said the strike would be a mistake as the workers "have the best agreement in Spain", and it would be hard to explain "to working families that need the income, especially as they are defending workers who are part of other agreements".

The actual dates and scope of the industrial action haven't been announced but unions said they will last three to four days each and be at the end of July, start and middle of August and start of September.

Unions will meet on 15 June to make their decision unless negotiations resume first.

What do you think?

If you work in a hotel, bar or restaurant, or will be affected by a possible strike, we want to hear from you.

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Flashback to May's march. :: N. S.

Leading Church charity says some local people are more vulnerable than in the crisis

Cáritas, part of the Catholic Church, has just presented its annual report and marked its fiftieth anniversary in Malaga province

:: ANA PÉREZ-BRYAN

MALAGA. Cáritas, the leading charity of the Catholic Church in Spain, has said in its annual report for the Malaga area, published last week, that many people are more vulnerable now than during the financial crisis.

In their yearly assessment of activity in Malaga province and

the Costa de Sol, which this year coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of their local work, leaders explained that for the first time they can talk positively about a "post-crisis" period. They say that the number of people across the area getting aid has declined significantly, but those who still cannot make ends meet are in a much more precarious position than before.

Last year records show that almost 30,000 local people benefited from aid. Some 3.15 million euros was spent on direct aid and a further five million went on running the charity's welfare centres.



Bishop of Malaga, Jesús Catalá, with heads of Cáritas. :: SUR

Taxis hold back action as Uber arrives on the Costa and Cabify expands its fleet

:: FRANCISCO JIMÉNEZ

COSTA DEL SOL. The arrival of 200 Uber cars on the Costa for the first time in the last week hasn't so far led to conflict with the area's taxi drivers, although some are not ruling out future industrial action.

As news of an increase in the local fleet of Cabify, a similar ride-charging app, came at the same

time as the launch of Uber, taxis asked local authorities and government to do more to help them stop private-hire cars of all types possibly breaking the rules.

They want to see more checks at the airport, where Uber and Cabify drivers cannot pick up passengers without a prearranged booking, and have asked for an urgent meeting to find out why a parking area for up to 43 private-hire vehicles is to be set up by the terminal.

Meanwhile, police have been stepping up random checks on the coast on cars offering private hire as part of local councils' previous commitment to the taxi industry to make sure that the drivers are complying with the law.

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HERE AND THERE

New structure will allow disabled people to bathe safely in the sea

FUENGIROLA
:: I. GELIBTER. Fuengirola town council announced last Saturday that plans are under way for a new structure on San Francisco beach which will improve accessibility. The objective is to help elderly and disabled people to enjoy the sea with reduced difficulty.

Facilities will include new lanes in which those with reduced mobility can swim safely, ropes to pull to call for assistance and handrails which will be securely fixed into to the sea floor.
 New developments will also feature 22 seats which will stand on the shore at a depth of 40 or 50 centimetres.
 The Fuengirola town council predicts that the structure will require an investment of 21,500 euros.

Mijas reserves land for coastal train in El Ensanche de La Cala

MIJAS
:: I. GELIBTER. Mijas town hall has announced that it has provisionally reserved land in the El Ensanche de la Cala area for a hypothetical coastal train.
 The councillor for Urban Development, Andrés Ruiz, explained that the objective is for an extended Cercanías train to run through the municipality of Mijas. Last January, Minister for Development Íñigo de la Serna presented two alternative options for the train route, which would connect Marbella and Estepona to the current railway network. One idea is for an underground line which runs below the A-7 road, the second is the creation of a line that runs parallel to the motorway. Neither would run directly through the town of Mijas.
 “We want the line to connect the city of Malaga with the rest of the localities on the Costa del Sol, with at least four stops in the Mijas area,” said mayor Juan Carlos Maldonado.

Better accessibility for Torrebermeja beach

BENALMÁDENA
:: A. GÓMEZ. Benalmádena town council is taking action to improve accessibility at the lifeguard and first aid points on Torrebermeja beach.
 New measures, subsidised by the provincial government will include the construction of a concrete ramp that would allow those with reduced mobility to access the first aid point from both the promenade and the carriageway.



The situation has caused problems for visitors to La Paloma park. :: SUR

Bird invasion in La Paloma park also threatening nearby areas

Hundreds of hens and cockerels are running free on the main pathways through the park and are finding their way into neighbouring residential developments

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ
BENALMÁDENA. La Paloma park in Benalmádena, one of the biggest “green lungs” among the concrete of the Costa del Sol, has become overrun with hundreds of cockerels and hens.

The scene may seem amusing at

first, but the situation has caused a number of problems: visitors to the park are having difficulty walking comfortably along the main pathways; and some of the “invaders” are finding their way into neighbouring developments.
 The town hall has said that the animals living in the park “have never been out of control”, however the numbers have caused numerous complaints and increased the risk of infection and disease.
 Benalmádena town hall estimates that there are around 400 hens and cockerels in the park. The veterinary service of the firm FCC (Fomento de Construcciones y

Contratas) with the contract for the maintenance of the municipality’s park and gardens has declined to comment due to “company policy”.
 The town hall blames the increase in members of the public who abandon unwanted animals in the park. The local authority has started taking hens to farm-schools all over the province and has called for anyone wanting to take in a chicken to come forward.
 A ringing project, still incomplete, will allow the authority in future to identify the birds that belong and those that have been abandoned.

Benalmádena proposes funding new station itself

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ
BENALMÁDENA. The town council in Benalmádena will request authorisation from the Ministry of Finance to use its own surplus to build a new Cercanías stop in Nueva Torrequebrada. A council meeting on 31 May unanimously approved a proposal for an agreement with the Ministry of Development to carry out the works. This would allow the authorities to respond to the demands of residents, who currently have to travel several kilometres to catch the train, which connects Malaga and Fuengirola.
 A recent petition collected 1,400 signatures in favour of the new stop. Adjoining localities Torremolinos and Fuengirola have five and three stops, respectively, while in Benalmádena there are just two: Arroyo de la Miel and Torremuelle.
 The mayor, Víctor Navas, says that a new stop would be “beneficial to the local economy”.

The central government, which has jurisdiction on matters such as these, said in December that it did not plan to build a new stop in the area, stating that further cost-benefit analysis was necessary.
 This is not the first time that this issue has been discussed by the council. Nueva Torrequebra is currently undergoing development and has a population of 4,000 people. It is situated more than six kilometres away from Arroyo de la Miel. Recent development projects in the area have resulted in the construction of a new school, funded by the regional government, and an extension to the dam, whose budget came out of central government surplus.
 The local council claims that population growth has been significant in recent years and the 103 bus line is “insufficient” for everyone’s needs: “A new train stop would mean a “considerable improvement to quality of life”.



The council votes in favour of the proposal. :: SUR

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Six tips for protecting and growing your wealth

By John McCann, Senior Partner, Blevins Franks

Today presents many challenges to preserving your wealth and seeing it grow over time. Alongside economic uncertainty surrounding Brexit, we have endured years of ultra-low interest rates and an ever-changing tax and regulatory landscape. All this makes it harder for investors to achieve returns that are not eroded by inflation and taxation.

At times like this, careful planning plays a particularly important role in securing your financial security over the long term. Here are six key tips that can help.

1. Establish a suitable strategy

When it comes to investing, one size definitely does not fit all. What will suit you depends on your specific objectives, time-frame and attitude to risk. With an ill-fitting investment portfolio, you could find that your money is not working hard enough or is difficult to access when you need it. Even worse, it could be eaten away entirely.

It is crucial that your portfolio is created and managed to meet your particular set of circumstances and goals, including your requirement

for income. For example, are your investments tailored for your life in Spain, where your expenses are mostly in euros, or are they better suited to someone living in the UK?

2. Understand your appetite for risk

Before investing, establish the right balance of risk and return for your peace of mind. Different investment assets represent varying levels of risk, from cash and fixed income assets (government and corporate bonds), to equities and 'real assets' like property.

It is extremely difficult to effectively assess your own tolerance for risk. Instead, speak to an experienced adviser who can ask the right questions and use appropriate tools to create a clear and objective risk profile for you. They can then recommend an appropriate blend of investments to match your profile.

Remember: without some element of risk, you may struggle to outpace inflation, especially with longer term bank deposits and today's low interest rates. Explore options that help control risk within your

comfort zone.

3. Identify your timeline for investing

The longer you have to invest, the more risk you can generally afford to take. With time, you can ride out market volatility and benefit from compound returns (interest on interest, for instance). Understanding your time horizon is also the key to ensuring your investments offer the right level of 'liquidity'. You never know when your plans may change – for example, needing to return to the UK unexpectedly for family or health reasons – so hold some liquid assets that can be sold if you need to access your capital or change your strategy.

4. Insist on diversification

The higher your concentration in one particular investment type or area – including the UK – the higher the risk. Spreading out investments across asset classes, geographic regions and market sectors limits exposure to any one area. You can take diversification further by choosing an adviser who uses a 'multi-manager' approach to

spread your investments out among several carefully-selected fund managers.

5. Incorporate effective tax planning

To help maximise real returns and protect your wealth for future generations, factor in tax planning when setting up your portfolio. Look for arrangements that can shelter capital from tax while providing a tax-efficient income, and that enable you to transfer wealth to your beneficiaries with minimal bureaucracy and inheritance taxes.

For expatriates, this is complicated by having to work with the rules of more than one country. An adviser with cross-border expertise can ensure you meet your tax liabilities, in Spain and in the UK, while taking advantage of available opportunities.

6. Regularly review your strategy

Good financial planning is not a 'set and forget' exercise. Your circumstances, aims and requirements usually change over time.

You should review your financial planning around once a year to keep it on track. If anything significant happens that might affect the effectiveness or suitability of your portfolio, including a change in the law or tax rules, make sure you bring this forward.

The key to bringing all these guidelines together is ensuring you take personalised, expert advice from a regulated adviser. Whether you are looking at investments, tax planning, estate planning or your pension, it is crucial that your approach is appropriate for you. With the right strategy in place for your life in Spain, you can protect and grow your wealth – in real terms – not only during your lifetime but for the next generations to enjoy.

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A mock-up of the fountain, the umbrellas and the beds which will contain a variety of plants. :: SUR

Revamp of main San Pedro square to take six months

The transformation of the Plaza de la Iglesia will get under way imminently and will be completed more quickly than first thought

NIEVES CASTRO
MARBELLA. Refurbishment works to be carried out on the Plaza de la Iglesia in San Pedro, a major square

in the town centre where both the town hall and the main church are located, will begin imminently, according to sources from the mayor's office.
The modernisation of this central part of the town will be carried out by the construction firm Guamar S.A. The company was chosen over ten competitors because it managed to lower the budget of the bid by over 25% to 1,024,659 euros and reduce the time frame of the project from ten to six months.

The works will be carried out as part of the financially sustainable investments plan - funds assigned in 2016 - and will begin in the coming days, once the act to confirm the works is signed.
This is the most ambitious work planned during the tenure of the current deputy mayor for San Pedro as it aims to modernise and refurbish the entire central plaza, providing aesthetic and structural solutions at all levels.
Works will be carried out to provide new surfacing, access, lighting and underground parking. There will also be efforts made to create shaded areas and to improve the functionality of the space so that it can better host events.
There will also be a focus on nature, with new species planted and efforts made to preserve the existing trees in the area, according to San Pedro's deputy mayor, Rafael Piña.

International poker tournament returns to Marbella

MÓNICA PÉREZ
MARBELLA. For the sixth consecutive year the international PokerStars tournament has come to Marbella.
Over two million euros will change hands over the course of the event, which began on Monday and concludes on Sunday.
The event attracts participants primarily from Spain, Britain, the rest of Europe, Russia and the Baltic states.



A massage during play. :: J-L

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Regional government approves restoration works for the historic Trapiche del Prado mill

Marbella council is about to put the contract out to tender, with a base price of 120,000 euros, to restore this protected building

:: NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. The Andalusian regional government's Department of Culture has given the green light to emergency and restoration works to the Trapiche del Prado mill, once an emblem of Marbella's thriving local sugar industry but has recently fallen into a state of ruin.

The project, which was taken over by Marbella council's Cultural department and architect Rafael Pozo at the end of 2017, was officially presented on 18 January. However, the project has been at a standstill since then as, according to the Law of Historical Heritage of Andalucía, permission from the regional government had to be granted first as the seventeenth-century structure is included in the Catalogue of Andalusian Historical Heritage.

On 2 February, the regional government representative in Malaga issued a resolution authorising the work, with the condition that an archaeological survey was carried out first. This has now been completed and the permission granted. Planning for the structure, located to the north of the town, therefore, can now begin.

With an allocated budget of 120,000 euros, the contract will be imminently put out to tender.

Head of of Culture, Education and Historical Heritage in Mar-



The historic mill is a protected building. :: JOSELE-LANZA

bella, Carmen Díaz, said that it is expected that the administrative process of bidding for these works will take almost three months.

It is estimated that the works will begin in September and will be completed before the end of the year.

The emergency works that will be undertaken in the Trapiche del Prado have a very specific purpose: to guarantee that the inside of the structure is safe for the archaeologists who will carry out a survey on its condition.

After the emergency works and survey are carried out, the council will commence with restoration works and promoting the site as a tourist attraction.

Volunteers needed for two new Cudeca charity shops in Estepona and San Pedro

:: SUR IN ENGLISH

ESTEPONA. Cudeca Hospice is looking for volunteers who are able to commit to working four hours per week in one of two new charity shops, on Avenida de España in Estepona and on Calle Lagasca in San Pedro Alcántara.

Tasks will include receiving donations, serving customers, displaying items in the shop and explaining to customers what Cudeca Hospice is and the care it provides in the community.

Volunteers will be able to make new friends and possibly learn another language. Those interested can email voluntariado@cudeca.org or call 671 048 304.



SOWING THE SEEDS OF FUTURE ECOLOGISTS

To help children reconnect with the natural world on World Environment Day, SUR and Hidralia organised an outdoor day at the Parque Arboretum in Marbella for pupils from the CEIP Miguel Hernández primary school for the fourth consecutive year. The children were shown how carrots are grown and many were surprised to discover that they are in fact grown underground. They were then taught how to plant lettuces which they took home to grow. The children were also given T-shirts and hats.

HERE AND THERE

Ecologists call for closure of illegal quarries

ALHAURÍN DE LA TORRE

:: F. TORRES. The Platform for the Defence of Health and the Sierra (PDSS) has asked the regional government to close down the illegal quarries in Alhaurín de la Torre and has threatened legal action through the public prosecutor's office.

The group has learned that the Junta has allowed the quarries to remain open for the last four years despite not having a municipal licence by using a measure that is usually only used in exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters.



A high-voltage pylon. :: SUR

Works to remove high-voltage pylons to begin this month

MARBELLA

:: M. PÉREZ. Works to bury the high-voltage electricity line which currently runs over two schools and a residential area in Xarblanca have been approved by Marbella council and will begin this month.

The council had previously delayed the works for eight months, much to the dismay of local residents, who had been petitioning for the cables to be buried for years.

The works were awarded to the company Cobra Instalaciones de Servicio for a sum of 760,000 euros.

New road improves traffic flow in Estepona

ESTEPONA

:: C. M. Estepona council has completed works in the northern part of Huerta Nueva by the Ramos Cazorla pavilion on a new 80-metre-long two-way street with 40 new parking spaces.

The new road connects Calle Ortega y Gasset and Calle Cristóbal Ruiz Méndez, which will improve the flow of traffic in one of the busiest parts of the town.

The road is already open to traffic, although one of the pavements will remain closed while the old fire station is extended.



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All the fun of the fair

The Marbella Fair was launched spectacularly on Tuesday night

by N. C. / H. B. / M. H.

MARBELLA. The night sky in Marbella was lit up by fireworks on Tuesday to celebrate the opening of the Feria de San Bernabé, which runs until 12 June.

This year's fair was declared open by journalist Concha Montes. She paid tribute to the town in an emotional speech, which highlighted the generosity, openness and diversity of Marbella.

Daytime festivities began the following day, as locals flooded onto the Paseo de la Alameda and the Avenida del Mar, where more than 20 bars and stalls have been set up.

Weekend visitors can expect to see a variety of stunning performances from local dance troupes and choirs, as well as religious processions and a historical reenactment of the arrival of the catholic King Ferdinand into Marbella.

The night fair takes place at the fairground on the outskirts of town, open every day from 7pm.

As the night progresses, attendees can enjoy musical performances from the likes of Demarco Flamenco and Siniestro Total, both of which take place in the fairground's auditorium.



The scene at Avenida del Mar on Wednesday. by JOSELE-LANZA

GUIDE TO SELECTED EVENTS

► **Every day, from 7pm.** The night fair opens at the fairground on the outskirts of town.

► **Friday, 11pm.** Demarco Flamenco concert at the fairground auditorium. Free.

► **Sunday, 10am.** Historical reenactment of the arrival of King Ferdinand in Marbella, starting at Calle Salinas.

► **Monday, 10am.** Religious procession, starting at the town hall.



El Faro beach was filled with people watching the fireworks. by J-L



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Provincial court rules in favour of shared custody of a dog for first time

A divorced couple will take turns of six months to look after Tara, one in Madrid, the other in Antequera

:: IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. The Malaga provincial court has ruled for the first time in favour of the shared custody of a dog. The dog in question, a female Pomeranian crossbreed called Tara, will spend six months at a time living with each of her owners, a divorced couple, who live in Madrid and Antequera, respectively.

This is the first ruling on a matter of this kind made by a higher court - and only the fourth resolution in the country.

As explained to SUR by Alejandra León, the woman's Ronda-based lawyer, the relationship between the pair ended after more than ten years living together.

León, who is a member of the Legal Centre for Defense of Animals, said that the respondent, the man, left the couple's shared home in Madrid and returned to his birthplace, Antequera. Tara remained in the care of the claimant for four years. Dur-



Tara's two owners will share her custody. :: SUR

ing this time, she fed, walked and cared for Tara. Visits to the vet have been proven in court.

Four years on from the split, the respondent decided to take the dog with him to Antequera. He had legal rights to exclusive ownership, since he was cited as Tara's sole owner on the register for pets and other documents. On the basis of this evidence, the courts in Antequera rejected the woman's claim to ownership.

From here, the claimant decided to appeal to the provincial courts of Malaga, pursuing a strategy of co-

ownership which took care into account as well as documentation.

On this basis, the provincial judge has agreed to shared custody of the dog, recognising that the woman has maintained an intense emotional relationship with her pet for more than seven years. The decision also took the rights of the animal into account. "It is an important verdict," declares León. "Animals are being considered as living beings rather than just things."

According to the lawyer, Tara will soon be collected for her six-month stay in Madrid.

HERE AND THERE



The container cranes will return to Malaga. :: NITO SALAS

Huge cranes will return to port in three weeks

MALAGA

:: I. LILLO. Three 'Super-Post-Panamax' cranes will be installed on at the Noatum terminal of dock 9 at Malaga Port within the next three weeks.

An upcoming business contract

between Noatum logistics company and Maersk, the world's largest container shipping company is expected to dramatically increase the number of containers that arrive in Malaga.

For this reason, 112-metre-high, specialist cranes will return to the port in order to manage container traffic. The cranes were last seen in Malaga in between 2013 and 2016.

Malagueta bullring to become cultural centre

MALAGA

:: A. M. ROMERO. The provincial government will invest 4.4 million euros into the second phase of renovations to convert the Malagueta bullring into a cultural centre.

The works, led by Malaga company Guamar, are expected to go on for one year, though will pause temporarily in July and August for the bullfighting festival.

Death of dozens of fish to be investigated

ALHAURÍN DE LA TORRE

:: F. TORRES. Residents of the Zapata area in Alhaurín de la Torre have alerted authorities after discovering dozens of dead fish on the shores of the Guadalhorce river earlier this week. The town council's Environment department is working to determine whether this is an isolated event or if a risk still remains.

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HERE AND THERE

Three arrested following Torrox Costa mugging

TORROX COSTA

Two women and a man have been detained this week following a mugging which took place in Torrox Costa last month.

An elderly lady was mugged in the town centre on 3 May by two women who wielded a knife and demanded that she give them her handbag.

After the two women snatched the

bag from the lady, she was pushed towards another person who was waiting in a getaway car.

The woman was able to give a detailed description of her muggers and witnesses also came forward which allowed Guardia Civil officers to track down the vehicle used in the incident and arrest the suspects who are from the Periana and Vélez-Málaga areas.

They are being held on suspicion of mugging and intimidation in a case known by police as 'Petusa18.'

Cherry picking starts late due to bad weather

ALFARNATE

A. P. Alfarnate's cherry picking season started this week, two weeks later than normal, due to the prolonged period of cold weather and rain this spring. There is speculation that productivity will be lower this year as a result of the weather. Cherry picking continues until August in Alfarnate, where there are 50 hectares of cherry trees, producing around 60,000 kilos of fruit per year.



Alfarnate cherries. :: SUR

Party demands urgent repairs to A-7204

AXARQUÍA

A. P. Members of the Partido Popular (PP) political party in the Axarquía have demanded that the regional government, the Junta de Andalucía, carries out "urgent repairs" to the A-7204 road which links the villages of Periana, Riogordo and Colmenar. Speaking last week, PP spokesperson, Natacha Rivas, said that the road was "one of the worst in the province" and "important for agriculture".

No sign of management plan for Chíllar river ahead of the summer

Visitor numbers to the natural park remain uncontrolled, which in previous years has led to accidents and major environmental problems

EUGENIO CABEZAS

NERJA. Nerja's Chíllar river, which has become one of Malaga province's most popular alternatives to crowded beaches during the summer months, still has no management plan or controls in place, despite its increasing popularity which has brought a growing number of cars, accidents and environmental problems in recent years.

Nerja town hall and the regional government, the Junta de Andalucía, have been working on the matter since 2016, when they published a joint protection plan against forest fires, which they said was "the first step towards a management plan".



A car at the Chíllar river ignores a sign prohibiting parking. :: E. C.

However, the plan, which would include a maximum number of daily visitors, has never come to fruition.

Up to 3,000 people and 1,000 cars are expected to visit the site at weekends during the months of June, July, August and September.

The town hall has contemplated

putting up a second barrier on Calle Mirto to prevent cars parking near to the river bed, but they say that this would cause problems for residents who live nearby.

Visitors to the natural park continue to ignore signs which prohibit cars from parking in the area and large amounts of rubbish are left there.

Town halls seek investors for unused mountain holiday accommodation

La Casa La Mina near Cómputa and Las Casas de los Mineros near Nerja have been abandoned for several years

EUGENIO CABEZAS

CÓMPETA / NERJA. Nerja and Cómputa town halls are both seeking investors to purchase and take on the management of holiday accommodation which they each own in the Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama mountains.

Cómputa owns La Casa La Mina, which has been closed since 2014 and boasts 20 bedrooms, while Las Casas de los Mineros in the La

Fuente del Esparto area of the national park belong to Nerja town hall and the doors have remained closed since 2015.

Both town halls hope put contracts for the complexes out to tender before the end of this year. However, as the national park belongs to the Junta de Andalucía, they would also have to give the green light to any potential buyer.

Nerja town hall has said that it hopes to attract interest by offering "more favourable conditions" than before. A successful complex runs in the part of the mountain range belonging to Alcaucín, where the managers run five bungalows and pay 6,000 euros to Alcaucín town hall annually.



La Casa La Mina in Cómputa has been closed since 2014. :: E. C.

Former Cómputa mayor banned from public office for planning offence

EFE

CÓMPETA. Former mayor of Cómputa, Leovigildo López, has been banned from serving in public office for six years as well as being fined for issuing a licence to build a property on non-urbanisable land.

A former town hall architect,

who has not been named, has also been fined for his part in the affair.

Events date back to December 2005 when a private individual applied for a licence to build a property on the rural land. In April 2007 the architect approved the project,

despite a report from the regional government, the Junta de Andalucía, which stated that there was no evidence the building was to be used for agricultural purposes. López issued the licence the following December.

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A lifeguard on a beach in Marbella. :: JOSELE-LANZA

Marbella beaches to benefit from greater lifeguard presence this summer

Lifeguards will be in place until 30 September on extended rosters, after which the council could decide to extend their presence into October

:: MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA. Bathers on Marbella's beaches will have an added feeling of security this summer, as from 15 June the council's new 'Beach Plan' comes into effect.

This plan includes bolstered lifeguard, vigilance and first aid services under a contract which has been confirmed for 2018 and 2019 and is renewable for two more years.

In order to secure the contract, the successful bidder is offering an additional 3,000 hours of manpower, as well as a further 100 days of ambulance service per year.

This means that the schedule of previous summers will be extended by half an hour, until 8pm. The remaining hours can be used in whatever way the council decides, to extend the summer service beyond 30 September or to cover weekends and special holidays.

One of the other new additions announced by the councillor responsible for beaches, Manuel Cardeña, is the addition of a public address system at every rescue point.

Marbella will again have 15 look-out points that will cover the coast-

line from Cabopino to Guadalmina beach, including La Víbora, Real de Zaragoza, Los Monteros, El Cable, Bajadilla, La Venus, El Faro, Casablanca, Río Verde, Puerto Banús, Nueva Andalucía, San Pedro and Lindavista.

As for the staff and other resources that will be deployed day to day, they will "be adjusted depending on the needs of the season", according to the councillor, with a maximum of 60 in the months of July and August.

The hours for the lifeguarding and first aid services will run between 11.30am and 7.30pm during low and mid season, and between 11.30am and 8pm in July and August, half an hour longer than during the same period last year.

The winner of the contract, according to documents produced by the council, will provide a wide range of machinery including two fully equipped ambulances, a multi-purpose vehicle, a semi-rigid boat (at least four metres long and 1.8 metres wide) and two jet skis. They will also be responsible for equipping the first aid centres.

"We are talking about contracts that will allow the beaches of Marbella to be in a perfect condition. There will be an investment of over two million euros, which will allow local companies, along with the staff of the Marbella municipal area, to make use of the best beaches with the best services," explained Manuel Cardeña.

Mijas and Vélez-Málaga also bolster beach patrols for peak season

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. Mijas councillor for beaches, Josele González, announced that the town will also increase its lifeguard service, for the second year in a row, by offering a team of 76 lifeguards. This will be the highest number in the province, ensuring Mijas' beaches are "the safest" in the whole province.

González explained during a presentation by the Rescue and First Aid service that the aim is to "increase the safety of Mijas' beaches during the height of tourist season". He added that at least 50 of the people will be deployed at any one time. "For another year we are increasing the safety of Mijas' beaches by providing a large body of lifeguards to patrol all 14 kilometres of the Mijas coastline," he said. In this way, he stressed, "we place our town, once again, at the head of the province in terms of providing this much-needed service on the beaches".

Councillors from Vélez-Málaga have also announced that lifeguarding will be extended until 30 September along the 22 kilometres of coastline that are already being patrolled. The service will be provided by 43 staff, including lifeguards, nurses, boat owners, sailors, sign language interpreters, medical staff, a coordinator and a supervisor.

From 15 June to 15 September, the lifeguard service will begin at 10am. The service will be provided by a team that will be available across the local area and have direct lines of communication with the 112 emergency services.

In June and September the team will consist of 18 staff, and in the peak months of July and August, 31.

Manolo Santana, Vicente del Bosque and Cesare Scariolo made 'adopted sons' of Marbella

:: NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. Former tennis star Manolo Santana, basketball coach Cesare Scariolo (also founder and president of the Cesare Scariolo Foundation) and World Cup-winning manager Vicente del Bosque received recognition for their contribution to society last Friday when they were named 'hijos adoptivos' (adopted sons) of Marbella at a ceremony at the Marbella municipal theatre.

These three well-known figures from the world of sport were all presented with honours by mayor Ángeles Muñoz last Friday.

"I came just for a day and now its been 36 years," said Santana as he

summarised his long and special relationship with Marbella, a town where he chose to settle in during the 1980s and set up his own tennis club. "Life in Marbella is like nowhere else on Earth," he said.

Tribute was also paid in the form of a 'Medalla de la Ciudad' (municipal medal) to the late fashion designer David Delfin, whose death came a year ago on Sunday.

Also awarded were former manager of Los Monteros and Don Carlos hotels, Rafael de la Fuente, as well as the Protección Civil organisation and Librería Mata, a bookshop that closed its doors recently after 80 years.



The award winners at the ceremony with the mayor of Marbella, Ángeles Muñoz (centre). :: JOSELE-LANZA



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The oven is the most important and most valuable item found so far. :: I. G.



The works are continuing. :: I. G.

Discovery of a pre-Roman settlement in Mijas excites archaeologists

The most unusual item found at Finca de Acebedo so far is an oven dating back to the transition period between the Carthaginians and Romans

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. A group of archaeologists

contracted by Mijas council have just discovered a perfectly-preserved square oven which could be one of the most important findings in Malaga province. The soundings and excavations are being carried out at Finca de Acebedo, which in future will become the biggest archaeology park on the Costa del Sol and a major tourism and cultural attraction.

What has been discovered so far has surpassed all expectations, says the head of the council's Historic Heritage department, Juan José de la Rubia. The discovery of two ovens in very good condition, and other materials, indicates that this is "one of the few existing sites from the early days of the Roman presence in the province," he says, making it a unique framework for study-

ing the transition period between the Carthaginian and Roman worlds.

In fact, De la Rubia says a huge amount of archaeological information will be obtained from the second oven, because it has been extraordinarily well preserved. It still has its grill and the adobe structure is completely intact. It is the first square-shaped oven to have been

found in Malaga province.

Sources at the Heritage department also say that the ovens are of different types and from two different periods in history, and that the walls of a necropolis have also been located, as well as a silo more than two metres deep whose function is still being studied.

Although the final conclusions are yet to be made, it looks as if the oldest discoveries date back at least 2,400 years and are from different cultures.

Future discoveries

The director of the excavation project, Desiré Piñero, says the square oven with its combustion chamber and grill is very unusual and needs to be studied in depth. "We still have a great deal of work ahead studying all the items found in this area, and they will enable us to define more precisely the chronology of the pieces and the infrastructure," she says.

There is also more to come. Juan José de la Rubia says the works will continue for several months. "The surveys have shown that there are more structures below the ground. We don't know how old they are or what state they are in, but all this is really exciting," he says.

An oil lamp with the image of the goddess Diana is of special interest to the archaeologists. :: I. G.



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Mijas housing estates will have to spend 42 million euros to be adopted by the council

Only 39 of the 200 developments in line to be offered full council services at last can be adopted immediately, says audit, although there is good news on costs for many of them

IVÁN GELIBTER

MÁLAGA. More than 200 'urbanizaciones' of houses and flats in Mijas have a great deal of work ahead and money to spend to complete the process of being adopted by the council.

The mayor of Mijas, Juan Carlos Maldonado, met with the presidents of the residents' associations on Wednesday to give them more detail of the results of a study commissioned by the council. It calculates that about 42 million euros will have to be spent by homeowners to finish incomplete infrastructure if they are to benefit from being fully inte-



Some Mijas developments are in better condition than others. :: SUR

grated into the municipality.

"Previous councils have agreed to these developments being built, have granted first occupancy licences and then refunded warranties without ensuring that the relevant works had been carried out," sources at the town hall said earlier this week

ahead of the meeting. "It means that the property owners will have to finance the completion of the work or repairs themselves if the council is to adopt those developments."

Of the 200 'urbanizaciones' that don't currently get full street maintenance and cleansing services, only

39 can have them immediately as they are considered to be ready. Others will need to pay to correct the deficiencies first. However there was good news from the mayor's meeting for many estates, as owners could end up paying less money to fix the problems ahead of being adopted than they have been paying at the moment in annual fees to private maintenance companies.

Seeking consensus

"It's the first time a definitive step has been taken towards adopting these 'urbanizaciones'. No previous council has cared about these people," the mayor said. "Now we need to seek consensus with the owners, see what assistance we can give them, and work out a timetable."

"We have to listen to people, consider all their opinions. This isn't going to be an easy task, but with effort we can achieve it. That was our commitment, and we are fulfilling it," said the mayor.

Now the town hall has to draw up the plans to put the process into effect, deciding where to start and how long it will take.

Residents of some of these estates of houses or flats have been calling for Mijas town hall to adopt them and provide them with the same services as everyone else in the municipality for nearly 40 years. This has now become a possibility, but even if consensus is achieved between all the affected property owners it will still be a slow process carried out in phases.

Junta hands Mijas council control of Coín road through Las Lagunas

IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS The busy Coín road through the Las Lagunas area of Mijas Costa is set to be improved in the coming months after Mijas council took over its maintenance from the Junta de Andalucía regional government. In all 5.7km of the road from the junction with the A-7 motorway, near the water park, to rural Entremuros will now be down to the municipality to manage.

Mijas's planning and infrastructure departments will prepare an action plan that looks likely to include widening the carriageways to a two lane road. According to local councillors, controlling the road, which is officially known as the A-7053 from Alhaurín el Grande to Fuengirola, is important as it is now largely built up and part of the Las Lagunas urban area and can be fully connected to other road improvements being carried out in the area.

Mijas council has also asked the Junta to cede control of the road up to Mijas Pueblo from Fuengirola and the road from Mijas Pueblo to Benalmádena.

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New Spanish government may have different attitude, says Picardo

The chief minister told parliament the importance of this political change cannot be underestimated

DEBBIE BARTLETT
GIBRALTAR. The Gibraltar government has welcomed the successful vote-of-no-confidence which led to Pedro Sánchez becoming Spanish prime minister. Chief minister Fabian Picardo told parliament this week that “the importance of that political change in Spain at this time in our history, cannot be underestimated”.

As the leader of the Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party and as chief minister, Picardo wrote immediately to the new Spanish leader to congratulate him, and expressed his wish for dialogue, understanding and cooperation regarding issues that arise between Gibraltar and Spain.

“Mr Speaker, the next ten months will be decisive in many ways for Gibraltar, as we move towards the 29th March 2019 and our departure from the European Union with the United Kingdom,” he said. “The result of the events



Pedro Sánchez, Spain's new prime minister. :: SUR

in the Spanish parliament today will mean that the ideology of those with whom we engage in Spain, and the manner in which we engage with them, may change.

“As I have already said in writing to the new president of the Spanish government, we will not be found wanting when it comes to demonstrating the willingness of the people of Gibraltar to engage constructively in dialogue in pursuit of policies designed to de-

velop cooperation and good neighbourly relations between our people. I sincerely wish that we will see that sentiment reciprocated so that we can advance matters in the common interest of the citizens we each represent.”

It is not known whether Pedro Sánchez has replied to the chief minister’s letter, but it was reported on Wednesday that he had asked for a report on the state of negotiations on Gibraltar.

Improvement works are continuing around the Rock

D. BARTLETT
GIBRALTAR. Gibraltar’s Environmental department has provided an update on its ongoing repair and improvement works across different locations. So far, they say, stones have been removed from Eastern Beach, rocks from the shore at Little Bay and sand has been deposited at Camp Bay, with great care being taken not to affect marine wildlife. The changing rooms in Catalan Bay have been totally refurbished and Camp Bay is currently in the process of being painted.

On the Upper Rock, the access steps to Lower St Michael’s Cave

have been replaced with wider, safer steps to improve access. At the main cave, the lighting on the stairs has been replaced and improved.

Also on the Upper Rock, stabilisation work has now been completed at Jews’ Gate by the access steps to Martin’s Path, and the Pillars of Hercules monument has been fully refurbished.

The improvements follow on from the opening of new tourist attractions such as the Skywalk and Windsor bridge, the new site at Europa Point and extended hours at Upper Rock sites, which are also enjoyed by local residents.

Gibraltar becomes 45th government to sign up to United Nations Clean Seas Campaign

D. B.
GIBRALTAR. It was a fitting date: on World Environment Day on Tuesday Gibraltar pledged to contribute to the goals of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter, a

voluntary open-ended partnership of international agencies, governments, businesses, academia, local authorities and non-governmental organisations hosted by UN Environment.

As a result, the government will now pass new laws to reduce plastic pollution including the regulation and elimination of single-use plastic bags, plastic utensils and other single-use plastic materials. It will also raise awareness of marine litter, promote recycling and encourage a move away from single-use plastic in general.

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Local company obtains 34 million euros from Silicon Valley

Spotahome, a platform for renting homes and rooms for periods of more than a month, already employs 200 people and plans to expand further

■ JOSÉ VICENTE ASTORGA

MÁLAGA. Spotahome, the company set up by Estepona entrepreneur Alejandro Artacho and three partners, has just obtained 34 million euros of financing from a firm in Silicon Valley.

This is the fifth round of financing in just four years for Spotahome, a platform for renting houses, apartments and rooms for stays of longer than one month. One of Málaga's start-ups with the highest exponential growth, the Spotahome Group is now the leading intermediary for online rentals, with a portfolio of more than 130,000 properties in 450 locations in 65 countries. Three million people a month visit the site to look for somewhere to stay.

The platform, which charges



Spotahome's founders: Bruno Bianchi, Brian McEire, Alejandro Artacho and Hugo Monteiro. ■ SUR

the tenants and the renters, had generated 45 million euros of business by mid-2017. It is known for providing exhaustive information about the properties and their locations, top quality videos, 360° photos, maps and descriptions.

This latest financing operation is led by the Kleiner Perkins investment fund; it is the first time it has operated in Spain but this is its fifth operation in Europe, where it has supported projects such as Spotify and GoEuro.

Spotahome was founded in 2014 by Alejandro Artacho, Bruno Bianchi, Bryan McEire and Hugo Monteiro and its visibility among international investors soared two years ago with a presence at South Summit, the biggest entrepreneurs fair in southern Europe. The new injection of capital will be used to invest in new products, better technology, appoint senior managers to handle the expansion plan and improve customer service even further.

Unemployment in Malaga province dropped by 4,238 last month

■ JUAN SOTO

MÁLAGA. The latest unemployment figures for the province show that 4,238 people found work in May, resulting in a reduction of 2.8% in unemployment compared with the same month last year. At present, 147,137 people in Málaga are registered as unemployed.

The figures also show that the number of people registered with Social Security rose by 12,018, the highest in the region, and an increase of 2.01% compared with May 2017.

Once again, the reduction in unemployment was highest in the services sector, where 3,646 people are no longer registered as looking

for work. The next sector was construction, with 437 fewer people unemployed. The number of people who have never worked before dropped by 160, and 30 fewer people in the industrial sector are registered as looking for a job. In the agricultural sector the situation was the opposite last month: 35 more people registered as unemployed.

The figures published by the Ministry of Employment also show that 7,000 work contracts were signed in the province last month, which was an increase of 10 per cent compared with April. Of these, 435 were permanent contracts and 6,565 were temporary. So far, 76,992 contracts have been signed in Málaga.

Electricity prices rose by about ten per cent in May

■ JOSÉ M. CAMARERO

MADRID. Electricity prices have increased again so consumers can expect their bills for May to be higher. Those with a contract with a regulated price (PVPC) will have to pay about 10 per cent more than in April, which is about four euros. May ended with an average generation cost of 55 euros per megawatt/hour.

THE EURO ZONE
MARK NAYLER

IN BY THE BACK DOOR



No one asked for him, but Pedro Sánchez is the new Spanish prime minister. And since he ousted Mariano Rajoy in last Friday's political coup, the 46-year-old has wasted no time in assembling his new cabinet, naming EU high-flyer Nadia Calvino as Spain's new economy minister on Tuesday. It's a choice that shows where Sánchez's fiscal priorities lie - but one wonders just how much any of the new Spanish administration will be able to achieve during what is likely to be a brief term.

Like her predecessor Romano Escolano, who barely got a taste of power before the Popular Party was removed from government last Friday, Calvino has strong EU credentials. Since 2014, she has been at the EU Commission as director-general of the bloc's budget - a role that, in Sánchez's mind, qualifies her perfectly for running the Spanish economy. Before moving to the EU in 2006, Calvino was also a key player on home turf, holding senior economic posts in the Spanish government under both the Conservatives and the Socialists.

As different as he often claims to be from Rajoy, Sánchez clearly shares at least one goal with his arch rival: to increase Spain's influence within top EU institutions. Indeed, this has been a priority of the Spanish government for years. Escolano, Calvino's short-lived predecessor, was vice-president of the European Investment Bank before joining Rajoy's ailing administration; on his way from Frankfurt to Ma-

drid, Escolano passed his predecessor Luis de Guindos, who is now vice president of the European Central Bank. In appointing Brussels' former budget manager as Spanish economy minister, Sánchez has signalled that he, too, seeks greater clout for Spain within EU.

What will Calvino be able to achieve in her new role? Very little, as it happens. It took Rajoy's minority government, which has 134 seats in parliament, almost six months to secure approval for 2018's budget. The PP was constantly stalled by smaller groups, such as the Basque Nationalist Party, who refused to back the spending plan because of their opposition to Rajoy. But if passing new economic legislation was difficult for Rajoy and De Guindos, it's going to be even more of a headache for Sánchez and Calvino: the PSOE has just 84 seats in congress and has potentially also lost the support of its closest leftist partner, Unidos Podemos.

Note, incidentally, that now Sánchez is installed in Spain's highest political office, he clearly has no intention of holding early elections, which he said he might if he became prime minister. Instead of moving to give Spaniards a say in their new administration, this skilled career politician is busy sneaking members of his new cabinet in by the back door. Predictably drunk on his longed-for taste of power, Sánchez has forgotten that he is a prime minister no one asked for.

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A plea to lower the volume

My wife and I are truly enjoying a month-long vacation in Torremolinos.

One of the highlights of our visit was the surprising event showcasing Argentinian musical talents spread over three days in Torremolinos. We attended them all.

We have spent our careers in academia and medicine. We both have decibel measuring (dB) applications on our smartphones.

The Argentinian festival produced volumes that consistently exceeded 100db with spikes of 130db.

We told an event organiser who spoke to the sound engineer. I could see him shake his head and our contact came back to say there would be no change

in the audio.

Some mothers even had their children dancing in front of the speakers at the front of the venue.

At the flamenco show hosted by the casino in Benalmadena the sound levels were consistently above 100db. This was an excellent event but the audio needs to be adjusted to the number in attendance.

Most people cannot objectively judge the sound levels at the best of times.

One solution is to require public facilities to have a method of measuring noise. In our community, some public places have a device that flashes 'red' when the volume exceeds a given level such as 100db.

DON SHERIDAN
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Further round the
bend in La Cala

It is a disgrace that I, as a pensioner and taxpayer, have to take the pay road whenever I go to Marbella from Las Lagunas, in order to avoid being a nervous wreck from driving on the dangerous road.

It costs me a lot of money to go back and forth, especially in the summer, when the prices for such a short distance are crazy, but I do it to be safe.

What is the problem with lowering the price to one acceptable level for the whole year? Didn't the EU contribute an enormous amount of money to the toll road? Let's get this sorted.

KIKI BACH
BY EMAIL

The A7 (N340) has vastly improved from the 1980s: there was no middle barrier, you could turn left, pedestrians crossed over, I'm not sure there was a speed limit! It was deemed the most dangerous road in Europe. La Cala A7 road was straight

and where the current 'high street' is now. The new road was built to accommodate the growth of La Cala from little fishing village to tourist hub. Everyone knows how those decisions were worked out.

The slowing down with 80 kilometres per hour five-kilometre stretch has certainly helped I am sure. The single biggest problem is that large lorries should not be allowed along the Fuengirola to La Cañada stretch unless they have a specific delivery to make. My guess is 90 per cent are connecting to or from Algeciras port and avoiding the toll road AP-7. Either reduce the toll or just ban them from the road altogether with heavy fines.

Anyone who spends time knows they drive far too fast and have no respect for other vehicles.

So, get rid of them to the empty straight alternative AP-7. Reduce accidents, increase safety and just make the road more pleasant for residents and tourists alike.

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Say hello, wave goodbye

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Crums, it's all been happening in Spanish politics this week. I'm sure that it won't have escaped your attention that Mariano Rajoy has been ousted from his position as prime minister of the country after the list of corruption cases associated with his right-wing Partido Popular became so huge and complex that eventually there was no room left for any actual politicians at their headquarters.

There have been many bizarre aspects to the changing of the guard, not least of which being the leader of the very left-wing party Podemos, Pablo Iglesias, describing Mr Rajoy as 'elegant' as the latter shuffled out of Moncloa with all of his worldly possessions in two cardboard boxes shoved under his arms (not really - but it's a colourful image). This would appear to have been a unanimous gesture on the part of

Señor Iglesias until you actually consider his own demeanour at which point you realise that his calling you 'elegant' is like Keith Richards saying you're sober. Still, it was a compliment of sorts, I suppose, especially when coupled with his assertion that the outgoing leader was 'intelligent'. So, we'll give Pablo the benefit of the doubt on this occasion despite his unnerving teenage pony tail.

Anyway, the upshot of all of this is that the country's new prime minister is Pedro Sánchez, leader of the unpronounceable PSOE party who are, ostensibly at least, left wing, though nowhere near as left wing as Pablo and his chums (do keep up at the back). In order to secure his position, Señor Sánchez was obliged to enter into any number of unholy alliances with a motley crew of dissidents and malcontents including Señor Iglesias himself, some Cata-

lans, a few Basques and a couple of blokes sitting in Paco's bar in Toledo, playing dominoes and shouting something about independence for blokes in Paco's bar in Toledo. Their votes were crucial in getting Señor Sánchez into power so now he's obliged to provide them with a two-for-one offer on anis every Friday afternoon for the rest of eternity.

For his part, Mr Sánchez wasted no time in assembling a crack team to work on the crucial anis-in-Toledo negotiations and, presumably, some other stuff. He's appointed a couple of token men, but it's mostly formidable-looking women who have been given the not inconsiderable task of sorting the country out, in an attempt to show the nation that he's a strong, independent and forward-thinking sort of chap.

Actually, I suspect his wife told him to do it.

PACHI



End of the line

ALBERTO GÓMEZ

find the image strangely powerful: Mariano Rajoy, holed up in a restaurant, drowning his sorrows in a bottle of whisky while his world crumbles around him. That unhappy extended lunch last week, typical of a gambler who has lost his largest bet, was a prelude to the epilogue he included in his speech on Tuesday: "I think the time has come to call it a day." You have to admit there's a certain Galician elegance in his farewell, even though he's going out the back door, defeated by an improvised vote of no confidence and by the corruption of a party - his own - that will take years to lick the wounds of its not-so-isolated cases, if they ever heal. Pedro Sánchez has

become prime minister almost unexpectedly, after the PSOE registered its motion without hope or conviction, like someone who goes out for a quick beer and ends up having the stroke of luck of a lifetime. The socialist leader is a reminder that obstinacy will end up being a more productive quality than talent. Rajoy has also left us with an obvious but valuable lesson: refusing to budge is a strategy that won't work forever.

Now come the new ministers and promises, and while some call for the 100 days' grace before judging the new government, others refuse to give them even 100 seconds. And above all we'll see, like an old magic trick with the seams

showing, the changing sides of political demands. We'll probably hear the PP calling for improvements to the railway services on the Costa del Sol, a reduction in IVA on golf as a tourism sector, the extension of the Concepción reservoir in Marbella or the permanent use of the airport's second runway: everything they failed to do in seven years in power. On the other side, the PSOE faces its own mountain of proposals from the opposition, accumulating since 2011, with the risk that in the future these demands will all pile up ready to smother the government in a landslide.

Above this background music of commitments and demands, adaptable to whoever happens to be in government and opposition, we can hear the deafening voices of the apocalypse theorists who say that Spain has broken, that we're all going under, just because their sides have been ousted from power, or have never had it. They forget, in their mixture of irresponsibility and nostalgia, that this is democracy.

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Totem, circus in its pure state

The Cirque du Soleil returns to the origins of this performance art with amazing displays of acrobatics, strength and balance

REGINA SOTORRÍO

MALAGA. There is silence. The audience is holding its breath. Maybe the artist is, as well. And then the impossible happens: turning around, high up in the air, holding on with just one hand, he contorts his body into unimaginable positions, and jumps even further. There are gasps and sharp intakes of breath all around, sounds which express the essence of circus, an art which overcomes physical limits. This is Totem, the Cirque du Soleil production in Malaga. The company is known for its impressive staging, enveloping music and impeccable lighting, but Totem is more: acrobatics, balancing and risk. Circus in its purest state.

The Grand Chapiteau opened its doors in Malaga for the first time in ten years, and the show will continue until 1 July. In the marquee, the history of humanity and evolution of the species is told with a succession of numbers which defy all laws of the physical and go beyond even that.

Superpowers

The artists at the Cirque du Soleil seem to have superpowers: they do things that would seem unthinkable for any mortal, and make them look simple. A contortionist looks to one side and the other with her head between her legs in a posture which is almost painful to look at. The acrobats perform high up in the marquee with no protection and trusting their entire weight to a single hand. And the monocyclists smile as they throw bowls onto each other's heads. If they drop one - because they are only human, after all - they just keep trying until they succeed, to huge applause.

The show includes an Amerindian dance with hoops, trapeze artists who launch themselves into the air from bar to bar, skaters who speed around a tiny platform, all synchronised with the music. And of course, Totem has clowns, but with special skills like turning a plastic bag into a swan in one second. The aim is to surprise, and this show certainly does that.



The monocyclists throw balls to each other's heads without losing their balance. :: FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ



The contortionist is incredible. :: F. GONZÁLEZ



The 'acrobatic frogs' open the show. :: F. GONZÁLEZ

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Sixties wild child returns to Torremolinos

Around 100 family and friends of Shelagh Tennant gathered to reminisce about the golden years of Torremolinos

BY TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. A special tribute party was held last week to honour Shelagh Tennant, proprietor of one of the first English pubs in Torremolinos.

Shelagh, a former model noted for being the person who helped bring the Beatles to Spain, owned Shelagh's Bar during the early 1960s. The bar was one of the liveliest venues in the town and attracted both local expat residents and a string of visiting celebrities.

The party, held in the Galloping Major Bar, which is situated just a few doors along from Shelagh's old venue (now Tina's Pub) was organised by



Shelagh (l) reminisces with long-time friend, Lyn Volgarino during the party in Torremolinos. BY T. BRYANT

Torremolinos Chic, an online platform dedicated to preserving the history of Torremolinos. Around a hundred friends and family of the former wild-child, some of whom she hadn't seen in many years, gathered to reminisce about a period that most remember as 'the golden years of Torremolinos'.

Shelagh was overwhelmed by the turnout and spent the evening chatting with friends from both Torremolinos and Fuengirola, where she now lives.

"I didn't expect so many people to be here, but it is so lovely to see lots of familiar faces after such a long time," an emotional Shelagh told SUR in English.

Long-time resident of Torremolinos, Lyn Volgarino, frequented Shelagh's pub during the 60s and she pointed out that it was definitely one of the liveliest haunts in the area: "It was one of those places that we all went to because Shelagh would get the best of British and American music long before anyone else. It really was one of the places that got it all going in Torremolinos. Shelagh and her staff were always very hospitable and I am so pleased to be here to celebrate with her tonight."

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REF. I. R. G.

I am self-employed, and have been offered the possibility of working part-time as an employee in a real estate agency. My business is doing well, but an extra income would be great. Nevertheless, I do not want to have any problems, and with the current labour regulations it is not entirely clear to me if I can carry on in-

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REF. E. L. L.

I have a bad family situation, with constant disputes with my husband about our children's education. My son, who is 13 years old, is very difficult - he has been expelled from school several times and he has also had a problem with the police, as he was caught drinking in the street with his friends, when he said he was going to the

cinema. My husband blames me for our son's behaviour and I cannot bear it any longer. I want to separate. Our daughter, who is 15 years old, has said that she wants to live with me. However, our son has said that if we were to separate, he would rather live with his father. I do not agree with our children living apart, but the truth is that I find myself unable to bring him into line. What does the Spanish law establish for a case like this? Would a guardianship like this be possible? Children's custody is granted taking into account the minors' interest, trying to seek their complete personal development. As long as they are over 12, their opinion is heard at the procedure, so that they express with whom they want to live, and although an effort is made to keep siblings together, if it was better for them to be separate, the judge would not hesitate to accept it.

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Diksha gala dinner raises 5,000 euros

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MALAGA. The fourth edition of the annual Diksha charity gala dinner was held on 31 May in the Gran Melia Don Pepe, Marbella. The event, hosted by Jovanka Manojlovic, was attended by 130 members of the international community living on the Costa del Sol, including local business owners and journalists. The dinner was followed by live Indian dancing and musical performances by well-

known artists Maria Sánchez Rulevskaya, Sonia Tharani and Saeed Khan.

The event raised over 5,000 euros was raised for Diksha, a charity that operates in India to support children who live in poverty by providing medicine, education and clothing. Part of the figure was raised from a raffle with prizes donated by local artists, clinics, hospitals, restaurants and shops.



Jovanka Manojlovic pictured with guests. ■ SUR

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

8 JUNE 1873

Azorín, the radical critic who shifted right, is born in Alicante

José Augusto Trinidad Martínez Ruiz, better known by his pseudonym Azorín, was a prominent Spanish writer in the 19th and 20th centuries. He was born in Monóver in the province of Alicante on 8 June 1873. There is a museum dedicated to him and his writings in the town to this day.

Martínez Ruiz was part of the Generation of '98, a group of authors and philosophers who were writing at the time of the Spanish-American War of the same year. The United States' victory in the war led to a moral, political and social crisis in Spain due to the loss of Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam, its last remaining colonies.

Azorín was an important figure in Spanish history because his literary criticism helped to

create a new passion for Spanish classical literature at a time when most texts were virtually unavailable to the public. His movement, the Generation of '98, was focused on rescuing Spain from its marked decline through a method other than political means.

Azorín studied law at the University of Valencia but did not complete his education, instead moving to Madrid to become a journalist. However, he soon found that his open criticism of the Spanish literary and educational establishments closed many doors to him.

During this period he was something of an anarchist, attacking what he saw as a preoccupation with aesthetics and faith in contemporary society. He was particularly inspired by the ideas of Karl Christian Frie-



Spanish writer José Martínez Ruiz, also known as Azorín. :: SUR

drich Krause, who proposed sweeping reforms in religion and the power of the state, as well as a new openness towards other European cultures.

Martínez Ruiz fled Spain in 1936 following the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. When he returned to Spain on 23 August 1939, he found himself in "inner exile" along with other intellectuals who had not supported the Franco regime during the conflict. He was at first denied a press

identification card, but was supported by Ramón Serrano Suñer, at that time Franco's Interior Minister. Accepting Franco's regime was the price he had to pay in order to be admitted back, he published an article in the right-wing journal Vértice in which he clearly supported the regime.

The changes in personal political outlook that transformed Martínez Ruiz, a revolutionary anarchist, into Azorín, a conservative writer working under

Franco's regime, is key to understanding why he attracted criticism from across the political spectrum.

His legacy is particularly important because he covered 70 years of political evolution in Spain, from post-imperial democracy to dictatorship.

Azarín died in Madrid on March 2, 1967, at the age of 93.

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Seudónimo	Pseudonym
Ensayista	Essayist
Generación	Generation
Movimiento	Movement
Abogado	Lawyer
Escrituras	Writings
Derecha	Right
Izquierda	Left
Universidad	University
Literario	Literary
Contenido	Content
Anarquista	Anarchist
Articulista	Columnist
Refugiarse	To take refuge
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Pensamiento	Thought

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Sharing a wealth of cultural experience

Marcus von Wachtel Actor and creator

After a glittering career in performing arts, he has opened a cultural centre in Jimena de la Frontera

If anyone fits the description of a 'true European', it is Marcus von Wachtel; with a Hungarian father, British mother and Spanish nationality, he has worked and travelled extensively in Europe and elsewhere and now divides his time between Madrid and the small village of Jimena de la Frontera, in Cadiz province. There he has opened the only privately run cultural centre, El Corral de la Paca.

Marcus, who describes his profession as a "creator in the performing arts" is currently organising the 6th Festival of the Arts in Jimena, which starts later this month. The question has to be asked: what brought him to Jimena, of all places?

"I moved to Jimena as a child. We were the first foreigners to live here," he explains. "We were living on the coast near Algeciras, but there were plans to build a road near our house so my parents decided to move. A friend told them he had visited a nice village called Jimena, so they came to see it and liked it. That was back in 1972."

When he left school, Marcus went to the RSDA in Madrid, the Spanish equivalent of RADA, to train as an actor. Afterwards, he remained in Madrid, worked with the National Theatre Company and helped to set up small companies with friends. That was during Spain's transition to democracy, which he describes as an "interesting period", when young actors in independent companies used theatre as a way of making political and social commentary. They couldn't afford to do it full-time, however. "Commercial theatre was rather looked down on at the time, but we all had to do it in the end. It was the only way to make a decent living and a name for ourselves," he says.

Marcus' CV makes long and impressive reading. Among many other things he has acted, founded theatre and circus companies, directed productions, designed and organised parades, including Carnival and Three Kings in Madrid, taught (including at the Madrid Circus School), been the artistic



A circus class at El Corral de la Paca. :: SUR

"They were interesting times..."

:: D. B.

Marcus has a wealth of anecdotes about his time as an actor, especially when he and his colleagues used to perform street theatre in Madrid.

"I remember that once, long before Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit and so on, we were all dressed up as elves and fairies etc and suddenly, during the performance, there was a police raid. One of the actors was cov-

ered in black and white body paint and wearing nothing but a tiny piece of fabric to cover his manhood. They took him into custody, and put him in a cell, as he was, with all these hardened criminal types. It was pretty scary, but not only was he OK, he also remained in character throughout the whole situation!" says Marcus.

director for numerous shows and managed the light, sound and theatre department at Expo '92, which he says was possibly the most satisfying experience of his career.

"We were responsible for the shows at the Expo, including the technical side," he explains. "We did three shows a day for six months, and 35,000 artists passed through our department."

One theme seems to occur frequently through Marcus' CV, however: circus. He has performed, taught circus specialities in theatre schools, holds classes for local children at El Corral de la Paca,

and the forthcoming Festival de las Artes has a circus theme, including workshops for children and performances from professionals in this genre of art.

This has been planned to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of modern circus, but it is a fascination which began at an early age: in fact, he almost ran away with a Portuguese circus that visited Jimena when he was 14.

Having travelled the world with such an exciting career, what made him decide to open a cultural centre in Jimena? "I inherited the house, which had been a 19th century cork factory. My mum had a



"Expo 92 was a very satisfying experience. We did three shows a day for six months"

theatrical background and encouraged me when I said I wanted to become an actor, and I thought this would be a tribute to her. Also, the economic crisis had started and the arts world was hit very hard by that. It was difficult to sell productions. I decided to spend my time creating somewhere in Jimena to share cultural knowledge, rather than twiddling my thumbs in Madrid," he says.

"I also thought it would be easier to get institutional help, but it turned out that it wasn't!"

Marcus doesn't have much free time, and says he has no real hobbies, but he does enjoy collecting semi-antique and antique objects, especially from Japan.

"Antiques may be 'things' but they are like people," he says. "They have a personality, a history, something to say. They are born when someone creates them, and then they are alive. They have magic. I believe they transmit the souls of their owners and makers."

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Last week's Collegium Musicum concert in Marbella. :: SUR

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is to the latter's father, Leopold Mozart, that we turned for the opening piece of this event. The second movement from his Trumpet Concerto featured soloist Ángel San Bartolomé whose rendition was received with much approval from the full house.

Antonio Salieri's requiem followed with a faultless and beautiful performance by orchestra, choir and the four soloists, Louise Wayman, Natalie Sinnott, Alberto Sousa and Ryan Hugh Ross.

The finale was Te Deum (sacred hymn) by Michael Haydn. The orchestra was conducted by Annemarie Philips, with arrangements by Delyth Bressington.



Langford (r) with Simon Manley and vice consul Rosslyn Crotty. :: SUR

Blevins Franks picks up award from ambassador

Blevins Franks was among several organisations that received an award from the British Ambassador Simon Manley in Ma-

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Partner Steve Langford, who is based in the Nerja area, collected the award for services to the community on behalf of Blevins Franks at the garden party held at the ambassador's residence.

Fuengirola Scouts enjoy group camp in Pizarra

Young people and leaders from all sections of the 1st Fuengirola Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) recently got together with the Brownie Unit for a group camp in the Pizarra area. Fun activi-

ties taught the youngsters a range of skills from pioneering and fire-lighting to first aid and survival.

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The Scouts take a break during a hike. :: SUR



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New novel depicts Malaga of the 80s

The author found the rural area surrounding Ronda an ideal place to write fiction



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MALAGA. British expat author, Sandra Danby, has recently published the second instalment of her popular identity detective novel series. Her first book, *Ignoring Gravity*, received rave reviews and a five-star rating on Amazon, and the second in the series is already attracting considerable interest.

The detective series focuses on journalist Rose Haldane, who sets out to reunite people lost through adoption. The latest novel, *Connectedness*, focuses on the life of Justine, an art student who arrives in Malaga in the early 1980s in order to study. When her mother dies, Justine decides to confront her past and by asking the journalist to find the baby she gave away when she was a young student.

Sandra, who lives for part of the year in Ronda, describes herself as a proud Yorkshire woman, tennis nut and tea drinker who believes a walk



Sandra spent many days over a period of two years absorbing the ambience of life in Malaga. :: SUR

on the beach will cure most of life's misfortunes.

Drawn to the Spanish countryside by the sun and the tranquil pace of life, she found the rural area surrounding Ronda an ideal place to write fiction.

Sandra studied English at Goldsmiths College in London, before embarking on a 35-year career as a journalist and magazine editor. She taught journalism and creative writing at adult education colleges and became an award-winning author of

short stories, having her work published in magazines and journals in the UK.

Similar to the protagonist of her new novel, Sandra left home and moved to Spain in 2008, and she soon fell in love with the scenery and the

Andalusian way of life.

"Anyone who has ever lived in a foreign country is aware of that initial wave of euphoria on arrival; 80 per cent excitement combined with 20 per cent panic. The first phase is full of strangeness. Not just the simple things – the sounds and language spoken around you, the geography of finding your way around and the colours and the scents which fill your head with exotic images," the author tells SUR in English.

As a good proportion of the book is set in Malaga, Sandra spent many days over a period of two years walking the streets of the city. Her life in Andalucía was invaluable in helping her imagine how the city may have been during the early 80s.

"I had to factor in the passing of time, because the protagonist of the book arrives in Malaga in 1982, a very different city from today. I narrowed my settings to the Plaza de la Merced, the Plaza del Obispo, the cathedral and El Palo. I spent a lot of time at the locations, just sitting, watching and absorbing," Sandra explains.

As well as writing novels, Sandra also writes a blog - *Notes on a Spanish Valley* - which relates her life as a foreigner living in the Ronda mountains.

"We live in a small community and the people are so friendly. We are the only English in the village and the people are unfailingly helpful and forgiving of our muddled spoken Spanish. A cup of coffee is a social ritual, as is the swapping of vegetables," Sandra says contentedly.

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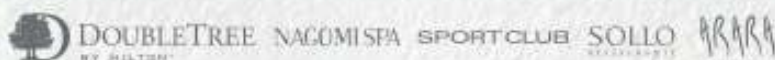
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Costa organisations continue to raise funds to improve the lives of local residents, young and old

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Age Care Association Funds from the Masons

Age Care president Syd Weldon and vice president Tom Tarr were delighted to accept a donation of 1,100 euros from the Masons in Calahonda. The fundraising event specifically for Age Care Association was organised by David Bett, the Worshipful Master of the Gemini Masonic Lodge 51, which meets at Club La Naranja.

Age Care Association holds weekly coffee mornings where people can meet for coffee and a chat and also receive help and advice. Call: 635 407 255 / 675 874 308 or email: info@agecarecosta.org

TIMS choir Singing in church

TIMS (The International Music Society) choir recently performed for the Anglican Chaplaincy of St An-

drew's, at the cemetery chapel in Alhaurín el Grande. The choir sang four pieces of music throughout the service. The choir is always looking to welcome new members. Rehearsals also take place at 7pm every Wednesday in St Andrew's church hall, Avenida Jesús Santos Rein, Los Boliches. See website www.timschoir.org for more information or call the president Gilly on 654 891 790.

La Cala Lions Club Donation to a school

La Cala de Mijas Lions Club presented the secondary school in La Cala with a cheque for 1506 euros to enable them to purchase much-needed books and sports equipment. The school has also benefited from earlier generosity of the Lions who are keen to help further the education and development of pupils. The presentation was made to staff and pupils by the president of the Lions, Julie Barry, who was accompanied by vice president Maggie Bobowicz and several other members of the charity. The Lions 20th Anniversary Summer Ball and Charter Night takes place this evening, 8 June.



A Touch of Class perform at the Age Concern charity concert. :: SUR



Age Care receives the funds from David Bett of Masonic Lodge 51. :: SUR

Age Concern

A Touch of Class entertains

The Tamisa Golf hotel was the venue for the recent Age Concern Fuengirola and Mijas charity concert. The audience was entertained by the singers from A Touch of Class, who

regularly perform at fundraising events along the Costa del Sol. Funds raised from the concert and the raffle will go towards the work of the association to improve the lives of older members of the expat community. Contact the Age Concern

Lifeline on 652537615 or email fym@ageconcern.org.es

Adana

Art for animals

Adana held its second Day of Art and Entertainment recently in La Duquesa castle. Local artists took their work to display and sell and entertainment was provided by a troupe of Brazilian dancers, a local choir and a musician. The event attracted more than 200 people who enjoyed refreshments as well as the entertainment. All proceeds go towards the care of the dogs at the Adana shelter in Estepona.

What are you up to?

If you are involved in a club or association and planning events, trips or activities that would be of interest to other readers of SUR in English, we would love to hear from you:

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GARDENING

Mariposa lily

This North American native has showy tulip-like flowers in spring and early summer and loves hot, dry climates

Calochortus is a genus of approximately 65 species of herbaceous plants of which around 40 are native to North America. Common names for the species include mariposa lily, fairy lanterns, globe lilies

and star tulips. The majority have tulip-like flowers in shades of yellow, pink, purple and white, often streaked or spotted in the centre. Many species have long hairs on

the surface of the petals or in the centre of the flower. The genus name Calochortus comes from the Greek for 'beautiful grass'.

Calochortus grows from a corm; once a source of food for early Mormon settlers of the Salt Lake Valley and for Native Americans. It has long slender leaves and the thick, waxy stems carrying the single flowers appear in spring or early summer. Each corm will produce multiple flower stems, especially if fed with a liquid fertiliser weekly during the growing season.

Once flowering has finished, and the tips of the leaves start to turn yellow, feeding should stop and watering reduced as the corm will be entering its dormant period. It can be left in the ground over winter but if there is a danger of waterlogging it is best to dig up the corms, leave them to dry and then store in a cool, dark place.

It is used to dry, hot regions and should not be overwatered or allowed to become waterlogged and can survive wildfires, often flowering more profusely after a fire has burnt off all surrounding vegetation. Propagation can be carried out by potting up bulblets or from seed, although the resulting seedlings will take up to five years to start flowering.



Mariposa lily (sent in by Janet Wade) and another species (inset). :: SUR

READER'S PHOTO



:: SILVIA HIMUS

LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN

Silvia Himus sent in this photo of her 'low maintenance' back garden and says, "We have very little planting space in our garden so this year I've chosen geraniums and spider plants only for our pots, this will make the watering and maintenance easier."

GARDENING HINTS

Caring for roses

At the moment roses are looking their best; the cooler weather, bursts of sunshine and prolific rainfall this spring have provided them with the perfect growing conditions. The key is water; roses need more water than you may think. As soon as the ground starts to dry out then watering should begin. Aim to give them a really good drenching once a week; do it in the eve-

ning to avoid scorching and spray the undersides of the foliage too, to keep spider mites away. Also if you haven't mulched, then put down a thick layer of organic material around the base of your rose bushes now to conserve as much moisture as possible. Dead head regularly and feed two to three times a year; some rose societies advocate April, June and late August.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

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

Email your photos to english@diariosur.es or send them to SUR in English, Avda Dr Marañón 48, 29009 Malaga, with a caption and a few words of explanation. Alternatively, you can send them to us via Facebook ([surenglish](https://www.facebook.com/surenglish)) or Twitter ([@SUR_English](https://twitter.com/SUR_English))

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JAVIER ALMELLONES

Among custard apples and avocado trees, enveloped by the clear Mediterranean sea, Almuñécar is, by its own merit, the capital of Granada's tropical coast.

Whether visitors are gazing far out to sea or up towards the mountains, the surrounding views are fit for a postcard.

Of course, when the spring begins to turn to summer, all eyes are fixed upon the rugged coastline, like that of La Herradura, alongside the Cerro Gordo cliffs nature reserve. Then there's the shore at the famous

Cantarriján beach, another important part of the town, whose residents are historically known as "Sexitanos".

Hidden within the mountains at the foothills of the Sierra de Aljara, which stretches up to Axarquía, this area is host to the brilliant blue waters of the Mediterranean. Almuñécar's main natural asset is its coast, where land and sea mix together below crags and cliffs, forming vast, beautiful beaches.

The coast isn't the only thing worth seeing in Almuñécar. Once the site of the ancient Roman city of Sexi, today the area boasts a fascinating heritage of different cultures and civilisations. At the Majuelo park, visitors will find the remains of a Phoenician salted fish factory, the primary source of industry for the city during this period.

Among the historical sites of this town in the province of Granada is the Cuevas de Siete Palacios, a Roman archaeological museum, and the Castillo de San Miguel, an Andalusian fortress at the top of the town's historical centre.

Another place of interest is the Peñón del Santo, a cliff from which climbers can enjoy beautiful vistas of the coast and town. It is considered obligatory to pass by the Abderramán I statue whilst traversing this great rock.

This whole coastal area boasts a lovely micro climate and is home to friendly residents. Thanks to pleasant temperatures, visitors can indulge in the subtropical fruits the area is famous for while they explore the area.



Peñones de San Cristóbal. :: TURISMO ANDALUZ

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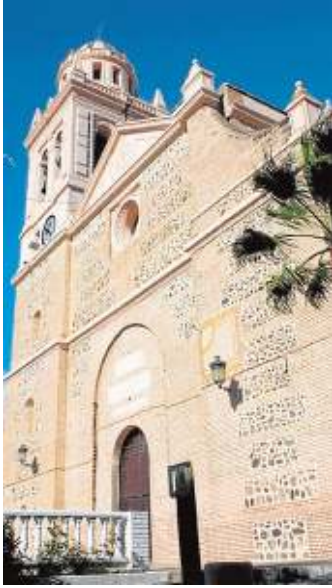
What to see in Almuñécar
Aqueduct and thermal baths.

Remains from the old Roman city of Sexi (between the First and Fourth Centuries). Carrera de la Concepción, s/n. 18690 Almuñécar.



Church of the Incarnation. Considered to be the first Baroque temple in the province of Granada (constructed at the start of the 17th Century). cxx401 (xera).

Cuesta de la Iglesia, s/n. 18690 Almuñécar.



Castillo de San Miguel. Arab fortress situated atop a hill of the same name, in the centre of Almuñécar.

Explanada del Castillo, s/n. Barrio San Miguel. 18690 Almuñécar.



Castillo de San Miguel. :: SUR

Writing in a borrowed tongue

Students of English at the official language schools in Andalucía take part in a short story competition

by RACHEL HAYNES

MALAGA. Since 2002 the Escuela Oficial de Idiomas (EOI) in Malaga has been running its annual short story contest for students of English. While at first the competition was open just to students at the Malaga

school, it was soon extended to include all the EOIs in Andalucía.

This year the contest received 76 entries from all eight provinces of Andalucía although, as contest organiser and teacher at the Malaga school, Manuel Castaño, points out, “most

of our winners seem to be from Cadiz, Almeria and Malaga”.

Once again, the editorial team at SUR in English were delighted to be asked to help select the winning story from the top three entries pre-selected by the school’s own panel

of judges.

Selected stories are published in the Malaga EOI’s own annual magazine, Martiricos, while SUR in English readers are given the chance to enjoy the top three entries on these pages.

Anyone who has attempted to write fiction or learn a foreign language will know that both are daunting tasks, so writing a short story in a language that isn’t your own is no small achievement. Happy reading!

WINNING SHORT STORY 2018

The girl who didn’t stay

DANIEL BARROSO ROSENDO

Stella was a little girl so fearless and so bold.

She flew an old-fashioned aeroplane all around the world.

She sat with delight in the cockpit feeling real proud,

So determined and excited as she ventured through the clouds.

She landed on a desert of cinnamon dunes topped with caramel.

Soon she met a kind merchant who was riding on his camel.

“Come to our oasis, my dear, don’t worry if you have no money,

We make delicious pastries with pistachios, nuts and some honey.”

She was treated to a jar of fresh lemonade from the sparkling well

And all the merchants even invited Stella to be a guest at the

Marzipan hotel.

“Thanks! That’s very kind of you, but sorry! I can’t stay!”

And then she got back on her plane and off she flew away.

She landed on a lake of ice cream, since her seaplane had floats, surrounded by mountains of biscuits with a sugar-gloss coat.

Delicious melting ice cream and golden brown syrup to taste,

the people were so sweet and friendly all eating without haste.

“Come on! Get on board!, said a lollipop girl from the village nearby.

“Scoops of strawberry ice-cream for free,” she looked Stella in the eye.

“Thanks! That’s very kind of you, but sorry I can’t stay!”

And then she got back on her plane and off she flew away.

She landed in a jungle of liquorice trees and juicy fizzy streams. Stella filled up the aircraft hold with fruit jellybeans.

Snakes were made of marshmallows and hives were like candy floss clouds.

She chuckled to herself climbing the trees laughing out loud.

Later she became friends with a monkey as funny as can be. “Why don’t you live here with us,” he said, “and live from tree to tree.”

“Thanks! That’s very kind of you, but sorry I can’t stay!”

And then she got back on her plane and off she flew away.

She touched down at the airport of a shiny city at night

and was amazed by the traffic and the glowing neon lights.

She walked for hours on the pavement until she stopped and crossed her legs,

“Why are all the mailboxes in this city made of chocolate eggs?”

Stella opened one and there was a robot inside as a gift.

“Let’s go shopping,” he said. “My friends will give us a lift.”

“Thanks! That’s very kind of you, but sorry I can’t stay.”

And then she got back on her plane and off she flew away.

Stella was hungrier than usual that wet winter Sunday morning.

She woke up mum and dad and they went downstairs yawning.

To wake them up completely mum did the usual, all that it takes:

Coffee, hot chocolate and delicious syrupy pancakes!

Then dad lit up the fireplace to make the kitchen cozy and warm.

They sat quietly munching while outside brewed a storm.

Stella looked at her mum and dad as they clinked their ‘yummy mugs’ together,

“I’m so happy here with you that I could stay home forever!”



Daniel Barroso Rosendo

The winner of this year’s EOI short story competition was born in Cadiz in 1973. He went on to take a degree in English Studies at the university of Seville. He is now a Secondary School English teacher in Cadiz. He likes music and literature and has published some poems and translations.

FIRST RUNNER-UP 2018

The bucket

IRENE GARCÍA FERNÁNDEZ

The sound of the window being violently hit by the robust tree branches was buzzing in Xiu-Mei’s head. It was pouring down in such a way that it appeared the panes were going to break into pieces sooner or later.

Monsoons had arrived at Guangxi earlier that year. Inside the tiny hut set in the heart of Mujingshui, the strong wind spread even more intensely. The deafening gale had been shaking the dirty poor shack since dawn. It was about to collapse as a result of the severe storm. “This ancient house needs getting the roof

fixed,” Xiu-Mei thought when she saw the rusty bucket he’d placed beneath the incessant leak. “But we might not have been able to afford it,” she gave up. The humble room was intermittently lit up by powerful lightning. That morning, Xiu-mei had scarcely been watching those

huge greyish clouds which had threatened to vent their fury, and finally, they fulfilled their promise by far. Despite the rough weather, beads of sweat ran down Xiu-mei’s forehead. Along with the stifling heat of the summer, especially wet and sizzling, the air was so dense

that just breathing could result in an extremely hard effort.

Xiu-mei was lying on a grungy mattress, feeling her body all but shattered. Even though she was really used to enduring pain, on this occasion she felt far more vulnerable than in her entire life. “Please, give me something to bear it,” she pleaded eagerly, looking sideways at a drop of liquid which was coming out of the needle. “Please, it’s killing me,” she begged groaning with pain.

Staring at her was Qiang, the man with whom she had been madly in love. His atmospheric eyes recalled

for her the first time they met. Funnily enough, they wouldn’t be together nowadays hadn’t Xiu-mei’s father arranged the affluent feast where Qiang worked. It was held in the stunning manor she grew up in. The side of her mouth curled into a smile on picturing the scene. “It seemed someone else’s life,” she sighed. That day, the vast majority of plums blossomed; she was enraptured either by the pleasant scent or by the view. Delicate flowers were swaying in the wind as if dancing when he passed by her line of sight carrying a heavy tray. The soft breeze rocked his fringe



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➤ revealing the most charming gaze. Perhaps, if he hadn't smiled so tenderly at her, her heart wouldn't have missed a beat, but nonetheless he had, and she put the smile back shyly. Sharply, the pitter patter of rain made her lose her train of thought. She was exhausted. The cramps in her lower belly were getting more and more painful. "Do you remember the day we met?" she asked to achieve a token of sympathy, to no avail.

Whilst they barely knew each other, they made the choice of getting married shortly after they'd met. She doubtlessly changed her wealthy life for living in the most absolute poverty. Nevertheless, the fairy tale didn't take long to dissipate. Violence progressed silently while the relationship drew on. More often than not, he gave her hell. Hits were happening day after day. At one point, she even got used to receiving them, and nowadays the situation appeared to be run-of-the-mill. "Do I deserve

such beating? What can I do?" She came to believe everything was her fault. Xiu-mei was such a wretched person, so much as for her to want to die. "I wish I hadn't been so blind so as to go down the aisle," she surprised herself thinking, every now and again. Xiu-mei was emotionally dependent on him. She was actually nowhere near as cheerful and beaming as she used to be in the wake of his mistreatment. He shaped her up as a miserable and unhappy woman. Once in a while, Xiu-mei thought of fleeing from everything and leave him alone, but her aim vanished quickly due to the fact that the utter fear hindered the woman from making her mind up.

As a result of labour contractions, Xiu-mei yelled. In spite of the pain screams, he kept apathetic, looking coldly at her. "Those have been especially strong. I feel weak indeed," the young woman said underneath her breath. "I won't be able to push. I'm worn

Irene García Fernández

Irene was born in Almeria, where she took a degree in Biological Sciences and currently works as a pathology research technician. She loves English and reading thrillers. She has published several papers in scientific journals. Last year she published My Soul in Tears in Martiricos and the year before she won the writing competition in her language school in El Egido (Almeria) with her essay entitled Make Your Own Way.



out," she panted.

"Stop moaning, you whiner," he grunted, glancing at her stonily. "If you bear a girl, she'll be drowned and I'll break every single one of your bones, filthy woman." He spat out the words with repugnance, pointing her to the bucket.

The delivery turned out a great deal harder than she had ever imagined. With no help, with no warmth, without a hint of love, she did feel lonely. She was down in the dumps and she was absolutely terrified as well, remembering what Qiang had promised he would do with the baby should she bring a girl to life. In the end, some

odd pushing was needed to bring blissfulness to Xiu-mei's heart, blissfulness and fear. On the one hand, she was as happy as the day is long, but on the other hand, she was scared stiff because of their unclear future.

"Oh, my dear," he guffawed at the time he lit a cigarette and gave it a long drag. "It seems to me that somebody will have drowned today by the end of my fag," he shouted out each word. Enfeebled and sore, she entreated for a moment to kiss her baby's smooth cheek. Then, she carefully set down the baby on the mat, and out of the blue she whispered, "I agree..." Xiu-mei could see bewilderment followed by sheer panic in Qiang's eyes when he peered into her hand and started understanding. Eventually, she pushed the syringe piston down, gazing at him for a heart-stopping moment, and just before he knocked down, she took a look at the bucket and furiously retorted: "Consider it done."

Only three more weeks and Cathy would be calling herself a Doctor in Medicine. Even with her lifelong wish within easy reach, she did not allow herself a break, but it was not something strange. She had behaved that way since she was a little girl.

Her childhood had not been easy. She could hardly remember a single day without one, or many, heated arguments at home. ... Home; four walls do not make a home, at least in her case. She used to spend very little time in it, especially if Martha, her mother, was there.

That is why she had run away from home so many times. On one occasion, she had spent five days away before she was found by the police, living with a gang of petty thieves and burglars in a deserted apartment building. Martha beat her so hard that she was in hospital for nine days. Fortunately, Social Services did their job and Martha lost custody of her and her brother Anthony, eight years her junior. Unfortunately, that separated their lives.

They were given up for adoption to different families and Anthony was very unlucky with his new parents. They did not take care of him very much and he lost himself in a life of drug abuse that made him pass away at the age of nineteen.

Cathy was not told immediately and when she learnt of it some months later, it was too much for her to forgive Martha.

During that time, Cathy and Martha had been in touch regularly. In the bottom of her heart, Cathy hoped for Martha to have a regular life. They had even spent some time together, and it was

SECOND RUNNER-UP 2018

Three weeks remaining

JOSÉ CARLOS GARCÍA CUEVAS

good for both in a certain way, but Anthony's dramatic death changed their relationship. Cathy had already started studying Medicine and was flat sharing with other two girls, taking as many jobs as she could, in order to pay the rent and her studies, but she moved to live alone and since then, she had just focussed on her degree. Being a resident doctor, it was something she could afford.

Martha could not spend a single day without thinking of her

children. A turbulent girlhood sharply finished with a pregnancy made her fall into a nervous breakdown and behaviour disorders, but she had always loved Cathy and she had always struggled to show love for her daughter, in spite of not having an easy going personality. Martha had to work long hours in order to earn a living. Cathy would spend many hours home alone. Then came Anthony and Martha would lose most of her jobs. Martha became a drug-dealer since she could not get enough money for her family otherwise. Kathy was sixteen at the time, and she could neither understand nor forgive Martha's behaviour, especially, after Anthony's passing after a drug overdose.

It had been six years since Cathy had left home and Martha's life had completely changed. She had a regular job, cleaning offices at night and eventually she volunteered for a charity which helped elderly people in need.

Mother and daughter were not in touch anymore, but Martha managed to find out

about Cathy, allowing herself to be seen by Cathy next to the Hospital entrance, wishing that her daughter would address her. It never happened, as for Cathy, her mother was invisible. Nothing in the world would be more hurtful to Martha than Cathy's glance, mixed with ignorance and defiance. However, Martha kept waiting by the hospital doors, yearning for a change.

RIIIIIING!! . It was 5:10 a.m.. when Cathy's mobile woke her up. It was Oliver, one of her colleagues at the Hospital, and probably, her best and only friend. He was on duty and he knew she was not, so Cathy stared at the mobile, wondering whether to answer it or not. She finally did, knowing that Oli would not play a trick on her at that time.

"Good morning, Cathy!" Oliver said. "Sorry to call you at this time, but I think you should come and see something. An ambulance has just brought in a beggar with terrible hallucinations. He's been cleaned up and we'll begin with the clinical study shortly. I think it could be paranoid schizophrenia."

"Not very common these days," Cathy replied. "I'm on my way, Oli. Thanks for calling."

Martha was finishing with her last office that night. Thirty more minutes and she would be on holi-

day for the next two weeks. The first ones in a long time. Maybe she would travel to the South. The weather was freezing cold and she had met a man on-line. He had asked her to visit him and she had not refused. "I'll sleep on it," she had told him and, finally, she had decided that she would give him a chance. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained," she was thinking while she closed the last office door and walked to the locker room.

Cathy left her home in a rush. She had to drive to the Hospital because it was Saturday and the subway was not running yet. It had been snowing the whole night and the roads were quite slippery because of the ice. Although she did not like driving on ice, she was used to it and she was eager to arrive at the Hospital so she was driving fast, even dangerously fast.

Martha left the building and took her way home. She had to wait twenty minutes for the station to open and the weather was disturbingly cold, so she decided to have a hot chocolate in the café opposite the station. She started to cross the street without paying attention to the cars ...

The telephone rang. "It must be Oliver" Cathy thought. Who else could it be? The hospital was really close, but she decided to answer the phone nonetheless.

Martha was crossing the street. Cathy turned her head and opened her bag, looking for her mobile phone. She found it but did not notice the woman crossing the street. She hit the brakes, but the ice made the car slide and she ran over the woman. For the very first time in many years, mother and daughter looked into each other's eyes ...

José Carlos García Cuevas

Born in 1970, José Carlos is a passionate lover of cinema and music. He also likes theatre, literature and practising sports. He is currently taking his B2 in English at EOI Málaga and works as a civil servant for the Junta de Andalucía.



Debra golf tournament and ball raise 46,000

■ SUR IN ENGLISH

MALAGA. The sixteenth edition of the Butterfly Children Golf and Ball raised over 46,000 euros for the charity Debra last weekend. Aloha Golf Club once again hosted the event, which coincided with the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the charity that helps people with the genetic skin-blistering condition Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). The funds, raised by players, diners and sponsors, will

allow the charity to provide essential healthcare support to 260 families across Spain.

More than 200 players took part in the golf tournament, and enjoyed a great day filled with prizes donated by sponsors such as hotels and restaurants as well as golf clubs.

Diners enjoyed a show from the guitarist David Cale, as well as the duo of Mr Maph and Simone Elise.



The funds raised will help 260 families across Spain. ■ SUR

PET CARE

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Feline leukaemia virus

Feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) is a rather misleading name. Leukaemia, a cancer of the blood, is only one of the many diseases that can strike an FeLV cat. Very often diseases such as pneumonia, chronic colds, anaemia or stomach problems occur before the cancer becomes obvious. In short, the disease breaks down the cat's immune system, which makes it very difficult for the animal to fight off these problems.

FeLV passes from an infected cat to another through the saliva by licking, sneezing or biting. An infected mother will also pass it on to her unborn kittens.

There are so many different symptoms that it is difficult for a layman to detect whether a cat has contracted the disease. However, watch out for important signs: if a cat eats very well but still loses weight, or has no appetite at all even when you tempt him with his favourite food, or if the cat has chronic diarrhoea, don't hesitate to take it to the vet and have it tested.

If it has the disease there is nothing that can be done. The good news is that if your pet does not have the disease yearly injections will keep it free of it and they can start as early as nine weeks old.

FeLV is on the increase, making it one of the most common killers of the cat population. From all cats tested positively, 80 per cent will die within three years.

But there is some positive news; they can be latent carriers, never developing into the active stage. Other strong and determined cats can fight back and survive. But of all the cats tested positively 90 per cent will develop persistent infections and will die of related diseases or leukaemia itself.

These are sobering figures, all of which point to one solution: have your kitten or cat tested for FeLV as soon as possible.

Another bit of good news: FeLV has no relation to human leukaemia. Cats cannot transmit the virus to human beings.



De la Cruz. ■ FAMILY ARCHIVES

Spain's longest-living nun has died in Japan aged 110

■ E. R.

MALAGA. Malaga-born Victoria de la Cruz García has died aged 110 after a heart attack. Spain's longest living nun had resided in Japan for 80 years, but she never let go of her Andalusian roots: according to family members, De la Cruz would yearn for the Mediterranean and often chat in Spanish, despite not having returned home since 1981.

She arrived in Japan for the first time in 1936 and was witness to important historical events such as the Second World War and the Hiroshima nuclear bomb. Victoria de la Cruz's work as a nun focused upon helping women and setting up schools.

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A previous FERIA Gastronómica in Almuñécar. :: **SUR**

A flavour of the Costa Tropical

Almuñécar's 20th gastronomy fair gets underway today and promises a weekend not only of food, but cocktails and gin and tonic too

:: **JENNIE RHODES**

ALMUÑÉCAR. Almuñécar, on the Costa Tropical, is celebrating 20 years of gastronomy this weekend, with the annual FERIA Gastronómica in the town's Parque El Majuelo.

The event, which is organised by the Almuñécar Valle Tropical hospitality association, officially opens at 1pm today.

Seventeen local establishments, including Mesón El Corzo, Gastro-

bar De la Flor, Restaurante La China, Yo como menú, Asador Casa La Parra, Mesón Mari y Miguel, Salitre Playa, Internacional Kelibia, Mesón Gala, La Despensa de la Abuela, Taberna Ayer, La Choza, Pizzería Da Mario, Puchero de Helena, Bar Bikini, Heladería-Cafetería Daniel and Distribuciones Gomezcor, will be participating in the fair.

A gin and tonic workshop will be held at 5pm today and is open to

professionals. From 9pm there will be special promotions on cocktails as well as the start of a tapas competition and the winner will be announced on Saturday at around 1pm.

There will be more cocktail offers on Saturday starting at 4pm and on Friday and Saturday there will be dancing at 8pm. Alma Marinera will be performing on Friday while on Saturday the Sabor a Mar dance troupe will be on the stage.

More dancing will come on Sunday at 1pm from Andalucía Baila before the event closes at 6pm.

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ANDREW J. LINN

COMPETITIVE GASTRONOMY



The world of gastronomy is not short of competitions and accolades. Practically any organisation even tentatively linked to what we eat or drink has its own way of handing out rewards, from The World's Top 50 Restaurants to the International Wine Challenge. In Spain regional influences are almost as important as national ones, and while the annual Fiesta de Orujo (distillation of remnants from grape pressing) competition in Potes (Asturias, northern Spain) brings together all the local artisan distillers, competition is so fierce that the judges have to leave the hall before the prizes are announced – for their own safety.

Participants distil orujo in public using their own stills and made from secret recipes handed down within families. Further south, the Malaga brewery, Cervezas Victoria, locally-owned and managed, rounded off a month's epicurean activities with a gala night last week. One of the highly-commendable objectives of the initiative is to send a young local chef on a paid scholarship arranged by Chef Training US to a well-known restaurant, on the condition of course that he or she returns to Spain and shows colleagues what they have learned. As a way of broadening connections and fostering an interchange of ideas and methods, there are few better ways, although it is debatable who

learns from who. There are certainly more Spanish restaurants in the US than American restaurants in Spain.

Organisers José María Guadalupe of Daily Tourist Marbella and Helen Vossenbergh of Marbella Channel hosted a who's who of local gastronomy, and popular award winners were Thomas Stork, executive chef of Puente Romano (think Sea Grill) and Jorge Manzur, general manager of the complex.

Now, after this fifth edition of the event, it will morph into a national experience, something that is not to the liking of those who supported it through its embryonic stage on the basis that Malaga First was just that. Anyway, export success is never assured, even if it is only between regions, and rather like Columbus's (only) pear-shaped venture of its type, Indian slaves, there's no place like home turf.

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The long and complex history of sangría

The name of this iconic Spanish drink actually comes from the British Antilles

✪ ANA VEGA PÉREZ DE ARLUCEA

MÁLAGA. If you thought that sangría, paella and the siesta after lunch were a Spanish invention, then think again. The “refreshing drink which combines wine and water with sugar and lemon and other complements”, as it is defined in the Real Academia Española (RAE), is British. Well, the name is anyway. And before you start tearing your hair out and cursing Perfidious Albion, take a deep breath, it’s not as bad as it sounds.

The British sangría has been known about since 1987 when the philologist Francisco Marcos Álvarez, divulged to the Spanish Language History Congress (Cáceres) that the word sangría comes from ‘sangaree’, a drink enjoyed by the British residents of the British West Indies and some other North American colonies back in the seventeenth century. When British expats are demanding sangría on the terrace of a local bar they are unwittingly using an Anglicism.

Sangaree, back in 1694 on the island of Martinique, was made with “Madeira wine mixed in a jug with sugar, juice from a lemon, a little

cinnamon and powdered clove, plenty of nutmeg and a crust of toast”. This drink was described by the Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Labat in his book ‘Nouveau voyage aux isles de l’Amérique’ (1722), who tasted the concoction on his trip to the British Antilles and declared that, once strained and chilled, it was delicious and refreshing.

This ‘sangaree’, made with wine from Madeira, Porto or the Canary Islands (sometimes also with rum), was a very popular drink in the colonies of Barbados, Bahamas and Virginia throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. From the English ‘sangaree’, Labat understood ‘sang-gris’, a term that passed via Chinese whispers to Spanish as ‘grey blood’ thanks to Esteban Terreros and his ‘Diccionario castellano con las voces de ciencias y artes’ (1788). He defined it as “a beverage that the English invented and is often drunk in the English and French colonies of America: the English say that it refreshes because it contains some lemon juice or citron [...] but that it goes quickly to the head proves that this drink contains a lot of spirit and a lot of fire”.



Sangría made with rosé, red wine and champagne. ✪ R. C.

In 1803, the RAE would veto ‘grey blood’ and would choose to include a new meaning for the word sangría: “a drink that is composed of water, lemon and red wine”. This meaning stood for decades in Mexico and other Spanish-American countries, probably due to the Caribbean influence, but strangely in Spain, there is no previous mention to 1800, except for “sangrías de vino tinto” served at the Cadiz Carnival in 1770.

Is it that wine and lemon maybe didn’t appeal to Spaniards? Of course it did, but until the beginning of

the 19th century that mixture was known here as lemonade. Descendant of the medicinal and spicy wines of the Middle Ages, wine lemonade was one of the most popular drinks of the Golden Age.

Whether served as a soft drink or as a medicine, it was used to treat fever, vomiting and as an anticoagulant measure before blood-letting.

However by the mid-nineteenth century, Spain fervently adopted the term ‘sangría’ and the old ‘lemonade’ was abandoned.

‘Lemonade’ is still alive in Holy

Week in León and lemonade txakoli is typical of Orozko (Vizcaya). The zurra or zurrapote are also similar drinks made with white or red wine, fruit and sugar.

In Menorca, the sengri menorquin, without a doubt comes from the English ‘sangaree’. The British occupation of the island during the seventeenth century left, among other things, this hot drink made from red wine, sugar, orange, cinnamon, anise, nutmeg and bread, extraordinarily similar to that concoction that over 300 years ago Labat tried in sunny Martinique.





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When drugs start at 14

Addiction is occurring earlier and the effects of new substances are unknown

Cannabis, alcohol, tobacco and cocaine are those most consumed by children. "Some even take cannabis at school break times," says an addiction specialist

■ ANA PÉREZ-BRYAN

MÁLAGA. The good news is that for the first time since 1994 the National Drugs Plan has detected a stabilisation of the age when youngsters start to consume toxic substances. The bad news is that, on average, that age is as low as 14, and some have even started much earlier, aged 12.

The devastating consequences of addictions on an increasingly young and numerous section of the population have yet to be determined, and the causes and their consequences were discussed recently during the conference on Youth Awareness of Addictions which was organised by the MonteAlminara centre and the Andalusian Youth Institute.

The effects of this consumption from a medical, psychiatric, legal, judicial and social point of view reflect the different aspects of a problem for which prevention policies are badly



From left to right, Julio Alberto, Noelia Suárez, Juan José Soriano, Carlos Sánchez, Nuria García, María José Cobo, José Luis Ruiz Espejo, Ana Isabel González and John Kreuze, before the start of the conference. ■ s. s.

needed. And this is all in a scenario in which, specialists emphasise, nobody is immune to the possibility of ending up as drug consumers, especially during adolescence, which is often the period when a young person will play down the risk factor because of their interest in trying new things.

"There are even cases of cannabis being consumed at break time in schools," warned the medical psychiatrist of the Triora MonteAlminara centre, Dr Carlos Sánchez Menéndez, to an audience which included therapists, psychologists, doctors and teachers. He called on these professionals to be constantly on the

lookout for the warning signs which may indicate that a teenager has started to consume toxic substances.

The role of parents

Parents also have a key role in this prevention strategy, but they often turn a blind eye to these changes in their child's behaviour or think the

fact that he or she goes out at night "and has four beers" is a lesser evil.

In fact, Dr Sánchez said that while 43.7 per cent of parents are tolerant about their children drinking alcohol, their posture changes radically when it comes to drug consumption: "They say that of course they don't want their child to take illegal substances, but they are much more permissive about them drinking four beers," he explained, and alcohol - in this case beer, wine or even energy drinks - represents a gateway to the consumption of other, equally noxious, substances.

The doctor said that cannabis, alcohol, tobacco and cocaine "are the substances most consumed by these age groups. People refer to addictive "substances" but should also take into account addictive "behaviours", he stressed, because those also include social media and gambling, and their uncontrolled use is also on the increase.


This is a worrying situation and the specialists at the conference also warned of new drugs, whose direct effects upon the body are unknown. This is such a problem that, as Dr Sánchez admitted, "patients are dying of cardiac arrest and we can't do anything about it". Among these new substances with unknown consequences are GHB, metaphredone and ketamine, "which are probably the most problematical because we don't know anything about them".

The abuse of these substances means that doctors are seeing youngsters aged 13 or 14 "who have no idea

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what is going on around them,” says this psychiatrist, who specialises in addictions, child-youth psychiatry and neuropsychiatry.

Nevertheless, the illegal substances are not always responsible for medical problems which arise from an addiction. The National Drugs Plan refers to a worrying statistic, that youngsters aged 13.7 years on average are being medicated with hypno-sedatives, with or without medical prescription, to which Dr Sánchez raised a question: “Who is to blame for that? Doctors? Parents? Teachers who have children with problems in their classroom and wash their hands of them, asking the parents to take them to see a specialist?” he asked. It is a fact that an increasing number of children these days can’t sleep and show signs of anxiety when treated with this type of pharmaceutical product.

The effects of long-term consumption of this type are unknown; and all these doubts were explained at the conference by the director of the MonteAlminara centre, Nuria García: “We know what the consequences of taking heroin will be on a large part of the population, but in this case we don’t know what the consequences will be. The children of today don’t have any historic memory of that, they don’t even know what they are getting into. They are losing many behavioural skills, and the effects of that will be seen in the future,” she said.

She also raised a question which is unanswerable from the information available: “What will happen to our children in ten years’ time?”

Alcohol is a gateway to children’s consumption of other illegal substances

From a legal point of view, more children are involved in drugs-related court cases

However, the psychiatric and clinical effects are not the only ones associated with addictions in adolescence. There are legal and judicial factors involved too, which need a detailed analysis.

This was provided by the Prosecutor for Juveniles at the Malaga Provincial Court, María José Cobo, who explained that there are more and more drugs-related cases involving children nowadays. She insisted that truly effective preventive policies are needed “in this intermediate stage, which is from the time the children start trying drugs until they end up in court”, and she also described the profile of youngsters to whom that applies.

Children in court

Firstly, María José Cobo talked about the children “who we know are already in a risky situation because someone in their family consumes or traffics drugs,” but she pointed out

that many also come from “normal families, but try drugs during their adolescence”. She also described a third profile which, she said, worries her: “It is when parents are violent towards their children, which is increasingly a matter of concern... that’s where consumption comes into it, mostly of cannabis. It provides a form of relaxation for the children in light of their parents’ behaviour and their relationship with their surroundings.”

Another speaker was Julio Alberto Moreno, a former footballer with Barcelona FC, Atlético Madrid and the Spanish team, who has described his rehabilitation from drugs in a book, ‘Nunca recordaré haber muerto’, and who insisted that addictions do not depend on social class or financial circumstances.

This elite sportsman was highly critical of the decision to stop sport at schools. “It means that only some children play sport, and they have to organise it themselves,” he said. He also talked about the lack of teaching of social skills, because in his opinion this would be a powerful preventive factor.

“Children learn languages and mathematics, but they are not learning the necessary social skills or healthy lifestyle habits,” he said.

Finally, the regional government representative in Malaga, José Luis Ruiz Espejo, stressed the importance of the administrations and society working together “to move forward in tackling this problem and make progress in preventive policies. This is something everybody needs to be involved in,” he said.

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A nursing career in two countries

Liz Brown UK and Spain registered nurse

'The English Nurse' recognised a need for home care among foreign residents in the Axarquía area

JENNIE RHODES

NERJA. Liz Brown can be easily identified by her British nurse uniform. She is a Registered General Nurse (RGN) in the UK as well as being, as far as she is aware, the only Briton registered with the Colegio Oficial de Enfermería in Malaga.

"It was a very long process to get registered here in Malaga," explains Liz, who had wanted to be a nurse since she was three. She adds that she got some "funny looks" at the beginning, but now that she goes to the same hospital and health centres as an interpreter, she is well-known among staff.

The nurse, who specialises in care for the elderly, has lived in the village of Cómpeta with her 18-year-old son, George, for ten years and has been registered as a nurse in Malaga for three. For a number of years Liz was travelling back and forth to continue working at the University Hospital of Lancaster. She also ran private residential and nursing homes as well as a community care service in the north west of England.

However, inevitably this became exhausting and complicated, so she decided that she and George, who has Asperger's, would live in Spain permanently. The pair were already very

familiar with the country as they had been coming on holiday since George was two.

Liz wanted to continue in a field she knew well and recognised a demand for English-speaking carers on the eastern Costa del Sol: "There is an increasing population of aging foreign people here who don't have family or partners to care for them."

The experienced nurse describes cases of elderly Brits who were returning to the UK in the hope that they would get the help they required through the NHS. "People just think that they will fall back into the system but the NHS is extremely stretched and the care is basic and it's definitely not the case that they will receive what they expect to."

What's more, according to Liz, while the Spanish social security system runs in a similar way to the UK's NHS, there are some stark differences. "The home care service here is even more limited than in the UK, but the service is more efficient with less waste," she says, also explaining that Spanish families tend to be more involved in patient care



Liz Brown (centre and inset) with other carers at Nerja Residents' Day. :: J. R.



whereas in the UK there is an understanding that hospitals will provide all the care.

A network of carers

Since Liz started working full-time in the Axarquía under the banner of 'The English Nurse' (she works mainly in Nerja as that is where the biggest British population is based in the

area of Malaga), she has taken on 14 carers to help manage the workload. All carers have English as a first language but most speak a good degree of Spanish and or other languages.

"It is important to speak English as people want to be able to communicate in their own language, or a language they are very comfortable in when they are not well and carers need to be able to pick up colloquial English and accents," Liz says, adding that all carers have a UK NVQ qualification in care work.

The English Nurse has more plans

"Choose wisely when looking for carers"

Liz's advice for anyone looking for care for elderly people is that home care services do exist but warns, "choose wisely".

"A good provider will produce evidence of registration and state within their contract that their care providers are police-checked, insured and that they are working legally.

"If anything goes wrong, the person at the receiving end of the service, along with the deliverer of the service, can face a hefty fine, which is the case for any service from carer to plumber and carpenter," she says.

There is a home help service in Spain but after a very lengthy wait for assessment, the typical time allotted per patient, she says, is just two hours a fortnight.

for the future which include the creation of an appliance which patients can plug into a socket at home which sends a message to the carer's mobile phone to let them know that they are up and about each morning. "Many people live on their own and don't want to have to rely on neighbours to check that they are OK every day," explains Liz, who plans to train more carers in autumn to meet the growing demand for her service, as well as offering a holiday home-cum-respite care for people who are not in permanent residential care.



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Malaga Terral Festival

MALAGA. Panamanian Rubén Blades heads up the programme of this year's Malaga Terral Festival which also includes Uruguayan Jorge Drexler, the Belgian pianist and composer Wim Mertens, Briton Ala.Ni and Portuguese Salvador Sobral and Teresa Salgueiro.

The female voices are provided by Rocío Márquez and Soleá Morente together with the Granada band Napoleón Solo; Paula Domínguez fronts Flamencohen, a poetic/musical show which honours Leonard Cohen with adaptations based on the biography by Alberto Manzano.

This year's edition, which takes place at the Teatro Cervantes in Malaga, will end with Grito pelao, choreographed by Rocío Molina and with singer Silvia Pérez Cruz.

The performances start at 8.30pm and tickets can be purchased from the theatre's box office (902 360 295 / 952 076 262) online at www.teatrocervantes.es and www.unientradas.es.

A full programme can be found at malagadecultura.com.



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<p>JUNE</p> <p>Fri. 22 WIM MERTENS</p> <p>Sat. 23 TERESA SALGUEIRO</p> <p>Sun. 24 ROCÍO MÁRQUEZ IN CONCERT</p> <p>Mon. 25 ALA.NI</p> <p>Wed. 27 SALVADOR SOBRAL</p> <p>Thu. 28 JORGE DREXLER</p>	<p>Fri. 29 FLAMENCOPEN Flamenco tribute to Leonard Cohen Paula Domínguez & La Banda del Corazón</p> <p>JULY</p> <p>Thu. 5 SOLEÁ MORENTE & NAPOLEÓN SOLO</p> <p>Sun. 8 RUBÉN BLADES & ROBERTO DELGADO SALSA BIG BAND</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>Tue. 7 ROCÍO MOLINA & SILVIA PÉREZ CRUZ Compañía Rocío Molina</p>
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MOVIE LISTING

From Friday 8th to Thursday 14th June

ORIGINAL VERSION SUBTITLED SPANISH



THE STRANGERS: PREY AT NIGHT

Director Johannes Roberts
Starring Bailee Madison and Christina Hendricks
HORROR - 85 min.



Saturday 9 and Monday 11: 15:30
Wednesday 13: 18:30



SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY

Director Ron Howard
Starring Alden Ehrenreich and Emilia Clarke
SCI-FI - 135 min.



Friday 8 and Thursday 14: 19:30, 22:15
Saturday 9 and Monday 11: 15:30, 19:30, 22:15
Sunday 10: 15:45, 22:00
Tuesday 12: 17:45
Wednesday 13: 17:30, 20:00

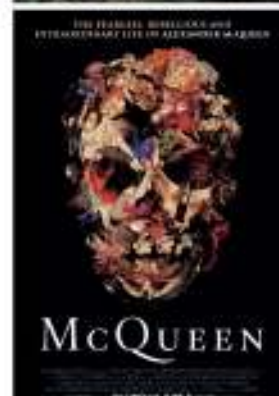


JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM

Director J.A. Bayona
Starring Bryce Dallas Howard and Chris Pratt
ACTION - 128 min.



Friday 8: 17:15, 18:00, 19:45, 22:15
Saturday 9 and Monday 11: 15:40, 17:15, 18:00, 19:45, 22:15
Sunday 10: 15:45, 17:30, 18:45, 20:00, 21:30, 22:30
Tuesday 12: 17:15, 18:15, 19:45, 22:30
Wednesday 13: 17:00, 18:00, 18:30, 20:00, 21:00, 22:30
Thursday 14: 17:00, 17:45, 19:45, 22:15



MCQUEEN

Director Ian Bonhôte and Peter Ettedgui
Starring Alexander McQueen
DOCUMENTARY - 101 min.



Friday 8: 18:10, 20:30
Saturday 9: 15:45, 18:10, 20:30
Sunday 10: 18:15, 20:30
Monday 11: 15:45, 18:10, 20:30
Tuesday 12: 17:45, 20:00
Wednesday 13: 17:30, 19:45
Thursday 14: 18:00, 20:15



DEADPOOL 2

Director David Leitch
Starring Josh Brolin and Ryan Reynolds
ACTION - 111 min.



Friday 8: 20:30
Saturday 9 and Monday 11: 15:50, 20:30
Sunday 10: 16:00
Tuesday 12: 20:30
Thursday 14: 20:15

EXHIBITIONS

Javier Calleja

Marbella. Until 28 July. Yusto / Giner Gallery, C/Madera.
'I hope you don't mind' is the name of the latest exhibition by Malaga artist Javier Calleja.

Es.Arte Alejandro Dron

Marbella. Until 28 June. Es.Arte Gallery, San Pedro de Alcántara, Avd del Mediterráneo.
Residing in New York, Argentinian artist Alejandro Dron is currently displaying his works in the Agatha Ruiz de la Prada shop in Madrid and in the Es.Arte gallery in Marbella.

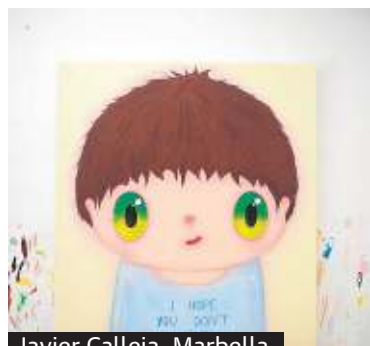
'Precarious'

Malaga. Until 10 June. Sala Alfajar, C/Cister.
An exhibition of works by Francisco Buenavida.

'Closer to María Zambrano'

Malaga. Until 15 June, 10am-2pm. Centro de Estudios Hispano-Marroquí.

An exhibition of art which celebrates the legacy of María Zambrano with each artist choosing an element from works to inspire their art. Includes drawings, paintings and sculptures.



Javier Calleja, Marbella.



The Ramparts will perform in Malaga next week. :: SUR

The Ramparts in Malaga

by TONY BRYANT

MALAGA. The Ramparts, one of Ireland's most popular all-male choirs, are to perform three concerts in Malaga this next week.

The Dublin-based chamber choir became an internet sensation last summer when a video of the group busking in Grafton Street went viral on YouTube. Following their internet success, the group were invited to perform in the hit stage musical, *Once*, at the Olympia Theatre in Dublin. Earlier this year, the group competed in Ireland's Got Talent. They also participated in the BBC musical show, *Pitch Battle*, coming second place with an a cappella version of DNCE's *Kissing Strangers*.

The group's repertoire offers a wide range of styles, including pop, traditional Irish folk, barbershop and classical music.

Organised by Project Music

Management, The Ramparts first concert will be held in the Finca La Donaira in Montecorto, a country estate set in the Ronda Mountains. The show begins at 8pm and tickets cost 35 euros. For information and tickets, phone 951 39 00 59.

The Avanto Restaurant in La Cala de Mijas is the venue for the second show on Monday 11 June. Tickets for the show, which begins at 8.30pm, cost 25 euros. (Reservations call: 693 751 857.)

The group's final performance will be at the Velvet Restaurant in Nueva Andalucía, Marbella, on Wednesday 13 June. The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost 30 euros. (Reservations call: 604 192 491.)

Prices include a welcome drink and canapés during the interval. For more information, see the Facebook page for Project Music Management.

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.

Picasso, Momentos Decisivos

Malaga. Until 21 June. Fundación Picasso, Casa Natal.

These 18 paintings demonstrate three distinct stages of the artist's work. The first room displays eight sketches for *Las Señoritas de Aviñón*, the second focuses on the artist's attitude to Franco, and the third offers an insight into the artist's blue and pink stages.

Malaga lighthouse

Malaga. Until 30 June. Museo Alborania, Palmeral de las Sorpresas, Muelle 2.

An exhibition detailing how important the lighthouse has been to Malaga over the last two hundred years; how it fared during wars and earthquakes and what it meant to sailors, vessels and the port of Malaga.

Creadores 2018

Malaga. Until 8 July. La Térmica, Avda de Los Guindos.

Irene González, Ernesto Casero, Enar de Dios, Marco Moreira, Miriam Väyrynen and Alejandro Gines are the 'Creadores' that are exhibiting their works.

The Donkey

Mijas. Until 25 June. Sala del Patio de las Fuentes, Mijas town hall. *El Burro y Sus Parientes* is the title of the exhibition currently being held at the town hall in Mijas. It consists of a series of photographs taken by the Sociedad Malagueña de Fotografía.

Dorina Krstic

Benalmádena. Until 23 June. Sala de Exposiciones, Castillo Bil Bil. Bright, colourful paintings by Dorina Krstic.

Art for a good cause

Mijas. Until 2 July. Casa Museo, Plaza de la Libertad, 2.

A selection of works created by the Círculo de Pintores Solidarios to raise money for the Spanish Red Cross.



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Cudeca Sunflower Campaign

Malaga. Until 8 July. Malaga city, Arroyo de la Miel, Fuengirola, Mijas, Nerja, Torremolinos, Marbella, Málaga, Benalmádena.

The Sunflower Campaign 2018 is aimed at improving awareness of the charity's work. Volunteers will be offering the symbol of international palliative care, the sunflower, in exchange for a donation.

Acompalia summer fiesta

Castell de Ferro. 8 June, 7-11pm.

Castell de Ferro town hall.

An evening of entertainment with dance, music and activities for children. Stalls selling handicrafts and preserves.

Big Band swing Sounds

Coín. 9 June, 7.30pm. Los Cabaes on the A7069 Cártama/Coín road. 17€ non members, 15€ members. TAPAS is holding a two course dinner and a show with sounds of the big bands performed by members of the choir. The event will raise money for DEBRA, the butterfly children charity and Arca Noah for abandoned animals. Contact Angela Stopforth: 685386923 or email publicity@tapassociety.com.

Good Vibrations

Estepona. 10 June, 8pm. The Piano Bar, Puerto de Estepona, Avd Luis Braille.

Opera singer Clarice Williams (part of the 3Divas tour) with special guest fifteen-year-old Amalia. In aid of the Nuevo Hogar Betania charity.

FOTA Summer Ball

Mijas. 14 June, from 7pm. Val-paraiso restaurant. 37.50€ For FOTA members and their friends. Tickets available from the FOTA information desk in Salon Varietés Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11.30am to 1.15pm. Pre-dinner drinks and canapés served by the pool at 7 pm, followed by meal, drinks and entertainment.

Lion's 20th anniversary ball

Mijas. 8 June, from 7.30pm. Hotel Tamisa Golf. 45€

To celebrate their 20th anniversary the Mijas Lions are holding a ball and charter night. The price includes dinner at the Hotel Tamisa Golf with free bar until midnight and entertainment. Tickets are available in the Lions Charity Shop, C/Torremolinos La Cala de Mijas. Tel: 677 059 661 or from the Tamisa Golf Hotel.

Costa Women summer party

La Cala de Mijas. 29 June, Avanto Restaurant. 37€.

This event is to raise money for the Asociación Knitted Knockers Costa del Sol which makes hand knitted breast prostheses and Acompalia, who is raising funds to build a hospice for the terminally ill in Granada province. The evening will include a fashion show. Dinner includes ½ bottle of wine per person or soft drinks followed by coffee. Entertainment with Laurie Scott Professional Wedding & Party DJ and Mr Maph and Simone. Art



Alejandro Dron, Marbella

work by Creative Costa Women artists will be available to purchase on the night. Tickets: Costa Women's Facebook page.

TAPAS production

Coín. 30 June, 6.30pm. Restaurante Los Cabaes, A7059 Cártama to Coín road. 10€ members, 12€ non-members.

The evening's entertainment includes a two act play with dinner. The play will be 'Who killed the hotel manager' by Chris Martin. Money raised will go to Debra, the butterfly children's charity and Arca Noah, animal charity. Email: events@tapassociety.com

MUSIC & DANCE

Festival of Chamber Music

Malaga. Until 10 June. Teatro Echegaray, Teatro Cervantes (10 June). 'Dedicado a España' is the third of four concerts being held at the Teatro Echegaray followed on 9 June by 'Inspiración Lejana'. Both begin at 8pm and tickets costs 10€ for each performance. The festival ends with a concert 'Carácter español' at Teatro Cervantes at 7pm. Tickets: 20€ www.unientradas.es

Guitar Festival

Ronda. Until 9 June. Convento de Santo Domingo, C/Armiñán. 15€ Two concerts every night beginning at 9pm with a 15-minute

break in between. The guitarists come from Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, US, Bulgaria, Germany and France and offer all style of guitar music. During the day there will be guitar exhibitions and workshops, concerts and conferences. www.rondaguitarfestival.com

Traditional romería in Coín

:: TONY BRYANT

COÍN. Coín is getting ready to celebrate its annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Virgen de la Fuensanta. A popular tradition where religious devotion is mixed with joyous celebration, the romería's origins are based on a legend concerning the apparition of the Virgin Mary that dates back to 1487.

The journey to the sanctuary of the Virgin, also the town's patron, begins at 10am on Saturday 9 June, when around 50 Romany style caravans adorned with sprays of flowers and religious emblems will embark on the five-kilometre journey. Many of the carts are pulled by oxen, donkeys and horses, and the scene is a reminder of the travelling gypsy caravans that once roamed Andalucía.

Pilgrims dressed in traditional attire sing and dance to sevillanas and light flamenco as the procession trundles through the countryside. One of the most picturesque parts of the journey takes place at the River Pereilas, when the pilgrims and their animals are rested and watered at



Romany-style caravans embark on the pilgrimage . :: TONY BRYANT

the riverside. It was once traditional to baptise anyone who was making their first pilgrimage in this river as it was believed that they would then be blessed by the Virgin. The celebrations really get going once everyone has arrived at the small white hermitage nestled among the olive and orange groves.

A constant flow of people will pass through the chapel to show their devotion to the iconic image, but once the religious duties have been fulfilled, it is time for the fiesta.

The celebrations continue well into the dark hours and are only interrupted by the mass held in honour of the Virgin. The sacred image is then hoisted onto the shoulders of the pilgrims, who then embark on a silent procession.

A competition to decide the most beautifully decorated wagon is held on Sunday morning and the winner will have the honour of escorting the Virgin back to the San Juan Bautista church in Coín.

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Jazz Vejer**Cádiz. 8, 9 June.**

The Festival Internacional Jazz Vejer returns for its third edition with concerts that include Shai Maestro Trio, Andrea Motis and Joan Chamorro Quartet, Tank and The Bangas, Chicuelo and Mezquida, Leo Minax and Mistoquente, O Sister! and Juno and Darrell.

<https://tickettradas.com/fest/iii-festival-internacional-jazz-vejer-2018>

La Cala Live**La Cala de Mijas. Every Thursday May to September.**

Live bands and dance performances will take place in the plaza in front the town hall.

14 June. Skafeinados.**Pequeña Orquesta Mediterránea****Puerto Banús. 17 June, 6pm. Vasari Center. 5€.**

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Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra**Malaga. Teatro Cervantes****14, 15 June, 8pm.**

Mahler's Symphony n° 6 in A minor 'Tragic' followed by Symphony n°4 by Bohuslav Martinu. Tickets:

<http://www.teatrocervantes.com>

TAPAS 'In The Mood'

Cártama. 9 June. Las Cabaes restaurant on Cártama to Coín road. 17€ non members, 15€ members. The concert includes a two course meal. <https://www.tapasociety.com/what-s-on>

Music in the Dolmens

Estepona. 9 June, 8pm. Centro de Interpretación de la Necrópolis Megalítica de Corominas, Parque San Isidro Labrador. 15€.

A concert by Brasileirinho, a group who pay tribute to the greats such as Nelson Sargento, Carlos Lyra, Zé Ketí and Adonirán Barbosa with a

The Cave festival in Nerja

|| JENNIE RHODES

NERJA. The 59th Nerja Caves International Festival of Music and Dance will get under way on Saturday 16 June with a performance by African-American soprano and jazz musician, Barbara Hendricks, inside the cave itself.

Hendricks was born in 1948 in Arkansas, USA and has lived in Europe since 1977. She will be performing with her Trio, the Road to Freedom, along with Matthias Algotsson on the piano and Ulf Englund, on guitar.

There will also be a piano recital by classical pianist, Javier Perianes (Nerva, Spain, 1978) on Thursday 19 July in the cave. He will play pieces by Debussy and Manuel Falla.

The outdoor stage will host the flamenco group Compañía Flamenca de Manuel Liñán who will perform the show 'Nómada' on 29 June. Paquito D'Rivera, Cuban-born American saxophonist, clarinetist and composer, will be performing his show 'Setenta años de música mágica' with the



Barbara Hendricks in concert in 2015. :: SUR

Pepe Rivero Trio on 13 July.

The Malaga Symphony Orchestra will be performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto N° 5 in E-flat major, Op. 73. and Dvorak's Symphony N° 9 'The New World' in the Plaza de España in Nerja town centre on Thursday 5 July.

It is advisable to book early as performances sell out quickly.

INFORMATION

► **Where:** Nerja Caves and Plaza de España.

► **When:** June and July

► **Tickets:** www.cuevaden-erja.es

wide repertoire of bossa nova, samba, chor and a touch of jazz. www.dolmenesestepona.com

Dance festival**Almuñécar. 9, 10 June. Casa de la Cultura.**

The Salange Janssens professional dance school will be performing. Tickets from the school or the box office.

El Ballet**Estepona. 17 June, 6pm. Auditorio Felipe VI.**

The Russian Ballet School pays tribute to Marius Petipa in this dance gala. Tickets and information: 678 946 115 -

www.auditorioestepona.com

Johnny G & The Girls Villanueva del Trabuco. 14 June, 7.30pm. Venta Talillas restaurant. 5€

Johnny G will be performing the best songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Soul, Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis and more.

Promúsica chamber orchestra

Rincón de la Victoria. 15 June, 9pm. Tunnels of Cala del Moral. The average age of the orchestra is just 19.

Rondalla Sierra Almijara

Nerja. 16 June, 9pm. Centro Cultural Villa de Nerja. 5€ The Rondalla Sierra Almijara orchestra will perform a concert in honour of Jose Millón Poveda (Pepe Millón) who died last year and who was director and one of the biggest promoters of the orchestra.

Live Rock and Folk music

Fuengirola. 9 June, 8pm. Pirpa's 69 Bar, Paseo Marítimo. Free. Tommy & Jerry, Mojo Duo, plays



El Ballet, Estepona.



Derek Acorah, Gibraltar.

Tom Petty, Neil Young, Rolling Stones, Elvis, Pink Floyd

Derek Acorah

Gibraltar. 22 June, 7.30pm. Inces Theatre, Main Street. 28€, VIP 55€ Sunrock Live presents a concert with Derek Acorah. Tickets: 722570200 or www.sunrocklive.com

Flamenco in the Museum

Malaga. Museo de Arte Flamenco Peña Juan Breva, C/Ramón Franquelo.

9 June, 9.30pm. Sandra Cisneros and her dance group.

14 June, 9.30pm. Juan Fco Rivera and his dance group.

Mujer

Almuñécar. 19 June, 8pm. Casa de la Cultura. María Gómez 'La Canastera' presents her new dance show 'Mujer'.

Teatro Las Lagunas

Mijas. Camino del Albero, 16. 9 June, 7pm. Performance from dance students from the Universidad Popular. Free entry.

14 June, 11am. Performance from dance students from the Universidad Popular. Free entry. 15 June, 7.30pm. Performance by dancers from the Academia de Danza Ana María Tineo. 4€. Tickets available at the academy or Colegio Salliver.

EVENTS

What happens after Brexit?

San Roque. 14 June, 6pm. Alcaidesa Golf Club. Free.

De Vere Spain hosts an informative seminar in which important issues post-Brexit, such as residency, British citizens' rights and money will be discussed.

The Mustard Seed Gang

Alhaurín El Grande. 9 June, 3-4.30pm. Cemetery Chapel.

Story telling, crafts for kids, songs etc. For more information: 665914252 or 697867377

Mini cruise

Fuengirola. 13 June, from Fuengirola port to Benalmádena. 20€

Enjoy a view of the coast, great shopping with light lunch and drink included. Age Concern: 686289904 weekdays 10am - 4pm.

Age Concern BBQ

Los Boliches. 14 June, 25€

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Granada Beer Festival

Granada. 15, 16, 17 June, Feria de Muestras, Armilla-Granada.

National, international and craft beers at this unique event. Last year the fair attracted over 8,000 visitors with conferences, exhibitions and tastings. Live music, crafts and gastronomy. Facebook : @granadabeerfestival | Instagram : www.instagram.com/granadabeer-festival

Bloomsday bathe and read on the beach

Fuengirola. 16 June, from 8-10.30am. La Cepa Playa.

The reading will be from Ulysses - 8th year - chapter eight in any language. <http://rogercum-miskey.com/bloomsday-2018/>

Royal British Legion Trip to Seville

Mollina. 22 June. Various pick up points. Members 11€, non-members 13€.

Tickets from RBL's Saydo market stall or call: 665456007

Coach excursion to Gibraltar

Torre del Mar. 21 June, 19 July. Various departure points. 12€

Transport, travel insurance included. Passport necessary. Lux Mundi Torre del Mar. Tel:952 543 334 or e-mail: luxmundi@luxmundi.org

Phoenix Club trips

El Chorro by train. 15 June. Various pick ups. 24€. Lunch extra.

The Phoenix club is a registered charitable association raising funds for three local charities and SSAFA in the UK.

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Magpie Art Talk

Marbella. 8 June. *Magpie International Art Gallery, Calle Virgen del Pilar, 7.*

The talk will be given by Professor Juho Ahava on "photography in art."

Fish and Fresh

Torremolinos. 6-8 June.

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Disobedience: 20.40, 22.40.

McQueen: 16.30, 18.30, 22.30.

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Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom: 12.15, 16.30, 19.05, 21.35, 00.15 (every day).

Deadpool 2: 12.00, 16.00, 17.15 (every day).

Solo: A Star Wars Story: 12.00, 16.45 (every day); 19.35, 22.20 (Mon, Tues, Thurs).

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Mustard Seed Gang, AEG.

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Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom: 15.45 (Sat-Mon); 17.00 (Wed, Thurs); 17.15 (Fri-Tues); 17.30 (Sun); 18.00 (Fri, Sat, Mon, Wed); 18.15 (Tues); 18.30 (Wed); 18.45 (Sun); 19.45 (Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues, Thurs); 20.00 (Sun, Wed); 21.00 (Wed); 21.30 (Sun); 22.15 (Fri, Sat, Mon, Thurs); 22.30 (Sun,

Tues, Wed).

McQueen: 15.45 (Sat, Mon); 17.30 (Wed); 17.45 (Tues); 18.00 (Thurs); 18.10 (Fri, Mon); 18.15 (Sun); 19.45 (Wed); 20.00 (Tues); 20.15 (Thurs); 20.30 (Fri-Mon).

The Strangers: Prey at Night: 15.30 (Sat, Mon); 18.30 (Wed).

Solo: A Star Wars Story: 15.30 (Sat, Mon); 17.30 (Wed); 17.45 (Tues); 19.30 (Fri, Thurs, Sat, Mon); 20.00 (Wed); 22.00 (Sun); 22.15 (Fri, Thurs, Sat, Mon).

Deadpool 2: 15.50 (Sat, Mon); 16.00 (Sun); 20.15 (Thurs); 20.30 (Fri, Sat, Mon, Tues).

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Coppelia. Live from the Bolshoi Ballet. 10 June, 17.00, (Rincón de la Victoria, Vialia Málaga).

Swan Lake: Live from the ROH (ballet). 12 June, 20.15, (Rincón de la Victoria, Vialia)

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Price drops and new incentives as Malaga CF season tickets go on sale for next season

The prices have been adjusted to correspond with the drop to the second division and fresh ideas have been launched to try and keep fans on board

ANTONIO GÓNGORA

MALAGA. Malaga CF's season ticket sales campaign will have a much different feel this year as the club aims to keep losses at a minimum after its ten-year spell in the first division came to an end.

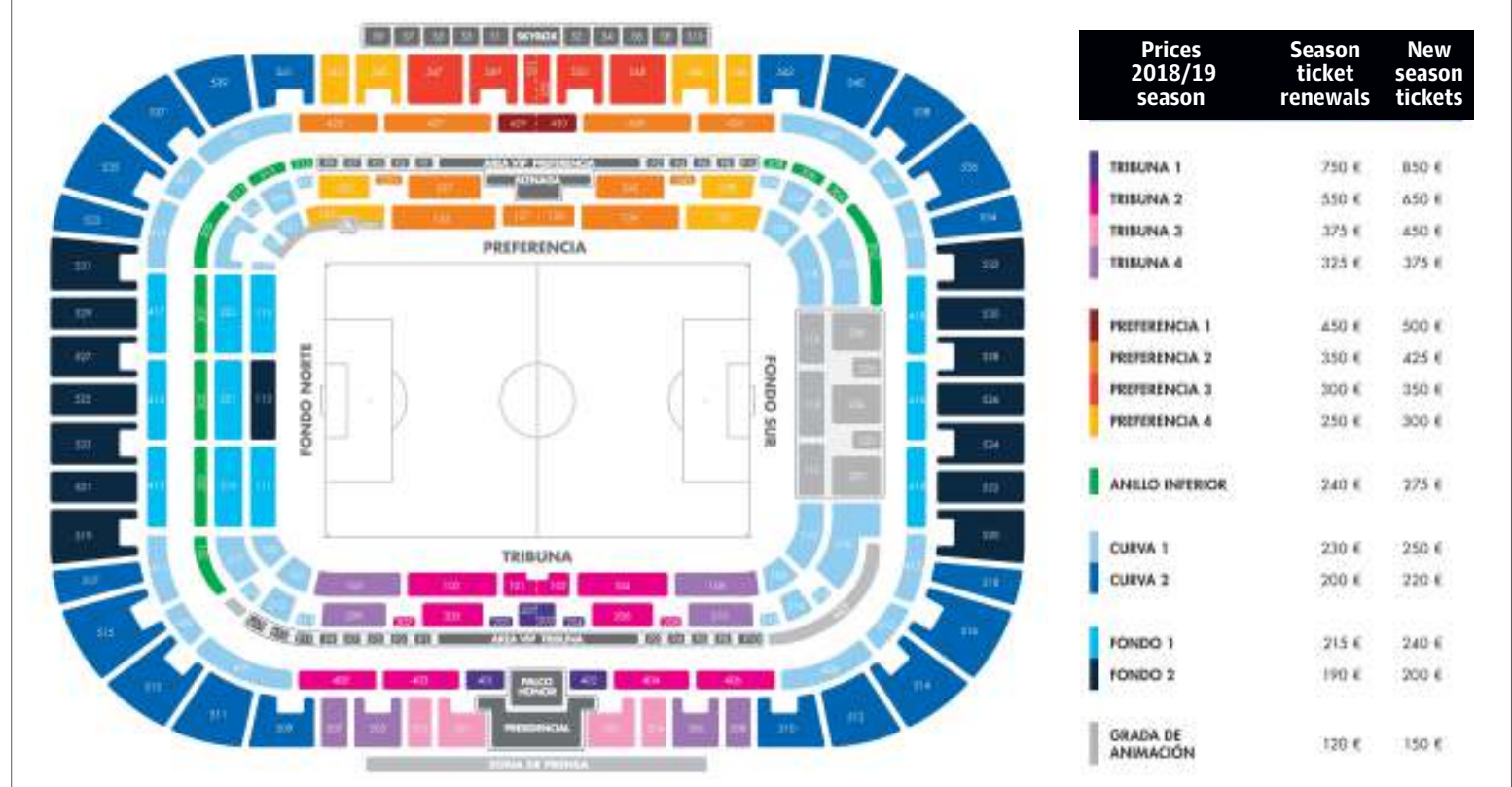
Though they've failed to find a winning formula on the pitch, club officials have been working hard to find a formula that will encourage fans to continue to lend their support in Segunda next year.

To this end, several incentives have been introduced but the stand-out measure is the reduction in prices - an average across the board of 20 per cent.

Those who renew existing season tickets before 30 June will also benefit from an all-inclusive package which will allow ticket holders access to all games held at La Rosaleda (21 league games, plus any Copa del Rey or hypothetical play-off games).

Online renewals will also benefit from a five per cent discount, while those who renew this month will also see the prize frozen for the following year (which would be a

Sections and pricing at La Rosaleda stadium



massive saving should the team be promoted at the first time of asking).

Given the enormous loss of television revenue following relegation, getting as many season tickets sold is of major importance for the club.

The campaign, which will start on Monday, 11 June, has already been delayed by the ongoing crisis at the club. It was hoped that the appointment of a new coach and movement in the transfer market would excite the fans and stir some optimism but

that is yet to materialise and the sales campaign couldn't be delayed any longer.

Current season ticket holders will be given the opportunity to renew first before the process is opened up for new members to purchase.

As was the case last year, tickets can be purchased in installments, interest-free. For new purchasers, the prices vary from 150 to 850 euros.

Season tickets for children born after 1 June 2006 cost just 50 euros.

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All eyes on Russia as the world's finest get ready to lock horns all over again

The hosts' clash against Saudi Arabia next Thursday will raise the curtain on world football's showpiece event

by **DARYL FINCH**

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MALAGA. The summer can often feel like a lifetime for football fans as they struggle to fill their weekends in the absence of the beautiful game. World Cup years, however, are always the exception.

This showpiece event, watched by millions around the globe, has the power to stoke passions in even the most placid person, make or break careers and even unite nations. This year will be no different and promises to be an enthralling watch.

Who will win?

Reigning champions Germany will be confident of retaining their crown after winning ten out of ten in qualifiers and looking every bit the part.

While the side no longer has the likes of Bastian Schweinsteiger, Philipp Lahm or Miroslav Klose, Germany's new generation has the potential to be even better than four years ago, with the side now built on a solid defensive unit.

That said, in the bookmakers' eyes, the favourites are five-time winners Brazil. Like Germany, Brazil also cruised qualifying and now have strength in depth, especially in attack. Their squad, which includes superstar Neymar, is a far cry from the one thrashed 7-1 in the 2014 semifinals by Die Mannschaft.

As was the case two years ago when they won Euro 2016, Portugal again will be outsiders. Their squad, albeit spearheaded by Cristiano Ronaldo, is not of the same level of the favourites, which incidentally includes the side they defeated in the final, France.

With an embarrassment of riches in his squad, the biggest dilemma for coach Didier Deschamps will be how to fit them all in. The team is well-stocked in attack, with Antoine Grie-

mann, Kylian Mbappé, Nabil Fekir, Ousmane Dembélé and Olivier Giroud all vying for a starting berth.

Argentina are another side that must be in the mix after reaching the final in Brazil. What's more, any team containing Lionel Messi, Gonzalo Higuaín, Sergio Agüero and Paulo Dybala must be taken seriously. However, it's at the other end where there is cause for concern.

And what about Spain?

The 2010 champions are ranked third favourites as things stand. Having underachieved at the previous two tournaments, coach Julen Lopetegui has overhauled the squad, replacing the old guard with youth.

Central to his new project is Benalmádena-born Isco (pictured). The Real Madrid star will be La Roja's man to watch as he aims to orchestrate Spain's second World Cup triumph.

Who could cause an upset?

Alongside Portugal, Group G opponents Belgium and England will be looking to upset the odds with experimental squads loaded with young players.

Boasting two of the world's best playmakers, Eden Hazard and Kevin De Bruyne, Belgium coach Roberto Martínez must find the illusive tactical formula to help his budding stars get the success their talents deserve.

Likewise, England's Gareth Southgate will try to replicate his nation's success in the under-17 and under-20 World Cups by implementing the same playing style and promoting a number of players from the youth categories. But given the inexperience of both these squads, both managers should be content with earn-

ing much-needed tournament experience.

A fairytale on the cards?

There are a number of candidates. Remember Iceland? After reaching the quarters at the Euros two years ago, the tiny nation now find themselves at their first ever World Cup. Despite fielding a side littered with semi-professionals, underestimate them at your peril.

Elsewhere, given that host nations often go further than expected (see South Korea in 2002), Russia, who have picked mostly home-based players, will be hoping that the passionate support will give them a desperately needed boost.

However, after the heartbreak of missing out on the Champions League with Liverpool, wouldn't it be the ultimate fairytale if Mohamed Salah returned from injury to lead his Egypt side out of the group stages?



WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

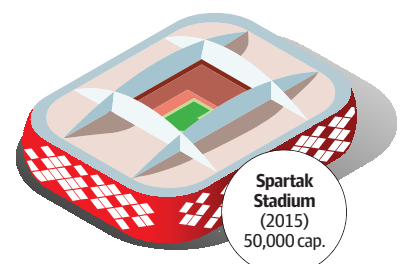
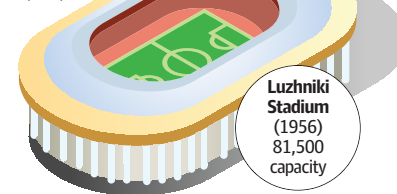
GROUP STAGE

	14 Thursday	15 Friday	16 Saturday	17 Sunday	18 Monday	19 Tuesday
Moscow Luzhniki Stadium	Russia S. Arabia 5 pm			Germany Mexico 5 pm		
Moscow Spartak Stadium			Argentina Iceland 3 pm			Poland Senegal 5 pm
St Petersburg Krestovsky Stadium		Morocco Iran 5 pm				Russia Egypt 8 pm
Volgograd Volgograd Arena					Tunisia England 8 pm	
Ekaterinburg Ekaterinburg Stadium		Egypt Uruguay 2 pm				
Sochi Fisht Olympic Stadium					Belgium Panama 5 pm	
Kazan Kazan Arena			France Australia 12 pm			
Nizhny Novgorod Nizhny Novgorod Stadium					Sweden S. Korea 2 pm	
Samara Cosmos Arena				Costa Rica Serbia 2 pm		
Rostov Rostov Arena				Brazil Switzerland 8 pm		
Kaliningrad Kaliningrad Stadium			Croatia Nigeria 9 pm			
Saransk Mordovia Arena			Peru Denmark 6 pm			Colombia Japan 2 pm

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20 Wednesday	21 Thursday	22 Friday	23 Saturday	24 Sunday	25 Monday	26 Tuesday	27 Wednesday	28 Thursday	30 Saturday	1 Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	6 Friday	7 Saturday	10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	14 Saturday	15 Sunday
Portugal Morocco 2 pm						Denmark France 4 pm				1st B-2nd A 4 pm (51)						Winners 7 July 8 pm		Semifinal winners 5pm
			Belgium Tunisia 2 pm				Serbia Brazil 8 pm					1st H-2nd G 8 pm (56)						
		Brazil Costa Rica 2 pm				Nigeria Argentina 8 pm						1st F-2nd E 4 pm (55)			Winners 6 July 8 pm		Semifinal losers 4 pm	
		Nigeria Iceland 5 pm			S. Arabia Egypt 4 pm			Japan Poland 4 pm										
	France Peru 5 pm			Japan Senegal 5 pm			Mexico Sweden 4 pm											
			Germany Sweden 8 pm			Australia Peru 4 pm			1st A-2nd B 8 pm (50)					Winners51 and 52 8 pm				
				Poland Colombia 8 pm			S. Korea Germany 4 pm		1st C-2nd D 4 pm (49)				Winners 53 and 54 8 pm					
	Argentina Croatia 8 pm			England Panama 2 pm			Switzerland Costa Rica 8 pm			1st D-2nd C 8 pm (52)			Winners 49 and 50 4 pm					
	Denmark Australia 2 pm				Uruguay Russia 4 pm			Senegal Colombia 4 pm			1st E-2nd F 4 pm (53)			Winners 55 and 56 4 pm				
Uruguay S. Arabia 5 pm			S. Korea Mexico 5 pm			Iceland Croatia 8 pm					1st G-2nd H 8 pm (54)							
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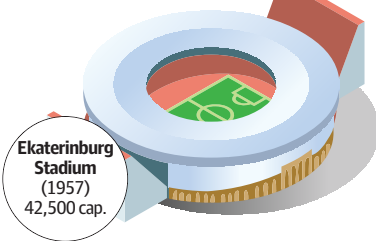
St Petersburg

Population: 5,281,579



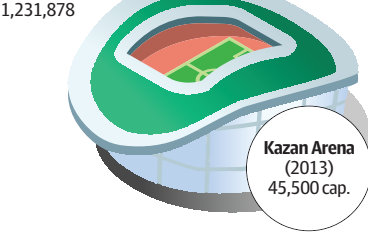
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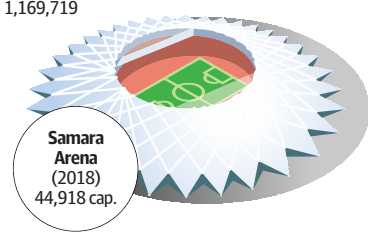
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Population: 1,231,878



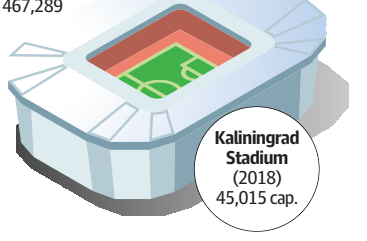
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Population: 1,169,719



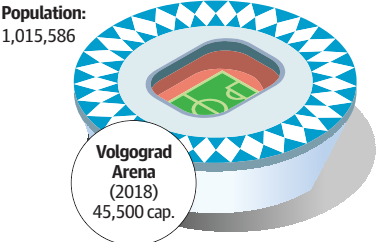
Kaliningrad

Population: 467,289



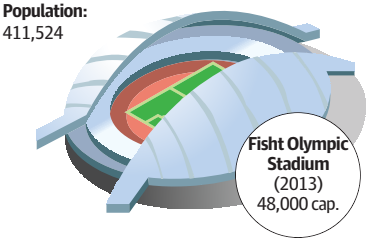
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Population: 1,015,586



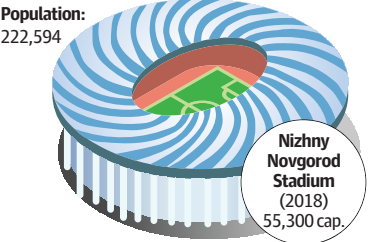
Sochi

Population: 411,524



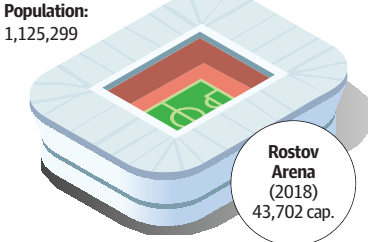
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Population: 222,594



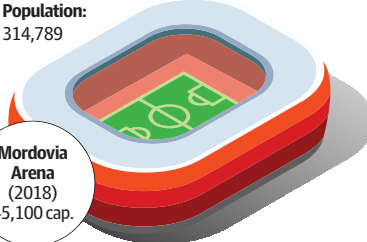
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GROUP A

Russia (10 World Cups. Best finish: 4th)



One to watch
Akinfeev
Clean sheets
45



Coach: Stanislav Chérchésov (54 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	Akinfeev	1	CSKA Moscow	32	105	-71
	Gabulov	20	Club Brugge	34	10	-6
Defenders	Lunev	12	Zenit	26	3	-7
	Fernandes	2	CSKA Moscow	27	4	0
	Kutepov	3	Spartak Moscow	24	6	0
	Ignashevich	4	CSKA Moscow	38	121	8
	Semenov	5	FC Akhmat	29	6	0
	Kudryashov	13	Rubin Kazan	31	18	0
Midfielders	Granat	14	Rubin Kazan	31	12	1
	Smolnikov	23	Zenit	29	26	0
	Cheryshev	6	Villarreal	27	11	0
	Kuziaev	7	Zenit	25	5	0
	Gazinsky	8	Krasnodar	28	5	0
	Kudryashov	9	CSKA Moscow	27	56	9
	Zobnin	11	Spartak Moscow	24	11	0
	Miranchuk AL	15	Lokomotiv	22	17	4
	Kudryashov An.	16	Lokomotiv	22	5	0
	Goalsovin	17	CSKA Moscow	22	18	2
Att.	Zhirkov	18	Zenit	34	83	2
	Samedov	19	Spartak Moscow	33	47	6
	Erokhin	21	Zenit	28	17	0
	Smolov	10	Krasnodar	28	31	12
	Dzyuba	22	Arsenal Tula	29	23	11

Egypt (2 World Cups. Best finish: 7th)



One to watch
Salah
Goals
33



Saudi Arabia (4 World Cups. Best finish: 12th)



One to watch
Alsaahawi
Goals
28



Uruguay (12 World Cups. Best finish: 1st, twice)



One to watch
Luis Suárez
Goals
50



GROUP B

Spain (14 World Cups. Best finish: Winners, once)



One to watch
Isco
Goals
10



Coach: Julen Lopetegui (51 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	De Gea	1	Man. United	27	27	-19
	Kepa	13	Athletic	23	1	-1
Defenders	Reina	23	Napoli	35	38	-21
	Carvajal	2	Real Madrid	26	15	0
	Odriozola	12	Real Sociedad	22	2	0
	Azpilicueta	14	Chelsea	28	21	0
	Nacho	4	Real Madrid	28	15	0
	Sergio Ramos	15	Real Madrid	32	155	13
Midfielders	Piqué	3	FC Barcelona	31	96	5
	Jordi Alba	18	FC Barcelona	29	60	8
	Monreal	16	Arsenal	32	21	1
	Busquets	5	FC Barcelona	29	102	2
	Thiago	10	Bayern Munich	27	27	2
	Koke	8	Atlético Madrid	26	38	0
	Saúl	7	Atlético Madrid	23	9	0
	Iniesta	6	FC Barcelona	34	129	13
	Silva	21	Man. City	32	122	35
	Isco	22	Real Madrid	26	27	10
Att.	Asensio	20	Real Madrid	22	10	0
	Lucas Vázquez	11	Real Madrid	26	5	0
	Iago Aspas	17	Celta	30	8	4
	Rodrigo	9	Valencia	27	4	2
	Diego Costa	19	Atlético Madrid	29	18	7

Portugal (6 World Cups. Best finish: 3rd)




One to watch
Ronaldo
Goals
81



Iran (4 World Cups. Best finish: 14th)



One to watch
Jahanbakhsh
Goals
4



Morocco (4 World Cups. Best finish: 11th)



Surprise package
En-Nesyri
Goals
1



GROUP C

France (14 World Cups. Best finish: Winners, once)



One to watch
Griezmann
Goals
19



Coach: Didier Deschamps (49 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	Lloris	1	Tottenham	31	96	-64
	Areola	23	PSG	25	0	0
Defenders	Mandanda	16	O. Marseille	33	26	-27
	Varane	4	Real Madrid	25	41	2
	Umtiti	5	Barcelona	24	16	1
	Pavard	2	Stuttgart	22	3	0
	Kimpebe	3	PSG	22	1	0
	Rami	17	O. Marseille	32	33	1
Midfielders	Mendy	22	Manchester City	23	4	0
	Lucas	21	Atlético Madrid	22	2	0
	Sidibé	19	Monaco	25	15	1
	Kanté	13	Chelsea	27	22	1
	N'Zonzi	15	Sevilla	29	2	0
	Pogba	6	Man. United	25	51	9
	Tolisso	12	Bayern Munich	23	6	0
	Matuidi	14	Juventus	31	64	9
	Fekir	18	O. Lyon	24	10	1
	Lemar	8	Monaco	22	10	3
Attackers	Mbappé	10	PSG	19	12	3
	Dembélé	11	Barcelona	21	9	1
	Thauvin	20	O. Marseille	25	3	0
	Griezmann	7	Atlético Madrid	27	51	19
	Giroud	9	Chelsea	31	71	30

Australia (4 World Cups. Best finish: 14th)



One to watch
Mooy
Goals
5




Denmark (4 World Cups. Best finish: 9th)



One to watch
Eriksen
Goals
21



Peru (4 World Cups. Best finish: 7th)



One to watch
Guerrero
Goals
33



GROUP D

Argentina (14 World Cups. Best finish: Winners, twice)




One to watch
Messi
Goals
61



Coach: Jorge Sampaoli (58 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Port.	Guzmán	1	Tigres	32	6	-3
	Armani	12	River Plate	31	0	0
Defenders	Caballero	23	Chelsea	36	2	-5
	Otamendi	17	Man. City	30	53	4
	Rojero	16	Man. United	28	52	2
	Fazio	6	AS Roma	31	8	1
	Tagliafico	3	Ajax	25	3	0
	Ansaldi	4	Torino	31	5	1
Midfielders	Mercado	2	Sevilla	31	20	3
	Biglia	5	Milan	32	57	1
	Mascherano	14	Hebei Fortune	34	142	3
	Lo Celso	20	PSG	22	5	0
	Banega	7	Sevilla	29	61	6
	Acuña	8	Sporting P.	26	9	0
	Lanzini	15	West Ham	25	3	1
	Meza	13	Independiente	26	1	0
	Messi	10	Barcelona	30	123	61
	Di María	11	PSG	30	93	19
Attackers	Salvio	18	Benfica	27	8	0
	Dybala	21	Juventus	24	12	0
	Agüero	19	Man. City	30	84	36
	Pavón	22	Boca Juniors	22	4	0
	Higuaín	9	Juventus	30	71	31

Croatia (4 World Cups. Best finish: 3rd)



One to watch
Modric
Goals
12




Iceland (0 World Cups.)




One to watch
Sigurdsson
Goals
18



Nigeria (5 World Cups. Best finish: 9th)



One to watch
Moses
Goals
11





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GROUP E

Brazil (20 World Cups. Best finish: **Winners, five times**)



One to watch
Neymar
Goals
53



Coach: Tite (56 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	Alisson	1	AS Roma	25	23	-11
	Cássio	16	Corinthians	31	1	-1
Defenders	Ederson	23	Man. City	24	1	0
	Thiago Silva	2	PSG	33	68	5
	Miranda	3	Inter Milan	33	44	2
	Marquinhos	13	PSG	24	24	0
	Geromel	4	Gremio	32	2	0
	Fagner	22	Corinthians	29	4	0
	Daniilo	14	Man. City	26	16	1
	Marcelo	12	Real Madrid	30	51	5
	Filipe Luis	6	Atlético Madrid	32	31	2
	Casemiro	5	Real Madrid	26	21	0
Midfielders	Fred	18	Shakhtar D.	25	7	0
	Paulinho	15	Barcelona	29	47	12
	Renato Augusto	8	Beijing Sinobo	30	28	5
	Fernandinho	17	Man. City	33	41	2
Attackers	William	19	Chelsea	29	54	8
	Coutinho	11	Barcelona	26	35	9
	Neymar	10	PSG	26	85	53
	Gabriel Jesus	9	Man. City	21	15	9
	Firmino	20	Liverpool	26	18	5
	Douglas Costa	7	Juventus	27	24	3
	Taison	21	Shakhtar D.	30	6	1

Costa Rica (4 World Cups. Best finish: **8th**)



One to watch
Keylor Navas
Clean sheets
30




Switzerland (10 World Cups. Best finish: **5th**)




One to watch
Shaqiri
Goals
20



Serbia (11 World Cups. Best finish: **4th**)




One to watch
Milinkovic-Savic
Goals
0



GROUP F

Germany (18 World Cups. Best finish: **Winners, four times**)



One to watch
Müller
Goals
38



Coach: Joachim Löw (58 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	Neuer	1	Bayern Munich	32	75	-54
	Trapp	12	PSG	27	3	-4
Defenders	Ter Stegen	22	Barcelona	26	19	-20
	Plattenhardt	2	Hertha Berlin	26	6	0
	Hector	3	Köln	28	37	3
	Ginter	4	Mönchengladbach	24	17	0
	Hummels	5	Bayern Munich	29	63	5
	Süle	15	Bayern Munich	22	10	0
	Rüdiger	16	Chelsea	25	24	1
	Boateng	17	Bayern Munich	29	70	1
	Kimmich	18	Bayern Munich	23	28	3
	Khedira	6	Juventus	31	74	7
Midfielders	Draxler	7	PSG	24	43	6
	Kroos	8	Real Madrid	28	82	12
	Özil	10	Arsenal	29	90	23
	Müller	13	Bayern Munich	28	90	38
Attackers	Goretzka	14	Schalke 04	23	15	6
	Rudy	19	Bayern Munich	28	25	1
	Brandt	20	Bayer Leverkusen	22	15	1
	Giendogan	21	Manchester City	27	25	4
	Werner	9	Leipzig	22	13	7
	Reus	11	Borussia Dortmund	29	30	9
	Mario Gomez	23	Stuttgart	32	74	31

South Korea (9 World Cups. Best finish: **4th**)



One to watch
Son Heungmin
Goals
21




Mexico (15 World Cups. Best finish: **4th**)



One to watch
Hirving Lozano
Goals
7



Sweden (11 World Cups. Best finish: **2nd**)



One to watch
Forsberg
Goals
6



GROUP G

England (14 World Cups. Best finish: **Winners, once**)



One to watch
Kane
Goals
12



Coach: Gareth Southgate (47 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	Butland	13	Stoke City	25	7	-4
	Pickford	1	Everton	24	3	-1
Defenders	Pope	23	Burnley	26	0	0
	Alexander-Arnold	22	Liverpool	19	0	0
	Cahill	15	Chelsea	32	58	4
	Jones	16	Man. United	26	24	0
	Maguire	6	Leicester City	25	4	0
	Rose	3	Tottenham	27	16	0
	Stones	5	Manchester City	24	24	0
	Trippier	12	Tottenham	27	5	0
	Walker	2	Manchester City	28	34	0
	Young	18	Man. United	32	33	7
Midfielders	Alli	20	Tottenham	22	23	2
	Delph	17	Manchester City	28	9	0
	Dier	4	Tottenham	24	25	3
	Henderson	8	Liverpool	27	38	0
Attackers	Lingard	7	Man. United	25	10	1
	Loftus-Cheek	21	Crystal Palace	22	2	0
	Sterling	10	Manchester City	23	37	2
	Kane	9	Tottenham	24	23	12
	Rashford	19	Man. United	20	17	2
	Vardy	11	Leicester City	31	21	7
	Welbeck	14	Arsenal	27	37	15


Belgium (14 World Cups. Best finish: **4th**)




One to watch
Eden Hazard
Goals
21



Panama (0 World Cups)



One to watch
Blas Pérez
Goals
40



Tunisia (4 World Cups. Best finish: **9th**)




One to watch
Khazri
Goals
12




GROUP H

Colombia (5 World Cups. Best finish: **5th**)



One to watch
James
Goals
21



Coach: José Néstor Pékerman (68 years old)

	Player	Nº	Club	Age	Caps	Goals
Keepers	Ospina	1	Arsenal	29	82	-60
	Vargas	12	Deportivo Cali	29	5	-1
Defenders	Cuadrado	22	Once Caldas	33	1	0
	Zapata	2	AC Milan	31	54	2
	Murillo	3	Pachuca	30	11	0
	Arias	4	PSV Eindhoven	26	38	0
	Mina	13	FC Barcelona	23	10	3
	Mojica	17	Girona	25	2	1
	Fabra	18	Boca Juniors	27	17	1
	Sánchez	23	Tottenham	21	7	0
	Barrios	5	Boca Juniors	24	8	0
	Sánchez	6	Espanyol	32	83	0
Midfielders	Aguilar	8	Deportivo Cali	33	68	7
	James	10	Bayern Munich	26	61	21
	Cuadrado	11	Juventus	30	69	7
	Uribe	15	Club América	27	5	0
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En-Nesyri earns surprise late call-up for the Morocco WC squad

The Malaga youngster was initially on the reserve list but coach Hervé Renard opted to take an extra forward

by PEDRO LUIS ALONSO / DARYL FINCH

MALAGA. Every cloud has a silver lining. Young Malaga striker Youssef En-Nesyri, who had to endure relegation in his first full season with the club, has seen his efforts rewarded after being included in Morocco's final World Cup squad on Monday.

En-Nesyri, who was called up as a reserve in Hervé Renard's original squad, has taken the place of defender Badr Banoun as the French coach opted to accommodate an extra attacker, despite not taking part in any of the warm-up games so far.

Renard said: "I have decided to take three centre backs with [Caen midfielder Youssef] Aït Benasser also capable of playing there. En-Nesyri is a very hard worker and will offer us the fighting

spirit we will need."

The Fez-born striker, who became Malaga's first-choice forward at the turn of the year following the appointment of José González as head coach, scored a total of four goals in 25 league appearances.

En-Nesyri, who has just turned 21, broke into the first team after a successful preseason under Juande Ramos ahead of the 2016-17 season. He scored six goals over that summer, earning him a contract extension and a promotion to the first-team set-up.

However, only sporadic appearances, mainly off the bench, would follow for the remainder of that campaign. This year, though, as Malaga searched desperately for goals, En-Nesyri was forced into the spotlight, usurping the likes of Borja Bastón and Adalberto Peñaranda to lead the front line.

En-Nesyri is Malaga CF's only representative at the World Cup. The South Africa edition in 2010 was the last time current Malaga players received the call from their country. They were Danish full-back Patrick Mtiliga, Portuguese midfielder Duda and Nigerian striker Victor Obinna.



En-Nesyri in action for Morocco. **SUR**



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MALAGA KEEP 100% PLAYOFF RECORD

Despite already being assured of a place in the first division next year, Malaga Femenino came from behind in Cártama on Sunday to see off SPA Alicante, 2-1. Eva Navarro put the visitors in front after just eight minutes, but two goals from María Ruiz and Adriana just before half time sealed victory for the Blue and Whites who won all four of their four fixtures in the three-team mini league for promotion.



Husillos is set to join West Ham United. :: SUR

Deadlock broken as Malaga sever ties with sporting director

The club, still in need of a coach for next season, have lined up Atlético's Caminero as his replacement

:: ANTONIO GÓNGORA

MALAGA. Malaga CF took one major step forwards this week as sporting director Mario Husillos finally sealed his departure from the club.

Husillos, who announced that he would be stepping down almost a month ago after being undermined publicly by club owner Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani, finally severed ties with the club on Tuesday but without the pay-off it is believed he was hoping for.

He won't be out of work for long, however, as he is now expected to link up with former colleague Manuel Pellegrini at West Ham United.

During the past month, with Husillos not carrying out his duties, the club has been in a state of pa-

ralysis, with no new coach chosen, nor any movement in the transfer market. However, that is about to change with the imminent arrival of José Luis Pérez Caminero as Husillos' replacement.

The deal is believed to be all-but-done and Caminero, who currently oversees first-team operations at Atlético Madrid, has already been involved in discussions with club lawyer Joaquín Jofre over the challenges facing him in the job.

Top of the pile in his inbox will be the appointment of a new head coach, while the playing squad still needs a significant overhaul.

With scores of players returning from loan deals, Malaga will not be able to accommodate them all in a 25-man squad, nor can they afford to do so. As the wage bill needs significant trimming, buyers or more creative solutions need to be found for a number of players.

This must all be done before he can even think about bringing in new players.



José Luis Pérez Caminero. :: SUR



A LOOK AT LA LIGA

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The perils of the job

The least secure occupation in the world has to be coach of a La Liga team

Even in my job, where I keep a daily tab on comings and goings, I didn't fully comprehend just how many changes there have been in the hotseats at La Liga clubs over the past year.

Only four clubs, Barcelona, Atlético, Valencia and Eibar have the same manager now as on the first day of the season that has just concluded. The turnaround is stupendous.

The highest profile vacancy has emerged at Real Madrid where it appears that it won't be Mauricio Pochettino moving from Tottenham. Ironically he only ended up in England because of the quaint rule that no manager can have two jobs in La Liga in the same season.

The book is still open on Zinedine Zidane's successor but there's a suggestion that they'll go for a former player of high-standing with the names of Fernando Hierro, Guti and Michel being mentioned.

Personally I'd go for Michael Laudrup as he does at least have managerial experience. The left field choice could be Raúl. He's still a god at the Bernabéu and they need someone with Zidane's presence.

Elsewhere Sevilla have made a bold appointment in Pablo Machín whose methods and single-mindedness brought Girona to the top flight and then a top-ten finish. He stuck to his regulars even when the club owners gifted him half a dozen young Manchester City players.

The next Girona manager may well be someone who has a link to the English champions. If Mikel



Pellegrini is back after a disastrous spell with Southampton. :: AFP

Arteta is serious about going solo then he may be a consideration... if he promises to play the kids who have been sent on a gap year from the Etihad Campus.

There is a coach returning from the Premier League. Mauricio Pellegrini has a better reputation in Spain than Southampton after his success at Alavés and that has landed him the job at Leganés.

The departed Leganés manager, Asier Garitano, has moved up a rung on the ladder with Real Sociedad. There he has more money to play with and more fans to please (or displease).

Elsewhere in the Basque region, Athletic Bilbao are hoping to put a drab season behind them by making the exciting appointment of Eduardo Berrizo who was dismissed by Sevilla in the winter just weeks after recovering from prostate cancer.

Berrizo's main success was at

Celta, a club who have a reputation of making appointments of imagination. They're one of five clubs who have gone for an Argentinian coach but the latest will have got their fans frantically googling. Known as 'the Turk', Antonio Mohamed's biggest success in 13 jobs came in Mexico and excuse the mixed metaphor... Mohamed has a mountain to move in Vigo.

The last appointment on the list is Rubi at Espanyol. Clearly the directors were impressed with the page of his CV that boasted promotion with Huesca last season. They obviously didn't delve into his previous top-flight jobs that ended with relegation for Levante and Sporting Gijón, though.

I think that's it... well for now anyway. Remember, in football management there is no such thing as job security.



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Competitors pictured after completing the swimming section of the race. :: FRANCIS SILVA

Triathletes take over a hot Malaga city

Mads Bang Jensen and Patricia Bueno won the Malaga Triathlon, part of the Santander Series which tests athletes of the highest ability

:: CARLOS J. MARTÍNEZ

MALAGA. Malaga's coastal promenade was teeming with athletes by nine o'clock on Sunday morning as 190 participants prepared to take on the Malaga Triathlon, despite warm weather conditions on the day.

The first stop for the athletes was the waters of the Misericordia beach. The athletes had to swim 1.9 kilometres before taking on the

cycling section, which consisted of 85 kilometres -three laps of a route from the coast to Puerto de la Torre. The final section of the race took the form of a 21-kilometre run.

Some competitors took on the whole race individually, while others divided the events between teams of two or three.

The race was led by Niki Wym-

mersch, who was pursued by Mads Bang Jensen (4h 16:24), who ultimately took advantage of a time penalty dished out to Wymmersch for his illegal crossover from bicycle to foot.

The fastest female athlete was Patricia Bueno, from Malaga, who recorded a time of four hours and 41 minutes. She has now won the competition for two consecutive years.

The three fastest finishers of the event won trophies and very modest cash prizes. The prizes were 150 euros for first, 100 euros for second and 50 euros for third in both the male and female categories.

In total, though, 70 athletes dropped out, having underestimated the magnitude of the course.

During the event there was also a focus on combatting ALS; participants could pay a donation to charity when registering or buy a charity headband.

Benalmádena Darts League hosts annual trophy presentation night

The Beer Garden came top of League 1 for the sixth time and they also won the Gold Cup

:: TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. The Benalmádena Darts League (BDL) held its trophy presentation ceremony in Benalmádena Costa on Tuesday night. The event, which was held in, and sponsored by, Capone's Bar, was attended by players from the 15 teams that competed in the winter league, which ended last month.

The BDL has been running for 20 years and comprises of mostly British expat players who compete in two separate leagues on a Tuesday night.

More than 30 trophies were awarded in categories such as the men's and ladies singles champions, the highest checkout and the most 180s hit throughout the season.

The Beer Garden C finished top of League 1. They also scooped the Gold

Cup and came second in the Champions league. One of the team's star players, Wayne Dunn, collected trophies for the highest checkout (151), while also sharing the prize for most 180s hit (6) with Chris Simpson, from The Paddington.

League 2 was won by The Beer Garden's B team.

The pub has one of the best track records in the league and has collected an impressive cabinet of silverware over the years: this is the sixth time the C team has finished top of League 1.

Other teams to pick up trophies were Sam's Sports Bar, who took runners up trophies in the Silver Cup and League 2; and The Mad Monk, who triumphed in the Champions League.

Chairman of the BDL, Alan Fitzgerald, said: "The standard of darts is incredibly high. The Beer Garden C is probably the most consistent team, as is demonstrated by the amount of trophies the players have won this year."



Beer Garden C, winners of League 1. :: T. BRYANT

Nadal's hopes of a French Open defence still alive but Muguruza crashes out

:: BEN CLARKE

MALAGA. Spain's top two tennis players enjoyed mixed fortunes in their French Open quarterfinal ties at Roland Garros on Thursday afternoon, with number one Rafael Nadal progressing to the semis with an easy win over Diego

Schwartzman, but his counterpart Garbiñe Muguruza suffering elimination at the hands of number one Simona Halep.

Reigning champion Nadal's clash against the Argentinian, seeded 11th, began on Wednesday afternoon, but was suspended due to



Muguruza wins a set. :: SUR



Nadal beat Schwartzman. :: SUR

rain with the score at 4-6, 5-3. When play resumed on Thursday, Nadal was by far the better player, winning his service game and then both the third and fourth sets 6-2.

On Wednesday Muguruza confidently saw off former world number 1 Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-1 in another strong display but by Thursday, tiredness came into play as she lost to the Romanian Halep, 6-1 6-4.

Nadal, who remains on course to defend his title, will face another Argentinian, Juan del Potro, for a spot in the final against either Austrian Dominic Thiem or Italian Marco Cecchinato.

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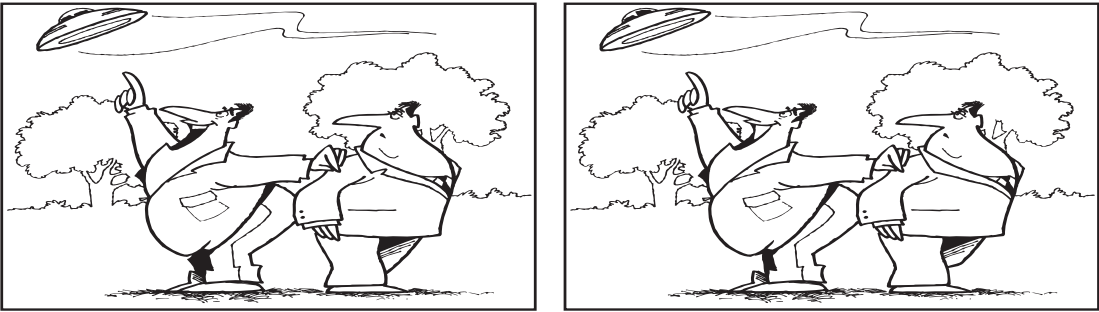
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February 20th - March 20th


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March 21st - April 20th


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April 21st - May 21st


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May 22nd - June 21st


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June 22nd - July 23rd


This week you have to be willing to 'go with the flow'. Events may overtake you through no fault of your own.



Leo

July 24th - August 23rd


Gossip and mayhem may be at your back. However, you are looking firmly forward!



Virgo

August 24th - September 23rd


Someone you have been supporting now has the chance to stand on their own. Encourage them to take the opportunity.



Libra

September 24th - October 23rd


After some of the hurdles you have recently had to get over, this is like being on a special holiday.



Scorpio

October 24th - November 22nd


Plan something quietly pleasing to do at the weekend and restore your sense of calm.



Sagittarius

November 23rd - December 21st

Echoes from the past seem to be annoying you. Will you block your ears or deal with them though?

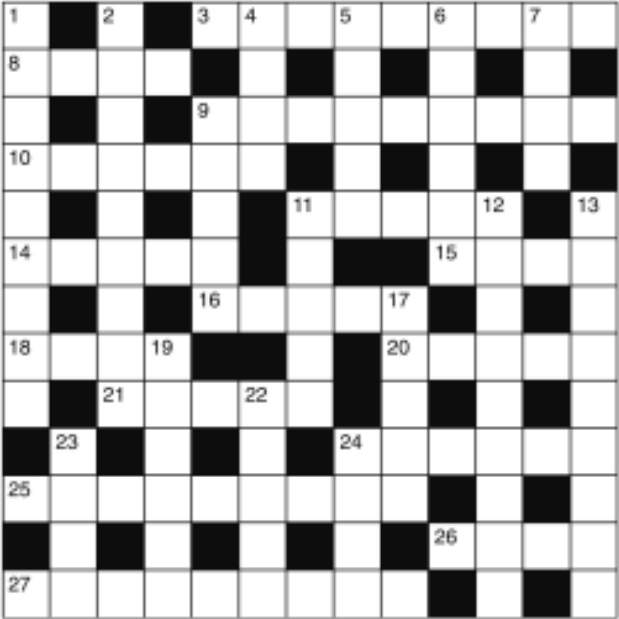


Capricorn

December 22nd - January 20th

Giving others time to think sorts out most situations. Being flexible and a little forgiving saves time.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11298



- Across

3 Article on springing in plenty (9)

8 50 also worked by the farmer (4)

9 Speak evil of worker likely to do harm (5)

10 Roughly odd? (6)

11 Raced round a tree (5)

14 Do they take the hitchhiker up? (5)

15 Be happy with not being different (4)

16 The earth's revolutionary times (5)

18 How the film star was wounded? (4)

20 Sheet gives the ones here (5)

21 Burial places destined for doctors? (5)

24 Cried thus, seeing bed with double head (6)

25 Royal vessel after engagement? (5)

26 Some writing man, only we don't know his game (4)

27 Reform is impossible for me as a beggar (9)
- Down

1 Sold clues without a break in the sun (9)

2 Not twelve inches where one is walking (8)

4 A runner, for example, for the stakes? (4)

5 Make one in fun - it enriches (5)

6 Refusal of dying leader to take alien mixture (6)

7 As saved by the timely needlewoman? (4)

9 Untidy, like dining rooms for servicemen? (5)

11 Students find college head with girl (5)

12 Where current accounts are held? (5,4)

13 What his solicitor will do for worker who is in the dock (9)

17 Harbours put up leather for sharpening (5)

19 Went round with dunderhead taking wrong route (6)

22 Cab is fundamental here (5)

23 Really enjoy having no score? (4)

24 In such rites, ignore the symbol (4)

SUDOKU BY HANZO

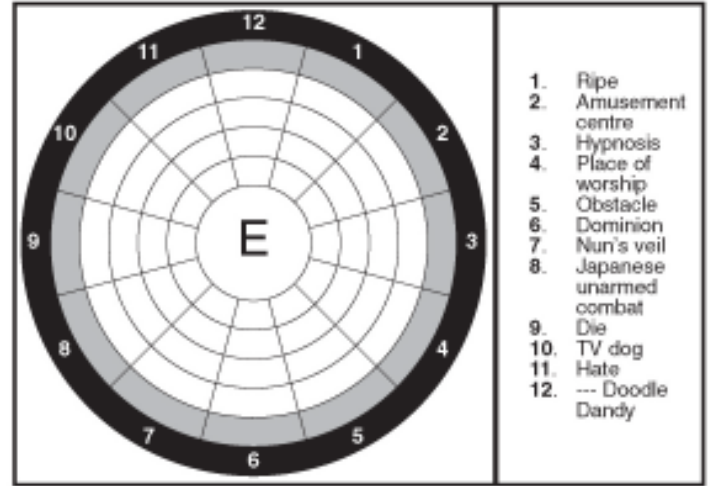
Instructions

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

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 TV presenter.



THE WORDPUZZLER

A	V	E	N	I	C	S	O	F	T
C	O	B	A	B	R	A	Z	I	L
A	B	E	M	L	E	L	H	L	E
S	L	E	P	A	R	W	O	B	I
H	I	C	N	C	H	A	Z	E	L
E	C	H	I	P	A	L	G	R	S
W	E	A	P	E	A	N	U	T	H
E	R	R	O	C	L	U	E	H	L
L	I	R	D	A	I	T	V	A	I
A	L	M	O	N	D	E	R	I	N

CAN you identify the types of nut from the anagrams listed below?

- Untwal
- Hebec
- Apteum
- Haswec
- Brñfel
- Encap
- Zalbir
- Bco
- Oldman
- Helza

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

Talk Radio Europe

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91.9 Costa del Sol West

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3 p.m. News, views and music

Radio Sol Almjara (99.1 FM)

Nerja radio in English and German and night time World Radio Network

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ACE FM (106.8 FM)

Inland radio, news and music

The Beat fm (106 FM)

24 hours, music and entertainment

QUIZ

QUESTION 1

What singer and songwriter was born Michael Barratt in 1948?

- Shakin' Stevens
- Alice Cooper
- Prince
- Ice T

QUESTION 2

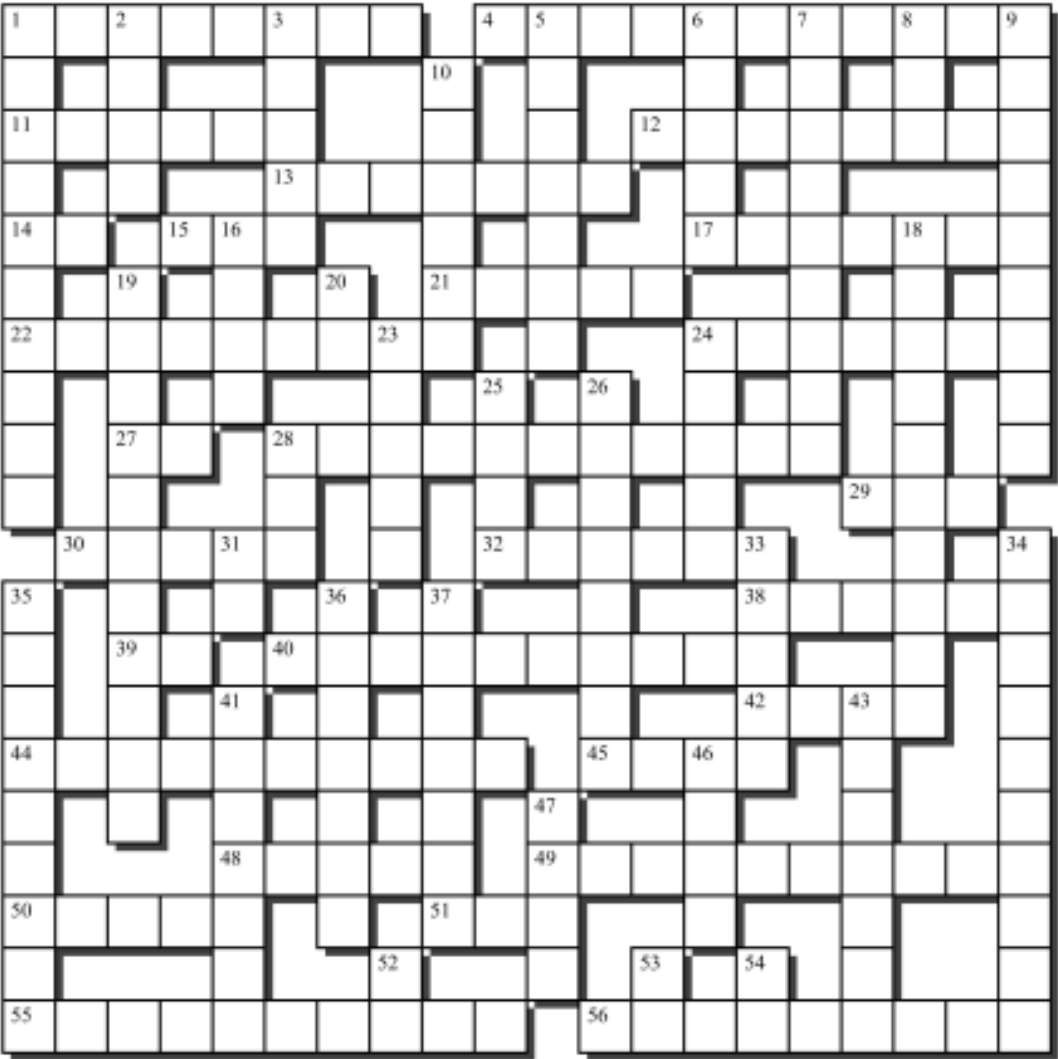
In which ship did Captain James Cook sail from 1769 to 1771?

- The Santa Maria
- The Resolution
- The Adventure
- The Endeavour

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- Across
- 1) Gratitude (8)
 - 4) Columnist (11)
 - 11) To narrate (6)
 - 12) Different (8)
 - 13) Lawyer (7)
 - 14) D (musical note) (2)
 - 15) Sea (3)
 - 17) Norwegian (7)
 - 21) Wish (5)
 - 22) Content (9)
 - 24) Right (7)
 - 27) He sees (2)
 - 28) Thought (11)
 - 29) He ties (3)
 - 30) They believe (5)
 - 32) To support (6)
 - 38) I usurp (6)
 - 39) To go (2)
 - 40) To seek refuge (10)
 - 42) God (4)
 - 44) Anarchist (10)
 - 45) Classroom (4)
 - 48) To be (5)
 - 49) Student (10)
 - 50) Sign (5)
 - 51) Even (3)
 - 55) From Alicante (10)
 - 56) Pseudonym (9)

- Down
- 1) Generation (10)
 - 2) Air (4)
 - 3) To throw (5)
 - 5) Noisy (7)
 - 6) They rear (5)
 - 7) Literary (9)
 - 8) Without (3)
 - 9) Well-off (9)
 - 10) Legacy (6)
 - 16) Atheist (4)
 - 18) Writings (10)
 - 19) University (11)
 - 20) My (2)
 - 23) Where (5)
 - 24) Dance (5)
 - 25) Bed (4)
 - 26) Lemonade (8)
 - 28) Bread (3)
 - 31) It is (2)
 - 33) Wheel (5)
 - 34) Movement (10)
 - 35) Essayist (9)
 - 36) Magazine (7)
 - 37) Culture (7)
 - 41) That (f) (7)
 - 43) They hated (7)
 - 46) Lute (4)
 - 47) Dinner (4)
 - 52) If (2)
 - 53) Faith (2)
 - 54) Go! (pl) (2)



ANSWERS

Quiz answers

distance of the Sun from the Earth.
between the Earth and the Sun. This would help astronomers to calculate the
Society. His main objective was to observe the planet Venus as it passed
Of interest: Cook was given command of the Endeavour by England's Royal
Answer 2: The Endeavour
UK's biggest-selling singles artist of the 1980s.
is a platinum-selling Welsh rock and roll singer and songwriter who was the
Of interest: Michael Barratt (born 4 March 1948), known as Shakin' Stevens,
Answer 1: Shakin' Stevens

Cryptic Crossword

Solutions: Across: 3 Abounding; 8 Land; 9 Malignant; 10 Unwary; 11 Cedar; 14 Lifts; 15 Like; 16 Years; 18 Shot; 20 These; 21 Tombs; 24 Sobbed; 25 Countship; 26 Anon; 27 Mendicant; Down: 1 Cloudless; 2 Underfoot; 4 Bean; 5 Unite; 6 Denial; 7 Nine; 9 Messy; 11 Class; 12 River bank; 13 Defendant; 17 Strip; 19 Toured; 22 Basic; 23 Love; 24

Clockword solution

SOLUTION: 1 Mature, 2 Arcade, 3 France, 4 Temple, 5 Hurdle, 6 Empire, 7 Wimple, 8 Karate, 9 Expire, 10 Lassie, 11 Loothe, 12 Yankee.
PRESENTER: Matthew Kelly.

Wordpuzzler solution

1. Walnut
2. Beech
3. Peanut
4. Cashew
5. Filbert
6. Pecan
7. Brazil
8. Cob
9. Almond
10. Hazel

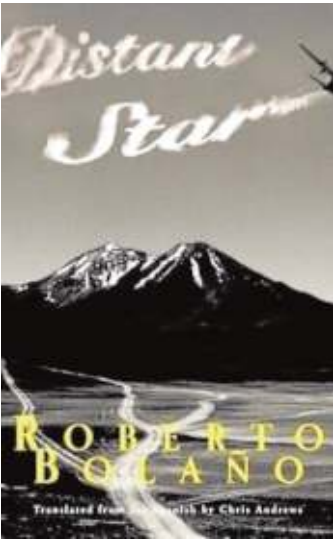
Sudoku solution

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

Language Crossword

ACROSS
1. LORANTINO (4) ARICULISTA (11) NARRAR (5)
2. CONFINDO (4) RECHAZA (2) VE
3. DESPACHAMIENTO (2) AYA (3) CUBIEN
4. REPUZGARSE (4) DROS
5. ANAGOLISTA (5) AULA (4) ESTAR
6. ESTUDIANTE (5) SERA (4) PLAN
7. CALICANTINO (5) SEUDONIMO
DOWN
1. GENERACION (4) BIE LITRAR
2. RUJOSO (6) CUBAN (7) LIBRARY (5) SE
3. ACOMODADO (8) LEGADO (6) AITO
4. ESCULTURAS (9) UNIVERSIDAD (5) AM
5. MONEDA (3) PAN (3) ES (3) RUEDA
6. MOVIMIENTO (3) ENSAYISTA
7. ARVISTA (7) TUDORA (4) AGUILA
8. ODORON (4) VISTA (5) CENA (3) SE

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Distant Star
Roberto Bolaño

Alberto Ruiz-Tagle, an air force pilot exploits the 1973 coup to launch his own version of the New Chilean Poetry, a multimedia enterprise involving sky-writing, poetry, torture, and photo exhibitions. For the narrator, who first encounters this “star” in a college poetry workshop, Ruiz-Tagle becomes the silent hand behind every evil act in Pinochet’s regime. The narrator tries to track Ruiz-Tagle down, and sees signs of his activity over and over again. A corrosive, mocking humor sparkles within Bolaño’s dark-est visions of Chile under Pinochet.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never be too honest,
always remember
that straight trees are cut first

ANON

THE SUR IN ENGLISH CORNER

Coming or going, we're still here

If you’re enjoying this newspaper after just arriving in southern Spain and sipping a cool drink on a sunny terrace, you might wonder why anyone who lives here would ever want to leave. But that is in fact what happens this time of year as some permanent residents lovingly clean up the kitchen and close up the shutters. Its an annual ritual, as some expats leave to enjoy the brief warm weather in their northern homelands, avoid the hottest July and August heat, or make way for tourists renting their homes. If

you’re about to nip ‘home’ for a few weeks, we wish you a great trip. Don’t forget to keep checking local news on surinenglish.com and, in a changing world, SUR in English will be here to greet you again on your return. For the majority staying all summer, we’ll of course be here reporting on this exciting time of year and keeping everybody informed. And if you’re here just for a temporary stay, perhaps even to work as well as relax, welcome! You picked up the best way to get to know this place, every week.







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Torremolinos, beaming with Pride

A record number of people attended the three-day LGBT event, centred around Plaza La Nogalera

by **IVÁN GELIBTER**

TORREMOLINOS. Rainbow flags were once again paraded through the centre of Torremolinos as the town became the centre of LGBT Pride over the course of the weekend. More than 50,000 people gathered in the Plaza La Nogalera across the three-day event to defend freedom and celebrate diversity against a festive background. On Saturday, the turnout broke all previous records and exceeded expectations as nearly 20,000 people toured

the town alongside a procession of six large floats.

Sponsored by La Nogalera's fashion outlets, the floats were once again equipped with water pistols, as well as anything from fans to condoms which were thrown to the crowds.

They followed a route through the town centre to the rhythm created by DJs and drag queens in a series of moving discos.

The outfits worn by the participants were as varied as the floats.

This year the most interesting float was that of the Hotel Ritual, headed up by the transvestite Kelly Roller, who was accompanied by other friends, all donning the traditional red lifeguard bathing suits. Other popular outfits and accessories, on a weekend



Leather, 'bears', drag queens and sailors; Torremolinos Pride had it all. **by NITO SALAS**



Around 50,000 people joined the celebrations this year. **by NITO SALAS**

that was cooler than in previous editions, included leather, feathers, PVC outfits, Bermuda shorts with knee-high socks and of course, more than partial nudity.

The event celebrated coexistence of various subcultures or 'tribes' -

that of 'bears' and transvestites; of the drag queens of yesteryear and 'twinks'; leather and large head-dresses; the rainbow and trans flags; party-goers and families.

The impact that LGBT Pride had on Torremolinos was again mas-

sive. It is a celebration that ever more local people are joining, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, in a town that pioneered freedom and diversity. Torremolinos is modern and forward thinking again.



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