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Visitors admire Malevich's Peasants at the exhibition in the Russian museum in the Tabacalera building in Malaga. :: FÉLIX PALACIOS

Tourism industry closes ranks to halt downward trend in visitor numbers

The negative figures for July have forced tourism authorities into action as others express concerns about the possible effects of Brexit on the tourism industry

Rather than waiting to see if negative figures become a trend, at the first sign of poor health, the Tourism department at the Junta de Andalucía has got together a group of experts and given them the task of diagnosing the problem and then finding the solution. While figures on the Costa

del Sol fell in July, visitor numbers in Seville, Granada and other inland cities increased significantly.

Meanwhile, Spain's minister for Tourism, Reyes Maroto, said this week that the Spanish government is working on minimising the potential effects of Brexit on the coun-

try's tourism industry. The government is "concerned" but "optimistic", she said. A more pessimistic attitude came from Ryanair CEO Michael O'Leary on Thursday, who suggested that he might be selling tickets for flights that "might not exist" after Brexit. **P5&22**

No ideal solution to the ongoing problem of illegal street vendors

Business losses, police frustration and exploitation all combine in this complex issue **P2&3**



Vendors in Marbella. :: J-L

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A sales problem with no easy solution



A hawker sells his goods on the La Malagueta beach. :: MIGUE FERNÁNDEZ

The complicity of citizens and lack of police resources pave the way for illegal street vendors and cause a headache for local businesses

Every summer local police in tourist resorts confiscate thousands of fake goods, but very few arrests are made

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

MALAGA. The sheets spread out on the promenade from which tourists are invited to buy goods with fake designer labels, have become part of the scenery on the Costa del Sol. Scarce police resources, the complicit custom from passers-by and the lack of consensus over how to deal with the problem has turned illegal street vending into a chronic offence on the

coast. The displays of bags, shirts and trainers make some stretches of promenade in Puerto Banús, La Carlhuela or Benalmádena almost impassable in the summer when the population can triple in these tourist resorts with services designed for their census of around 75,000 people.

The concentration of the hawkers in one particular area complicates the work of the local police. Officers who normally patrol in pairs have little room to manoeuvre when as many as ten vendors group together. The situation has forced councils in towns such as Marbella and Benalmádena to reinforce their patrols aimed at controlling illegal selling. The predomi-

nant feeling among the Costa's local police officers is, however, impotence. Their work multiplies in the summer, when paradoxically there are fewer officers on duty due to holidays. Add to this the frustration as the hawkers tend to abandon the area minutes before they arrive thanks to informants who take a share of the profits.

The problem wouldn't be there, of course, if there wasn't a demand for the goods from the general public. Police officers have told this newspaper that they are often rebuked by both locals and tourists when they confiscate the fake goods on sale. While their activity might seem harmless, it constitutes unfair competition for traders who pay their

taxes, it swells the "black" economy and generates million-euro losses for firms that manufacturer and sell bags, sunglasses, watches or clothing. The European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights has pointed out that some sectors lose up to 17 per cent of jobs due to the illegal vendors.

Trade in fake goods, in the words of Pablo López, accounts director at intellectual property specialists Clarke, Modet & Co, uses a structure similar to that of drug or arms traffickers. An internal report within the Benalmádena Local Police force reveals the organisation of this illegal industry, on occasions controlled by ringleaders who don't sell items themselves but exploit dozens of

migrants. The police have identified at least seven of these "bosses". Two of them drive Mercedes. In his report the Local Police chief points out that it is "a priority to avoid forceful arrests or actions that can scare people away", as well as any other "disproportionate action that could lead to reproach from passers-by" and put citizen safety at risk.

Back in March local business owners called a meeting to tackle the problem in Torremolinos and Benalmádena, which was attended by both mayors and representatives of the Local and National Police forces.

"It was useless because they never put into action any of the measures we called for," said the president of the Benalmádena Traders Association ACEB, Rosa María González, who says she is "indignant" at the impunity with which illegal trading grows every year on the Costa del Sol.

"This summer I've received more than 500 photographs of these hawkers taken by local traders, because a lot of them are sick of them standing right in front of their shops. How can we allow someone to come along and lay down a sheet full of fake versions of the same goods sold in the shop right behind him, when the shopkeeper is paying 4,000 or 5,000 euros just in rent, as is the case in Puerto Marina?" she added.

Some of the alternatives suggested by business owners and councils involve registering the vendors in co-operatives where their commercial activity is regulated, or moving them to markets. So far however, these options have been frustrated by the fact that many of the hawkers have no legal documents and others refuse to stop selling fakes, their main source of income.

Through the Local Police, local councils seize thousands of items every summer, a figure that contrasts with the few arrests. The vendors tend to run when they realise there are police around and leave their goods behind - or bury them in the sand - a reaction that prevents the officers from associating the in-

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Although it may seem a harmless activity, the illegal vendors upset the shop owners who pay taxes

dividuals with the goods and from issuing fines for illegal trading.

Informants

Internally, officers from several Police forces on the Costa del Sol have called for reinforcements in the form of substitutions, the employment of municipal informants, the setting up of an immediate action unit and paid overtime. They also agree that the problem should be tackled from a global perspective given the increase in violent reactions among the vendors: "It's not just something that concerns the Local Police," they say.

Recently in Marbella a group of illegal street vendors turned on police who had confiscated the fake goods that they were trying to sell on Ro-deito beach. The three officers were outnumbered and a large part of the contraband was snatched back.

Behind the illegal hawkers are several mafia-style organisations that supply the goods, the majority of them fakes, stored on industrial estates. The mafias force the migrants to endless working days, exposed to arrest at any moment.

Tired of this situation, several vendors in Benalmádena have been trying for at least a year to create their own brand, following the example of Barcelona, where the hawkers sell trainers, T-shirts and other articles under the brand Top Manta, the name given in Spanish to the sale of goods on sheets or blankets (mantas). The idea has not caught on yet on the Costa del Sol.

"There are a lot of us who want to change this way of life. We would prefer to be in a street market, but some of us don't have papers," said one Senegalese vendor who works in the province of Malaga. His story is another piece in the complex puzzle which combines business losses, police frustration, personal dramas and exploitation of workers.



A tourist expresses an interest in some necklaces. :: MIGUE FERNÁNDEZ



People also sell food and drink on the beach. :: MIGUE FERNÁNDEZ



A street vendor on Marbella seafront. :: JOSELE-LANZA



A vendor with bags for sale. :: J-LANZA

29 detained and 10,000 fake designer items seized from the Tuesday market in Fuengirola

■ E. P

MALAGA Police officers have detained 29 people at the Tuesday market in Fuengirola for contravening industrial property rights, and have confiscated about 10,000 fake items, mostly clothing and leather goods

bearing designer names or logos. This was a joint operation organised by the Malaga provincial police headquarters and the judicial police.

The authorities became aware that several stallholders at the market were selling fake designer prod-

ucts, which results in a major financial loss for the companies in question as well as contravening their industrial property rights, so on 4 September the police went to identify those selling these goods.

They inspected 16 stalls and

searched seven vehicles which were owned by the stallholders and parked near the marketplace. As a result, 29 people were arrested and more than 10,000 items of clothing, footwear, bags, wallets and other accessories were seized. The police were assisted by three experts who specialise in designer brands, to identify and verify the fake items.

Those detained were released on bail after being questioned in court.



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Armed men make off with 200,000 euros after holding up Marbella bank

The men, described as having Malaga accents, got into the manager's office through a hole in the wall from adjoining premises

:: M. PÉREZ / J. CANO /
Á. FRIAS

MARBELLA. Three men held up a bank in central Marbella early on Monday morning, making off with 200,000 euros, police sources say. The men, who were armed with pistols, entered the Bankinter branch on Avenida Ricardo Soriano at around 7.45am through a hole made in the manager's office from an adjacent property, a disused communal swimming pool. They had entered wearing workmen's clothes to avoid arousing the suspicion of residents. Shortly after arriving for their shifts, staff at the branch heard some suspicious noises coming from the ground floor. Before going down to investigate, they pressed the panic button to inform the police. At that point, the two men (the third arrived on the scene minutes later) aimed their guns at the em-



The front of the branch on Avenida Ricardo Soriano. :: JOSELE-LANZA

ployees then made their way into the main part of the branch where staff were forced to open the main safe. The men kept their guns aimed at them as they waited for the ten-minute time delay to elapse. These men, who were described as having Malaga accents, were handed 200,000 euros, as well as jewellery from a private safe, before fleeing on foot. The National Police have taken control of investigations into the

incident which produced no injuries. They are looking into whether the weapons the men were using were real and how they were able to observe the movements and the work patterns of those working at the branch. Early signs point to a group accustomed to this type of robbery. This is not the first time this branch has been robbed. In fact, it has occurred on several occasions, the last of which was in 2014.

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The woman is put into the ambulance. :: ANTONIO J. GUERRERO

Woman, 86, run over by a van in Antequera

ANTEQUERA

:: A. J. GUERRERO. An 86-year-old woman was rushed to hospital on Wednesday morning after being run over by a van. She was attended to immedi-

ately by two health workers who happened to be closeby. The mayor of Antequera, Manuel Barón, witnessed the accident himself and called for an ambulance. The woman, who was waiting for a bus at the time of the accident, was taken to Antequera hospital with injuries to both her legs.

Woman held over brutal moped attack

MALAGA

:: J. C. / Á. F. A woman has been arrested in Malaga following an attack on another woman, 31, in which she beat her repeatedly until she was unconscious and then ran over her upper body with a moped. She fled the scene before multiple witness statements helped to locate her.

Man who hid drugs in 'wife's present' is held

MALAGA

:: SUR. A 49-year-old man has been arrested in Malaga having been spotted behaving suspiciously by police. He was seen picking up a package from another man and when stopped and questioned said the package, wrapped in paper and with a bow, was a present for his wife. It was found to contain cocaine.



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Andalucía takes action to find cause of slump in tourism on the Costa del Sol



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A new working group met last Friday to discuss their diagnosis of the current situation and decide what measures to adopt

MALAGA. The Andalusian minister for Tourism, Francisco Javier Fernández, has announced a plan of action in response to the figures released last month that showed a slump in tourism in July.

Statistics from Malaga airport reveal an even greater fall of 2.5% in August compared with the same month last year. Figures from rented holiday accommodation confirmed the downward trend, pointing to the end of a cycle after 2017 broke all records as the Costa del Sol's best year for tourism since records began.

The decline, however, is not the same across the region. Figures for the cities of Seville and Granada actually increased significantly in contrast the first symptoms of poor health shown on the Costa del Sol, which represents 40% of the region's tourism industry.

While passenger figures at Malaga airport for this year up to August increased by just 1.2%, figures for Seville airport increased by more than 25% during the same period (to a total of 4.1 million), and by 23% in July when the Costa's figures fell. Only Malaga and Almeria lost passengers in July.

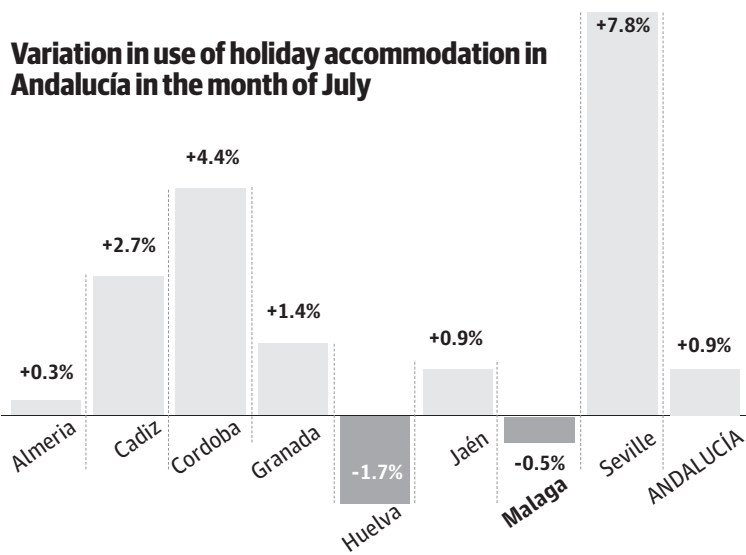
Similarly Granada airport saw an increase of 31% in passengers in July.

"They will be examining a complete cross section of figures, including data from the tourists' countries of origin and other figures that can give scientific weight to some of the arguments being put forward to explain why some destinations have gone up and others have come down," said Fernández.

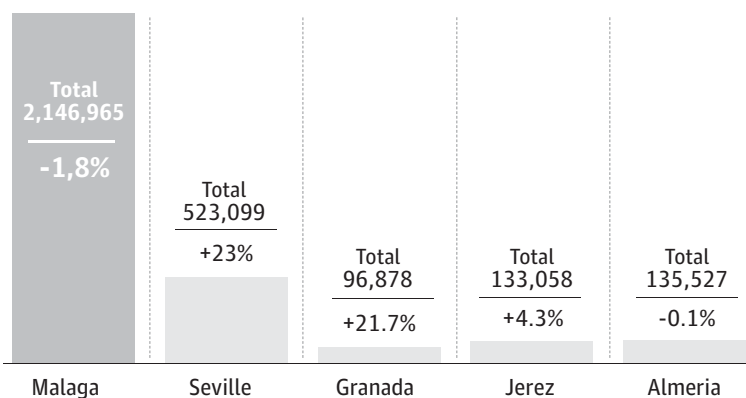
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Tourism in Andalucía

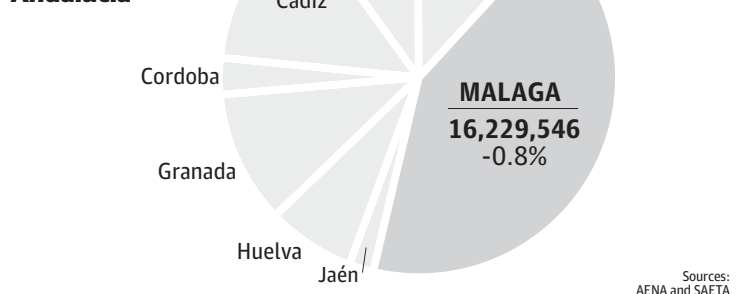
Variation in use of holiday accommodation in Andalucía in the month of July



Airport passengers in Andalucía (July)



Overnight stays between January and July in Andalucía



While fewer tourists have come to the Costa, figures for Seville and Granada have increased significantly

tially establishing the causes of the decline and then deciding what new action to take and whether any tourism promotion activities already scheduled need modifying.

A group of experts, formed to work on the diagnosis, held its first meeting last Friday. Their task will involve comparing different statistics before finding a solution to reverse the downward trend.

"It's not a question of ringing alarm bells, but we can't sit back and do nothing. We want to detect why the growth in previous years has come to a halt, although we all know that we are comparing this year with a record-breaking 2017," said the minister.

The working group is formed by professionals from the analysis and statistics service for the Andalusian tourism industry known as SAETA (Sistema de Análisis y Estadística del Turismo de Andalucía), specialists from the airline sector and the head of Big Data development, as well as officials from the Junta's Tourism Department.

The aim is for the study to be complete by the beginning of October, after which a meeting will be held with all the tourist boards in the region as well as business owners in the industry.

"Our aim is to make sure that this trend does not take hold in any of the markets, acting both in the short and long term," said Fernández, adding that action could be taken as soon as the next World Travel Market (WTM) in London in November if necessary.

The British market, which provides more than 30% of business for holiday accommodation on the Costa del Sol, is at the head of those showing signs of recession, along with the German market. One of the reasons put forward is the increased competition from Mediterranean competitors such as Turkey and Tunisia.

IN BRIEF

The launch of Caminito del Rey Unesco heritage bid is approved

MALAGA

A. PELÁEZ. The move towards the Caminito del Rey walkway becoming a Unesco World Heritage site took an important first step forward on Tuesday as the Diputación provincial government unanimously approved launching a bid.

The Diputación has agreed to the creation of a working commission in collaboration with the local town halls to piece together the bid which will eventually be put forward for the regional government's approval before being sent to Madrid.

The provincial government also approved the creation of a number of campaigns, locally and internationally, to generate support for the eventual bid.

Eliás Bendodo, president of the Diputación, highlighted the importance of this agreement as it would ensure the highest protection for the site, contribute to its growth internationally and guarantee its preservation. He also pointed to the economic impact that Unesco status for the dolmens has had on neighbouring Antequera.

Ryanair selling tickets for "flights that might not happen"

LONDON

EFE. Michael O'Leary, chief of budget airline Ryanair warned on Thursday that should the UK leave the EU without an agreement in place, it would cause "chaos".

"We're selling tickets for flights between the UK and Europe that may not even happen," he said. "Frankly, if there is not a deal in place by November, there will never be one." O'Leary also expressed his concerns about a "frictionless" Irish border.

Despite this month reaching an agreement with the Irish pilots' union, Fórsa, next Friday, 28 September, there will be another cabin crew strike affecting staff based in Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Italy and Belgium.

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Carlos Bautista (left) at Tuesday's press conference. :: FÉLIX PALACIOS

Doctors hope to 'rebuild' the public health service with strike

Family doctors and paediatricians will go on a partial strike in the second half of October if demands are not met

:: ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MALAGA. The upcoming strike to be held by family doctors and paediatricians across Malaga province is the first step in rebuilding the public health service, according to Carlos Bautista, head of the 'Bastaya' group calling for better conditions for health service workers and services for their patients.

Speaking at a press conference on

Tuesday, Bautista said: "We hope that we don't have to strike at all but if we cannot reach an agreement then the strike will go ahead, with all of the consequences it will bring."

The strike, called by the SMM medical union, will see partial stoppages on 16, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 October, with threats for the strike to continue into November if their demands are not met.

The main demands centre around staff numbers with shortages recently exacerbated during the summer months with little to no cover for staff on holiday leave (the SMM estimates that there is an overall shortage of 150 doctors and 50 paediatricians). Other demands include

more stable working conditions for those on longer contracts, ten minutes per patient (the average is currently six), equal pay (in Malaga the salary is 600 euros less than the national average), the ability to order more thorough tests, and the implementation of surveillance in health centres to avoid attacks on staff.

For its part, the Andalusian health service (SAS) stressed that it is increasing the number of staff contracted, carrying out a number of improvement works on health centres and purchasing new equipment.

The medical unions say this is insufficient and will only negotiate with those "able to make decisions".

DOGS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT TORREMOLINOS PET CONTEST

Torremolinos hosted the 16th edition of the Concurso de Mascotas on Wednesday. More than 20 dogs, from Chihuahuas to poodles and German shepherds took part in the competition staged in the Plaza La Nogalera. Organised by the Local Police and sponsored by various veterinary clinics and animal associations, the event included obedience tests, the most unusual dog and a special fancy dress parade.



:: T. BRYANT



Calle Granada, one of the roads to undergo works. :: I. G.

Improvement works to take place on three major streets in Fuengirola this October

:: JUAN SOTO

MALAGA. After having started the political year with the approval of works to the central Avenida Alcalde Clemente Díaz - possibly the largest project of this legislature - the council in Fuengirola has announced that a further three major streets in the town will undergo renovation works.

This October, improvement works will begin on Calle Cáceres, Calle Granada and Calle Miguel Ángel, all on the western side of the town centre.

According to SUR sources, these works will cost a total of 600,000

euros and will include the installation and renovation of drainage and mains water pipes, telephone lines, mains electricity, street lighting and road signs. Each project has a different time scale set, varying from 28 to 35 days.

The town's mayor, Ana Mula, said that this was a "significant" investment and that it would be key to improving the "quality of life of residents in the area".

"Accessibility, the road surfacing, the lighting [will all be improved]," she said. "We expect everyone here to be pleased with the improvements."

HERE & THERE



The large fountain is now in operation after a long absence. :: SUR

'Geyser' in La Paloma park switched back on after nine years

BENALMÁDENA

:: T. BRYANT. Benalmádena town hall has announced a new initiative to restore and improve the parks, gardens and green areas of the town. The plan includes

switching the 'geyser' in La Paloma park back on.

The water jet, which has not been in use since 2009, is part of the council's efforts to promote water as an important part of Benalmádena. The work includes the installation of a new water tank that will facilitate the circulation of the water and prevent the growth of bacteria.

Mijas issues 2.4m-euro fine for street cleaning contractor Urbaser

MIJAS

:: I. G. Mijas town hall has issued a 2.4-million-euro fine to Urbaser, the contractor responsible for refuse collection and street cleaning in the town.

According to SUR sources, the fine has been issued for not "re-

specting the contract".

According to the council, Urbaser has not been putting in the arranged resources, agreed when the company won the contract earlier this year, to carry out the service, nor had the company carried out the improvements promised.

"The collection of rubbish is a fundamental part of maintaining a good quality of life for all residents," said the town hall while Urbaser refused to comment.

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Marbella to reduce road tax for low-polluting vehicles

Hybrid and electric cars, as well as those with efficiency certificates, could get a discount of up to 75 per cent

:: MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA. With the seemingly unstoppable rise in car numbers in Marbella, the town hall is attempting to incentivise the purchase of 'greener' vehicles with the introduction of discounts of up to 75 per cent on road tax (Impuesto de Circulación).

As part of a drive to improve air quality in the area, cars with hybrid or electric engines, as well as new 'classic' engines which come with efficiency certificates, would be eligible.



Félix Romero. :: JOSELE-LANZA

The change has already been agreed by the council, but it cannot become effective until at least next week when the appropriate modification to the fiscal legisla-

The town hall will spend 60,000 euros on the project which is set to be approved next week

tion is approved. "We brought this proposal forward in September," said council spokesman Félix Romero on Monday. "This is a key part of our new sustainable movement strategy to create a pleasant town for everyone." Romero added: "To that end, we must motivate the public to adopt this type of vehicle to greater respect the environment." The town hall will spend 60,000 euros on this project, he said.

Junta to improve and expand two Marbella health centres

The A&E department at the Las Albarizas centre will be renovated while the Leganitos centre will be expanded

:: MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA. The Andalusian health service (SAS) has set in motion the formalities to start improvement and expansion works to two Marbella health centres: Las Albarizas and Leganitos. In the former, the accident and emergency area will receive a complete overhaul and all areas would be repainted and have air conditioning installed. In the case of the latter, the centre will be expanded into the

adjoining building, formerly the Social Security office. As a result, the town will gain eight new medical consultation rooms. The announcement was made by the provincial health delegate, Ana Isabel González, who, alongside head of the Costa del Sol district chief, María Dolores Llamas, provided the details. González said: "The objective is to make these services more accessible for everyone," adding, in the case of Las Albarizas, that the works would cost 170,000 euros. The project at the Leganitos centre would cost 60,000 euros, she said, and that both would have to be completed before the end of the year in order to benefit from EU funding.



:: CHARO MÁRQUEZ

WORKS BEGIN ON THREE NEW BRIDGES FOR COASTAL PATH

The Senda Litoral coastal pathway project continues its march through Estepona with the start of construction of bridges across three streams (Taraje, Antón and Gudalobón). The works, which have a budget of 780,000 euros, will be funded by the Diputación provincial government.

Ojén considering removing name of former diplomat 'with Nazi links' from square

:: M. PÉREZ / H. BARBOTTA

OJÉN / MARBELLA. Ojén town council has started to compile information about the possible Nazi links of the late Juan Hoffmann, whose name was given to the square in front of the German school in Ojén. The town's mayor, José Antonio Gómez, told SUR on Monday: "We do not want to make a hasty decision," with reference to calls for Hoffman's name to be removed because of his alleged links to Hitler's regime. According to studies recently published in his homeland, the former diplomat, who established the



German school, had been a member of both the Gestapo and the SS. This controversy saw his name removed from the school last year.

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The nurses who are coming home

The wish to be with their families and consolidate their professional career in Malaga are the reasons many decide to return from abroad

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The College of Nursing says many of them emigrated because there was no work here during the crisis

MALAGA. The crisis which hit Spain from 2008 onwards closed many doors to employment in the health sector and opened the way for more emigration, as people from Malaga had to go abroad in order to find work. This trend has reversed now, and some of those who left are coming home. Many of them are nurses, who have been away for several years. So far this year, 36 nurses who were working abroad have re-registered with the College of Nursing in Malaga, says the president of that institution, Juan Antonio Astorga.

Among those who have come back are María Dolores Ballesteros, Marina Barbero, Silvia Urbano and Beatriz Podadera. The main reason for returning was to be with their families and try to find work in Malaga. These girls have left stable jobs in the UK, where they have gained experience and proved their worth. The College of Nurses recently paid tribute to the four of them and other colleagues, as a way of thanking them for coming home.

"We are seeing green shoots of recovery in terms of nursing jobs and that, combined with the lovely climate in Malaga, and their wish to be with their families, is why many of them are coming back now," says Juan Antonio Astorga.

He says there is an urgent need

for more nurses in the Andalusian Health Service (SAS) because the numbers in Malaga are far below the national average. This has a negative effect on the level of service available for the local population.

In Astorga's opinion, the Andalusian Health Service (SAS) should tackle this problem and increase staffing levels.

"Now is the time to do something about the lack of nurses in the health service in Malaga. There are very well-trained professionals coming back from abroad, and others would return as well if good, stable jobs were available," he says.

He also points out that in Malaga more than 7,000 nurses are registered with the College, and 538 of

them will be retiring within the next five years.

More job stability

Astorga stresses that improved staffing levels would not only be beneficial for patients but would also tempt back many of the nurses who emigrated because they couldn't find work at home.

"We are seeing more new contracts with the Andalusian Health Service, but people also need to know that their jobs are secure," he says.

One proven fact is that fewer nurses are applying for certification so they can work in other countries. Between 2008 and 2017, the College of Nurses of Malaga issued 1,100 certificates. If we compare the 114 in 2016 with the 52 issued in 2017, it is clear that there has been a considerable reduction in the number of appli-

cations.

Among the matters which have discouraged many nurses from packing their bags and heading for the UK (one of the preferred destinations) is Brexit. Sources at the College of Nurses say it has put many off the idea of working abroad, although it is still a valid option. Nowadays many young, recently-qualified nurses prefer to carry on studying for a master's degree or a doctorate, or specialise, to stay in Malaga, or they will work in private health care if they can't find health service jobs.

María Dolores Ballesteros, Nurse and midwife

"I had a fantastic job in England, but I missed my family"

María Dolores Ballesteros, aged 32, had to choose between staying in Brighton in a job she loved and with excellent working conditions, or coming back to Malaga to be with her family. After five years in the UK, this nurse and midwife decided to return to Spain last May. "I missed my family, so I decided to come home. I know I had a really good job there, but I just wanted to be with my family," says María Dolores.

She is pleased to be back in Malaga and doesn't regret the decision, although at present she has no work lined up when her contract for the summer at a health centre comes to an end.

She is hoping for a permanent job with the Andalusian Health Service and will be sitting the exam for that in February.

In the event that she can't find work in Malaga, María Dolores has the option of going back to the UK, where she had a stable job and worked first in the NHS, then in the private sector and finally com-



▲ **Recognition.** The College of Nursing recently paid tribute to the nurses who have come back to Malaga after several years working in the UK. :: SUR



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bined the two.

Her qualifications enabled her to be employed as a 'practitioner', which is the highest level in basic nursing. "In England you have to work hard, but the conditions are better and they give you free training courses. You get seven weeks' holiday, as well," she says.

Marina Barbero,
Nurse

"I want to start my career properly here and see how things go"

At the age of 25, Marina Barbero has a long career ahead of her. The two years she spent in Portsmouth gave her professional experience and she learned what nursing is like in another country. Although her stay in England was positive, she decided to pack her bags and come back to Malaga.

"I want to start my career properly here, and see how things go," she says.

During the summer she worked at the Carlos Haya regional hospital. She is currently unemployed, but continues training and studying to gain extra knowledge which will help her to find work.

"I did a Master's and I'm hoping to pass my driving test soon. I need



Silvia Urbano. :: SUR

make me more mobile if they offer me a contract somewhere outside Malaga city," she says.

In the UK she worked for an NHS hospital in the general medicine department, with a 37.5 hour working week.

"I gained good experience nursing in Portsmouth. I hope it will help me to get a job in Malaga, in the health service or the private sector. I don't know how things will turn out, but I'm glad to be back," she says.

Silvia Urbano,
Nurse

"I decided to come back to be with my parents and family"

For more than three years Silvia Urbano, who is now 28, was a nurse in a hospital in Bedford. She was given a permanent contract right from the start, but at the end

of May she came back to Malaga to be with her family, who she had really missed.

"I decided to return to be with my parents and my family, not because of the job because everyone in Bedford was lovely," she says.

Apart from missing her family, the quality of life in Spain was something else that made Silvia want to return after three years in the UK.

"I came in May with the intention of getting temporary work in the health service for the summer," she says.

She is currently working in the Emergency Department of the hospital in Motril, and her contract finishes at the end of this month.

Although the situation in the Andalusian Health Service has improved a bit while she has been away, she says there needs to be more stability for staff. Most contracts are short-term, so there isn't the job security she became used to in the UK. While waiting for a position to come up, she is studying to take the exam for a permanent job with the health service next year.

Beatriz Podadera,
Nurse

"I'm getting married and I

"We are seeing some green shoots of recovery in terms of nursing jobs," says Astorga



Beatriz Podadera. :: SUR

want to bring my children up near my own family"

It was the lack of job opportunities in Malaga which led Beatriz Podadera, 27, to move to Brighton. There, bit by bit, she overcame the language barrier and became accustomed to the customs and the climate. The positive side was a permanent job with a good salary, paid overtime and six weeks of holidays a year.

"I know I left the best job ever in the neurosurgical unit in Brighton, but I wanted to be with my family. My nephews and nieces are growing up and starting to forget

me. Also, I'm getting married and I want to bring my children up near my own family," she says.

Since returning from the UK, Beatriz has completed a two and a half month contract in the cardiology unit of the Clínico hospital. She is hoping to find another post soon.

"I'm glued to the phone in the hope that the SAS rings me, but I hope there'll be a job by December, at the latest," she says.

For this young woman, finishing her studies in 2011 was very exciting because it would mean she could do the job she had always dreamed of. Beforehand, she had worked in a café.

Before going to the UK, she considered working in France or Switzerland, but they insisted on a certain level of French. As her boyfriend had found a good job at the Hilton Metropole in Brighton, she also moved there and was given a permanent contract with excellent conditions.

One of the things she most valued about her time with the British health service was the training she received every time she started a new job.

"In the UK they really look after their nurses," she says.

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Pupils kept away from school at start of term over prefab dispute

Parents of children due to start at the Rincón de la Victoria secondary school have complained of the bad state of five mobile classrooms

:: E. CABEZAS / A PELÁEZ

RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA. Just 47 of the 240 pupils due to start at the Rincón de la Victoria secondary school, in Torre de Benagalbón, attended the first day of classes on Monday.

Parents refused to send their children to the school, as they are not satisfied with the condition of the prefab classrooms that first, second and third-years (aged 12 to 15) are having to use while building work to the fourth secondary school in the Rincón de la Victoria area continues.

The school's parent-teacher association, AMPA, supported the protests and said that parents had been denied access to the five mobile classrooms to check their suitability and safety before the term started. President of AMPA, Lydia Montes said that access was denied "despite confirmation" given dur-



Just 47 pupils attended classes on Monday. :: E. CABEZAS

ing a meeting with provincial Education chiefs on 4 September that parents would be allowed in.

Montes added that the 47 pupils that showed up on Monday only did so because of their parents' work commitments, leaving them with no choice other than to send their chil-

dren to school.

Among the complaints made by parents were the state of toilet facilities, of which only one was in working order, loose cables, construction materials lying around and the fact that the correct licences had not been issued ahead of the start of classes.

Cleaning company reports high volume of refuse found in sea

:: AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

AXARQUÍA. Servimar Axarquía, the company responsible for cleaning the sea along the Axarquía coast, has reported that 38.1 tonnes of non-organic refuse, including plastics and cans, were collected over the summer period from waters around Vélez-Málaga, Algarrobo, Torrox and Nerja.

In addition to rubbish produced

by humans, the company also picked up 47.1 tonnes of jellyfish, dead fish and seaweed, among other naturally-occurring sea life.

The service was in operation from 15 June until last Saturday, and involved 10 boats which operated up and down the coast from Monday to Friday, with a budget of 286,088 euros.

Responding to the figures sup-

plied by Servimar Axarquía, Gregorio Campos, president of the group of Axarquía town halls (Mancomunidad de Municipios de la Costa del Sol Oriental), called on beachgoers to "work together and be responsible for cleaning and to contribute to improving the environment".

He added that it was "unthinkable" that there are people who still throw cans, bottles and plastic into the sea when it would be so easy "to place them in any of the many rubbish bins placed on the beaches along the Axarquía coast".

HERE AND THERE



The Picasso exhibition at CAC Vélez-Málaga. :: SUR

Picasso for fifth anniversary of CAC

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

:: SUR / AGENCIES. Vélez-Málaga's contemporary art centre, CAC, is celebrating its fifth anniversary with an exhibition of 51 original prints by Picasso.

The exhibition, entitled Picasso:

Amor y Deseo (love and desire) features 51 original works by the Malaga-born artist, loaned by the Fundación Picasso Museo Casa atal, and including lithographs, etchings and watercolours of women, dating from 1921 to 1971.

Centre director, Mariluz Reguero, said they wanted to make this celebration "especially relevant". It runs until 2 December.

Opening of market criticised by opposition

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

:: A. P. Opposition councillors at Vélez-Málaga town hall have criticised last Friday's inauguration of the San Francisco market, suggesting that the correct licences weren't in place and that visitors' safety was "at risk." Business and employment councillor, María José Roberto, responded saying that as a municipal building it didn't need an opening licence and that "at no point has visitors' safety been put at risk".

Earthquakes registered across the province

FUENGIROLA/ TOTALÁN

:: SUR. A 4.2-magnitude earthquake was registered off the coast of Fuengirola on Sunday evening. The tremor took place at 8.47pm, according to sources at the National Geographical Institute, at a depth of 65 kilometres.

Minutes later, at 8.58pm, another earthquake occurred - this

Two migrant boats arrive in Nerja in a week

NERJA

:: E. C. Two small boats carrying migrants from North Africa have arrived at the Torrecilla beach in Nerja in less than a week. The first, a small wooden boat carrying 12 people, came on Thursday of last week and the second, an inflatable dinghy carrying seven young men, appeared in the early hours of Wednesday morning. All seven men were detained by Guardia Civil officers.

time a 3.1-magnitude tremor, 64 kilometres below the surface.

No damage to property nor injuries were recorded and the emergency service 112 hotline didn't receive any calls.

A further tremor was recorded in the province in the Axarquía town of Totalán on Monday morning.

According to the National Geographical Institute, the 2.4-magnitude earthquake was registered at 9.21am, 73 kilometres below ground.

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One dead among 56 migrants rescued off the Malaga coast

An inflatable boat reached La Torrecilla beach in Nerja and its seven occupants, of North African descent, were arrested on arrival

:: E. CABEZAS / AGENCIES

NERJA. The influx of migrants continued on the Malaga coast with the arrival of two vessels on Wednesday, bringing a total of 63 people.

One of these boats was carrying 56 sub-Saharan Africans. The occupants, one of whom had died, had to be rescued and taken to Malaga port after their boat sank.

According to Europa Press, a spokesperson from the Maritime Safety and Rescue Society (Sasemar) said that it was at 12.10pm that rescue plane Cónдор III issued a warning that it had located a migrant vessel in waters close to the Morocco boundary that was in a bad state, with some of the occupants in the water.

The Helimer 207 helicopter, along with the plane, dropped a number of life rafts into the water and helped to rescue the victims.

One person had to be flown to



Some of the migrants as they arrived in Malaga port. :: FRANCIS SILVA

Almeria airport for treatment at 2pm.

A fishing boat assisted in the rescue of some of the occupants, also recovering the body of the man who had died.

La Torrecilla beach

The second boat to arrive on

Wednesday saw seven North Africans reach La Torrecilla beach in Nerja, the second boat to do so in the space of a week, following the arrival of 12 people last Thursday.

The occupants were arrested by Local Police on arrival after it was tracked by Maritime Rescue.

Malaga reaches capacity with no more available space to house illegal boat migrants

Sports centres which were being used for temporary shelter are now needed with the start of the school year

:: JUAN SOTO

MALAGA. Following the latest wave of migrant boats into Malaga, the city no longer has the capacity to process and shelter the new arrivals with the sports centres, which were being used as makeshift accommodation, now needed for sporting activities now that the school year has started.

The city hall can no longer loan out the sports halls, meaning that any further people rescued from the Alboran sea must now be transported elsewhere.

The possible creation of a permanent processing centre, similar to the one that exists in Motril and Algeciras, has been under consideration by the government for several months but nothing definitive has been decided.

Central government represen-

tative for Malaga, María Gámez, said that studies were "ongoing" into a new centre in the Muelle 9 dock in Malaga port. Gámez, however, wouldn't commit, saying: "We are working to see if we can make the investment."

The lack of space in Malaga comes at a time when arrivals to the Malaga coast are increasing steeply. According to numbers provided by the government, so far this year in excess of 4,500 migrants have arrived into Malaga port, almost double the figure from the entire previous year (2,320). In 2016, the number was as little as 774.

In light of the difficulties encountered by the Cruz Roja (the Spanish Red Cross) in transporting these migrants to other parts of Spain, principally to Cadiz province, Social Rights councillor at Malaga city hall, Raúl Jiménez, said that further temporary measures were being looked into, including contacting schools whose sports centre are not in use, as well as looking at using the city's fair ground as temporary accommodation.

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Deputy chief minister reveals details of "bilateral dialogue with Spain"

Gibraltar has been holding bilateral talks with Spain over local issues, but Picardo insists that his government's red lines will not be crossed

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. It was reported this week that the Gibraltar government has been holding direct talks with Spain about Brexit and their relationship after Britain leaves the European Union, but in fact this was quite old news. It did, however, seem to come as a surprise at the Liberal Party conference in Brighton, UK, where Gibraltar's deputy chief minister and leader of the Gibraltar Liberal Party, Dr Joseph Garcia, addressed those attending the traditional government reception.

He explained that Gibraltar has been having "discrete bilateral dialogue with Spain" which began when the Partido Popular were in power, with the aim of ensuring that Brexit works well for all affected parties.

Considering that previous Spanish governments have insisted on bilateral talks with the UK because they said they do not recognise Gibraltar as an authority in its own



Joseph Garcia and Vince Cable at the Liberal conference. :: SUR

right, this is being seen as very positive news, and it was backed up by chief minister Fabian Picardo in a TV interview this week, when he explained that the discussions began a few months ago. However, he stressed that the negotiations over Brexit in general are being carried out between the UK government and the EU, and the talks between Gibraltar and Spain are only on certain local issues.

He was also adamant that Gibraltar has red lines which the govern-

ment will never allow to be crossed, such as sovereignty, jurisdiction and control, and said that over issues such as the airport, over which Spain previously demanded joint control, there would be "absolutely no concession whatsoever".

Picardo also warned that the next six weeks will be crucial in the Brexit negotiations between the UK and EU: "There will be peaks and troughs," he said, "good news and bad news in the media. This is a time of negotiation".

IN BRIEF



Patients feel 'pawsitive' about Chihuahuas Ant and Dec. :: SUR

'Pawsitive' therapy for mental health patients

GIBRALTAR

D. BARTLETT. Some patients in the Sunshine Ward at Ocean Views Mental Health Facility are now enjoying 'Pawsitive Pet Activity', a type of pet therapy. They are visited

by two Chihuahuas, Ant and Dec, once a week, and it is hoped to expand the service in the near future.

Interaction with animals has been shown to relieve stress, alleviate pain and improve the overall psychological state.

Ant and Dec's owners offered this service free of charge, and staff say they already see positive results.

MTV Music Festival this weekend

GIBRALTAR

D. B. MTV Presents: Gibraltar Calling, formerly known as the Gibraltar Music Festival gets under way today. The Rock will be rocking to the music of famous names and up-and-coming artists for the next two days. This is a time when the whole of Gibraltar comes together to dance and have fun at the Victoria Stadium.

Pro and anti-abortion campaigns stepped up

GIBRALTAR

D. B. The debate continues into Gibraltar's anti-abortion laws and whether they should be changed. Members of the 'No More Shame' pro-choice group are collecting signatures on a petition asking the Gibraltar government to decriminalise abortion, while the pro-life group has set up a "New Beginnings - Both Lives Matter" campaign.



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Manuel Valls: "If Spain breaks up, so does the rest of Europe"

The former French prime minister and potential candidate for mayor of Barcelona spoke about the future of Spain at a symposium organised by SUR

IVÁN GELIBTER

MALAGA. Manuel Valls, French prime minister between 2014 and 2016, was the invited speaker at a symposium organised by SUR at the Hotel Barceló in Malaga last week.

The politician, who was born in Barcelona in 1962, has been linked with a return to frontline politics as the possible future mayor of his birth city in an attempt to head off the Catalan independence movement.

"The real debate now is between democracy and populism," he said, with reference to the Catalan crisis. "As a European I can say that Spain is a major country. Its language is spoken by 500 million people worldwide, and it is one of the oldest nation-states, alongside France and Great Britain. If Spain breaks up, so does Europe."



Valls didn't rule out running for mayor in Barcelona. :: SALVADOR SALAS

This is what he says has brought him into the debate over Catalonia: "I thought that neither European nor Spanish leaders realised the risk that Catalan nationalism posed."

Valls was answering questions put to him by SUR editor-in-chief

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Manuel Castillo and spoke following speeches by businessman Félix Revuelta and president of the Cajasol foundation, Antonio Pulido.

From the first moment, Valls made clear his commitment to the European project: "Europe has been and is a project dreamed up to put an end to wars and quarrels. For the most part, the countries share values and a view of the world; the role of the Union has to represent peace, freedom, progress, culture and a state of wellbeing."

Valls, however, admits that the project is being threatened by populism and - especially - democracy.

"It is the responsibility of us all to look at it carefully and to offer political solutions. We need collective answers allow Europe to get out of the trenches and to develop."

A platform for Barcelona

The possibility of the former French PM running for mayor in Barcelona, therefore, dominated much of the discourse.

Though he refused to confirm whether he had been tempted by Ciudadanos leader Albert Rivera's offer to be the party's representative in the 2019 elections, Valls stated his belief in seeking an agreement between pro-unity parties to "create a project for the city that brings optimism".

UN selects Malaga for its first Capital Development Fund office outside New York

JESÚS HINOJOSA

MALAGA. The United Nations is to open a branch of its Capital Development Fund in part of Malaga's Hospital Noble building. This will be the first delegation in the world of the New York-based UNCDF, which coordinates public and private finance to help the world's least developed countries.

The Malaga office, which will be devoted especially to projects in African countries, will be manned by diplomats, officials and experts in international development and cooperation.

This is the second time that the UN has chosen Malaga as a base, after the Cifal (international training centre for authorities and leaders) was set up recently. Its director, former councillor Julio Andrade, and the mayor Francisco de la Torre, agreed on the use of the former hospital for the UNCDF project, which is now pending authorisation from Madrid, and is hoped to be operating next year.

ESTATE AGENTS DISCOVER NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT EXPOWEEK

Representatives of more than 150 estate agencies have taken part in activities organised for ExpoWeek at Expo Costa del Sol in Marbella. The professionals were able to examine the more than 150 property development projects on display in the showroom in detail as well as meet the exhibiting developers and service providers.



Spanish distribution firm expands business following agreement with Swiss Post

IVÁN GELIBTER

MALAGA. The distribution and transport firm Boyacá has announced a new line of business after joining forces with Swiss Post, Switzerland's benchmark postal service that operates in 15 countries in Europe, Asia and the US.

Boyacá representative in Malaga Alejandro Millán explained that

since the Spanish postal service was opened up to competition in 2011, the Swiss firm has been operating in the Balearics and the Canaries, dealing with tourist correspondence with post boxes in more than 700 establishments.

From this year the service will reach the Costa del Sol through Boyacá, after signing a collaboration deal with Swiss Post to operate in Andalucía.

"Swiss Post's postage stamps are easily identifiable through the Swiss Post logo, with additional information such as QR codes," said Millán, who added that the firm's post boxes are also easy to identify and offer full information about how to use the service.

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British ambassador calms fears of a 'no-deal Brexit' in open letter

Simon Manley said that the British government "does not expect" there to be no deal upon exiting the EU in March 2019

BY DARYL FINCH

MALAGA. British ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, issued an open letter to British citizens last Friday to allay fears of a 'no-deal Brexit'. This came after the UK government published a series of technical notices on a range of areas including rights for students and tourists, driving licences, imports and exports, taxation and farming to help businesses and citizens prepare in the "unlikely" event of there being no exit deal in March 2019.

Manley was keen to stress that "the Government does not want, nor does it expect, a no-deal outcome in the negotiations" but that "as a responsible government, we must prepare for all eventualities".

That said, Manley said that he was "confident" that the UK negotiating team could reach a "positive and ambitious deal with the EU - an outcome that is in the interests of both the UK and the EU, and in the inter-



Simon Manley, in a file photo. :: SUR

est of both British and EU citizens".

Manley added: "I appreciate that this is a period of uncertainty and many of you have questions and want more advice for UK nationals living in Spain. We want to help you prepare for all scenarios and further relevant information will continue to be made available on gov.uk over the coming weeks."

To that end, he said: "Both the Embassy and Consulates will continue with the outreach events that we have planned throughout Spain, with some 20 such events planned between now and the end

of the year, and ensure that your questions and concerns are shared with the relevant UK government departments."

Manley directed British nationals living in Spain to follow the Living in Spain guide on gov.uk, and to follow the "Brits in Spain" social media channels, including on Facebook.

"Both I and our UK in Spain consular teams will continue to share with you what we know, when we know it, to provide you with as much clarity as possible," Manley concluded.

Spanish government is "concerned" about the impact of Brexit on tourism

BY EFE

MADRID. As the countdown towards Brexit begins, Spain's minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Reyes Maroto, said this week that the government is working on minimising the negative effect which the UK's withdrawal from the European Union could have on tourism, and is "optimistic" that the EU and London will come to an agreement over Brexit.

"It will make a difference, with Britain going from being part of the EU to no longer being in it. We are all aware there will be a negative impact, so we have to try to minimise it," said Maroto during

a working breakfast in Madrid which was organised by the Club Diálogos para la Democracia.

"We are concerned about it," added the minister, who explained that "top level" meetings are taking place with representatives of the British government, who are working on agreeing a deal so there will be "calm" during the transition period.

"We are optimistic. Our role now is to work with the institutions so that agreement becomes reality," she said, while stressing that at the same time the Spanish government is working with companies on "contingency plans".



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One dead and 11 injured as Ritz Hotel scaffolding collapses

An investigation is being carried out into the cause of the accident, which occurred during a 99 million euro makeover for the luxury hotel

by M. BALÍN

MADRID. Improvement works being carried out at the Ritz Hotel in Madrid have been marked by tragedy as one worker died and 11 were injured, two of them seriously, when five floors of scaffolding collapsed and crashed into the courtyard, taking part of the structure with it and hitting the workers below.

The incident occurred at 4pm on Tuesday. Four workers were buried under the rubble, including the 42-year-old who was killed. Of the 11 injured, five were treated on the scene and the other six were taken to different hospitals in the city. The two most seriously injured, who are aged 31 and 41, were admitted to the 12 de Octubre and Gregorio Marañón hospitals with multiple injuries. One was said to be in critical condition.

The head of the Madrid fire service, Eugenio Amores, says that the



Some of the workers were buried beneath the rubble. :: SUR

victims under the rubble were calling for help, so that enabled them to be located. The Sanjosé construction company has begun an internal investigation into the accident.

In June, it was announced that the Mandarin Oriental and Olayan Group, which owns the Ritz Hotel, had contracted the Sanjosé company to carry out the modernisation

works. The hotel, which was inaugurated in 1910, will have fewer rooms and more suites, and the communal areas and meeting rooms are being improved. The hotel, which is in Plaza de Canovas del Castillo, closed on 28 February and the works, estimated to cost 99 million euros, are expected to take 18 months to complete.

Government criticised for U-turn over sale of precision missiles to Saudi Arabia

by SUR

MADRID. Pedro Sánchez's Socialist-led government came up against criticism from all sides last week when it made a U-turn over its halting of a shipment of precision bombs to Saudi Arabia.

Earlier this month the Defence Ministry halted the delivery of 400 laser-guided missiles and started proceedings to cancel the contract and return the 9.2 million euros paid for the weapons.

The ministry argued that the bombs could have been used against civilians in Yemen, and said that all similar "sensitive" contracts would be reviewed.

Just days later, however, the government announced that the contract would be honoured and the missiles delivered as planned. The reasons given were that there were no irregularities in the contract and that it was satisfied that there was no danger to civilians due to the nature of the weapons. "The bombs are high precision and so they are not going to kill Yemenis by mistake," said cabinet spokesperson Isabel Celaá last Friday.

The Sánchez's government's initial announcement of the re-

The plan to review all Saudi contracts raised serious concerns for Cadiz shipyard workers

view of contracts caused outrage among workers at the Navantia shipyard in Cadiz, about to start work on a 1.8-million-euro order from Saudi Arabia for five corvette warships.

The Socialist leader of Andalucía Susana Díaz, headed calls for her party in Madrid to honour the contract and not make decisions that would put the jobs of 6,000 people in Cadiz, a province already hard hit by unemployment, at risk.

The government's U-turn was heavily criticised by political groups on all sides as well as NGOs. This week it emerged that the government received a report from the UN in 2017 confirming that 292 Yemeni civilians had been killed by the so-called "intelligent" precision bombs used in ten Saudi air strikes.

Spain is holding onto financial whistleblower Hervé Falciani for the time being. When he was arrested by Spanish police in April in Madrid, Falciani faced an extradition request from Swiss authorities on charges of "aggravated financial espionage". Although this grand-sounding misdemeanour is a crime in Switzerland - a country known for its Fort-Knox-style banking secrecy - it isn't in Spain; so this week, Spanish courts denied Switzerland's extradition request, just as they did in 2012 when Falciani was arrested in Barcelona.

French-Italian national Falciani was an IT engineer at the Swiss offices of HSBC's private bank, which offers financial services to wealthy individuals. In 2008, he leaked data pertain-

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ing to more than 100,000 HSBC clients allegedly involved in complex tax avoidance schemes; his motivation, as he said at the time, was to expose the workings of a "broken banking system".

Although Swiss authorities claim that the information passed on by Hervini was stolen and therefore legally invalid, several countries launched investigations on the back of his data. Spain is among them and,

since 2009, the Spanish courts have been working with Falciani, using the "Swiss Leaks" to secure thousands of convictions.

HSBC has had to pay two fines since the data-leak: one of forty million Swiss francs (€35 million) to Swiss authorities in 2015, for "organisational failings" resulting in money laundering; and another of €300 million to French authorities last year, to settle allegations that

clients of its Swiss private bank had evaded taxes (tax evasion is legal but morally ambiguous. Tax avoidance is straightforwardly illegal).

So as far as the Spanish courts are concerned, then, Hervini is not a financial spy (or he is, but for the good).

But might there be another reason that Spain is reluctant to extradite the French whistleblower just now?

In the spring, Catalan separatist Marta Rovira fled to Switzerland. The deputy of ERC, a leftist pro-Catalan independence party, Rovira exiled herself to avoid charges relating to her role in organising last October's illegal Catalan independence referendum. She's still in Switzerland, awaiting a decision by the Swiss courts on whether she can

be extradited back to Spain; if they rule that she can, Rovira faces charges that could land her decades behind bars. Her boss, ERC leader Oriol Junqueras, has been in custody in Spain since last November, awaiting trial on similarly grave allegations.

The Spanish government have denied a role in Falciani's most recent arrest, but you can't help wondering whether a politically-motivated swap is on the cards. Switzerland, a country that prides itself on financial discretion, is itching to make an example of Hervini. And Madrid wants to punish Rovira for her role in causing a constitutional crisis that's still unresolved. Whether either country will see these as grounds for a mutually-beneficial exchange remains to be seen.

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Getting the right name

Re your article Flea Market with genuine antiques (SUR in English September 14th): It is due to the real estate business trying to impress their customers that they call the location Puerto Banús when in fact it is Nueva Andalucía.

Please note that anything on the mountain side (La Concha) is called Nueva Andalucía. Puerto Banús is located on the beach side; they are divided by

the main road.

As a local of Nueva Andalucía I find it very irritating that so many businesses ignore this fact.

As a newspaper of long standing you should be aware that the Saturday market takes place in that very Centro Plaza next to the bullring you mention in your article.

URSULA RUSSELL
NUEVA ANDALUCÍA

Illegal houses

When will local authorities wake up to the fact something needs to be done about recognising illegal properties?

In the Campo where I have lived for the past 14 years, there is a community of 24 houses.

When I first moved there all the houses were occupied either permanently or used as weekend homes. Everyone looked after their gardens. Now for various reasons, people tried to sell their homes without success because mortgages are not available for illegal houses and not everyone has the cash buy outright.

There are now five empty

houses all looking derelict, gardens overgrown.

My neighbours are trying to sell their house, they have an interested party, but they are put off by the illegal status of the property, fear that one day the property will be demolished.

Most of the property owners pay IBI, basura etc, but with people abandoning their homes, the local town hall will be getting less money.

If nothing is done about this problem in the near future the lovely countryside is going to be scattered with derelict houses.

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The aroma of frying onions is one of the greatest pleasures known to man. Even if you've just feasted on a banquet fit for kings, the merest whiff of a sizzling onion will make your mouth water to such an extent that your cheeks will explode in the manner of Vesuvius in 1906.

Raw onions, by contrast, are quite a different fettle of kish. They literally make us weep if we cut them and, in my case, if I eat them. Well, not weep so much as wander around for the next 24 hours as if Mike Tyson had come out of retirement specifically to land one on my unsuspecting chops. Chuck in a wholly disagreeable aftertaste which can last up to two days and there's only one reasonable conclusion I've been able to come to over the years - avoid raw onions at all costs. This is a pity because they're very tasty.

As vaguely sentient human beings, we are, I think, perfectly capable of distinguishing what's good for us and what isn't. In my case, fried onions = good, raw onions = bad.

However, just when you think that we've reached a saturation point of self-importance with our selfies and tweets and easy credit and toe nail parlours and... (I'm afraid there isn't room here for the whole, sorry list), yet another example rears its troublesome head.

A couple of days ago, I was passing a chemist's shop when I spied a very odd advertisement in the window.

"Test yourself to see which food intolerances you may have." Brilliant. How does this work, exactly? Little pills of hundreds of food-stuffs from avocado to, er, well something beginning with 'z'? You swallow one and if you faint or foam at the mouth, you have an

intolerance. Are we in such desperate need of validation from any angle that we have to test ourselves for such things? I've got a raging intolerance of Jose Mourinho and Beyoncé's singing but I don't need to buy a test kit to know that; my eyeballs simply implode of their own accord at the very thought of either.

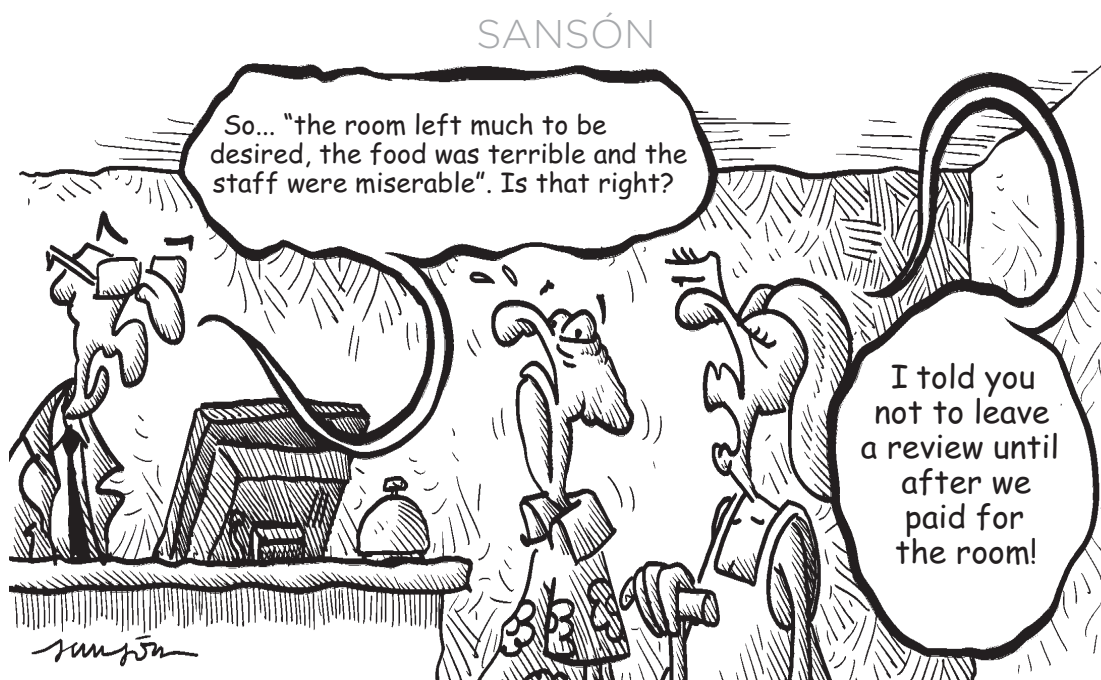
What happens when people buy these kits?

"Dave! Dave! Come, quickly! Look! I'm beetroot and carrot cake intolerant!"

"Wow! That's great love. I'm mushroom and lemon meringue pie. Actually, I got beetroot too but didn't want to steal your thunder."

It works like this: if you eat something and it makes you feel really bad, avoid it in the future.

Now then, what I wouldn't give for a cheese and raw onion sandwich for my dinner. Two days of malaise? It might just be worth it.

Politicians
playing Fortnite

MANUEL CASTILLO

Manuel Valls, the former French prime minister and possible candidate for mayor of Barcelona, said at the symposium organised last week by SUR that perhaps the Spanish were not aware of the good times they have lived through in the last 40 years, during which both Catalonia and Barcelona have benefited widely. What Valls meant was that here we don't value everything that has happened since the Transition highly enough and insinuated that many of the things we as a society have built up over those years could be lost due to our attitude.

And it's true, because Spain is today one of the most socially-advanced countries in the world, with a Constitution that is just as for-

ward-thinking in terms of defending people's rights, the level of autonomy given to different regions and with solid historical and cultural foundations, capable of

configuring and sustaining a country with an extraordinary diversity of identities.

Valls' talk made me think about how we see our own countries

when we have the chance to step outside and look in from a distance. If our MPs in the Congreso de los Diputados could look at themselves through a keyhole, they would feel ashamed and cringe just as many of us do.

A country still suffering from the financial crisis, poverty, unemployment, and above all with its territorial unity under threat, has to put up with its legitimately-elected representatives quarrelling as if they were in a school playground, playing at being politicians as if they were inside a game of Fortnite - that popular videogame their children and grandchildren are obsessed with, which consists of annihilating everyone until you are the last man standing. Spain's Congreso is just like that, a neverending and

useless game of Fortnite.

It's an embarrassment that Spain has to put up with these eternal debates about MPs' studies, exams passed and failed, their cheating, their big houses with swimming pools, the jobs they found for their relatives, their tricks, revolving doors, plagiarism and long lunches with coffee, brandy and cigars.

Honourable members, take a step further away, stop and look at yourselves; you might realise what you're doing and how many things (important and transcendental things) are still left to do.

Exit your own videogame; jump back into reality and take note of all the people and families who are waiting for you to make decisions and take action that will improve their lives: even just a little bit.

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Picking up Spanish at the market

A teacher in Seville offers an experiential approach to learning language and culture



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SEVILLE. I meet Cristina Expósito in Seville on a sunny September morning, outside the Triana market. It's 10.30am and gearing up to be another hot day; locals bustle in and out of the market, catching up on gossip as they peruse meat, fish and vegetable stores. The former gypsy *barrio* of Triana, beautiful in the clean morning light, goes about its weekday business. This is hardly the setting for a typical language class. But then again, La Casa Sevilla (LCS) is not a normal Spanish school - as I'm about to find out.

The company was launched by 35-year-old Cristina last summer and teaches Spanish by way of cultural immersion. It's an approach that taps into a new trend in tourism, generated by solo travellers unfulfilled by tours of architectural landmarks. As the former journalist explains to me over a post-class *caña*, her students are "coming here because they've left their jobs, or they're travelling around, and they want experiences, they want to meet local people".

Cristina's clients head to the Andalusian capital from all over the world and their Spanish ranges from non-existent to accomplished. What they share, though, is a desire to experience Seville and to use the local lingo, as opposed to being hunched over a textbook in a classroom. Enter Cristina, who now runs the only Spanish school in the city that marries unforgettable experiences with language classes.

LCS's founder exudes a charm that would make even the most nervous students feel comfortable. And Cristina's pupil this morning, 31-year-old South Korean traveller Min, does seem a little on edge as she embarks on the "Market Experience". She's a complete beginner in Spanish and she says that a lot of the words sound "funny". But the first exercise seems to put her at



Cristina (left) and her student Min during their class in Triana market. :: MARK NAYLER



A previous class, taking in the monuments. :: SUR

ease: she's taught some essential market vocabulary - *manzanas*, *jamón*, *yo quiero*, *cuánto vale* - as a prelude to hitting the stalls and using her brand-new Spanish.

Before starting LCS, Cristina worked at academies in Oxford, Seville and Madrid, both as a teacher

and administrator. But her experiences as a student taught her that classroom courses don't necessarily equip you for real life.

"When I finished university," she tells Min and I outside a noisy fruit and veg stall, "my mark [in English] was super-high." Starting an intern-

ship in London at the age of 22, though, wasn't as linguistically straightforward as she had expected: "I couldn't say or understand anything at all. On the first day, I was crying in my room because I couldn't communicate."

Using the senses

Before travelling to Seville, Min says she was looking for an activity-based approach to learning Spanish: "Your classes are so different," she tells Cristina as we wander to another colourful market stall. "This will be very memorable, because we're using three senses - taste, sight, smell." Sensory stimulation, in this case provided by the lively Mercado de Triana, replaces classroom-induced boredom at LCS.

Already Min's confidence is increasing, and we've only been in the market for half an hour. She practises what to say to the stall owners and films a short video, in Korean, for her blog. It strikes me that this morning she's not only learning her first Spanish words, but that

she's doing so in yet another language that's not her own. Cristina explains everything in excellent English and shows meticulous attention to detail, making sure her student correctly spells every Spanish word she notes down.

Afterwards, over a crisp Cruzcampo, Cristina tells me that starting the company hasn't been easy, especially with her two-year-old daughter also demanding time. But she's driven - "I'll put in 20 hours a day to make something work" - and, more than anything, wants her students to be able to speak to locals and experience Sevillano culture: "I love meeting people from other countries and I love showing them Spanish." Her use of "showing", at once more vibrant and alive than "teaching", is telling and she radiates enthusiasm as she speaks.

Our chat on a sunny Triana terrace is interrupted by a *gitano* busker, whose performance reminds me that LCS also offers a "Flamenco Spanish" experience. Students spend an hour learning about this iconic Spanish art and the associated vocabulary, followed by a dance class with an experienced instructor. Or, for those wanting to immerse themselves in Seville's ridiculous beauty, there's "Survival Spanish" - a two-hour tour of the historic Santa Cruz neighbourhood that equips travellers with essential day-to-day phrases.

Glowing testimonials on La Casa Sevilla's website indicate that the experiential approach works. But what of Min in the Triana market? As Cristina winds up the ninety-minute session, her eager pupil seems to have left her fear of speaking Spanish back at the first *carnicería*. She heads to a spices stall and buys saffron and paprika using newly-learned phrases, observed by her delighted mentor.

"Not scared of the market anymore?" I ask Min as we walk back out into the bright Seville sun; "No way", she grins - "I'm coming back tomorrow."

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A clean-shaven end to the summer as young people get back to fun

The Conservatives Abroad celebrate the end of the season, a fundraiser gets a new look and the Scouts and Guides get set for more fun and challenges

The Conservatives Abroad held their end-of-season ball beside the pool at the Tamisa Golf Hotel last week. They enjoyed a three-course dinner followed by dancing on the terrace.

After nurturing a full beard for 37 years, Jerry Long decided he would shave it off to raise money for the local community. Friends and family rallied round and Olivia, hairdresser from Glamour Hair and Beauty in Calahonda soon left his beard lying on the floor.

Jerry's partner Sandy said, "His chin is not as chubby as I remember it," and gave his new look the thumbs up. The 720 euros raised will go to the La Cala de Mijas Lions, of which Sandy is the Social Secretary, and who will then donate it to Cudeca Cancer Hospice. La Cala Lions have a charity shop in C/Torremolinos 12, La Cala de Mijas. Donations are always welcome; open 10am to 2pm Monday to Saturday. Tel 677059061.

Girls and young women belonging to the British Girlguiding Overseas groups in Spain go into the season with a whole new programme of activities to look forward to. Lynne Armitage, Commissioner for Spain, explains that the Girlguiding organisation's "revolutionary" revamp introduces 800 new badges and activities designed to "equip girls and young women with the skills and experiences they will need to thrive, succeed, make change and be happy in the modern world".



Conservatives Abroad celebrate their annual Sunset Ball. :: SUR

Archaeology, inventing and aviation are among the new badges that form part of the programme which will be available to the groups in Spain from the New Year. The Fuengirola/Mijas Rainbows and Brownies currently meet at St Anthony's College, and there is a Brownie group at Sotogrande International School. For more information contact Lynn on 667433581.

Meanwhile, young people (girls and boys) belonging to the 1st Fuengirola Scout Group get back into their term time routine this week. The group, which forms part of British Scouting Overseas, includes Beavers and Cubs who meet every Thursday and Scouts and Explorers, who meet on Friday, all at St Anthony's College, Mijas. For more information call 610755995 or visit fuengirolascouts.com.

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: Email: surinenglish.su@diariosur.es



Jerry Long, before and after. :: SUR

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Torremolinos festivities take different route this year

TORREMOLINOS. Around a hundred thousand people are expected descend on Torremolinos this Sunday (23 September) to enjoy the colourful Romería de San Miguel.

In what is one of the biggest urban pilgrimages in Spain, more than 60 decorated gypsy-style caravans and floats, many pulled by oxen and horses, will trundle through the town, followed by excited revellers who dance and sing their way along the streets.

The romería began in the 1940s and has continued uninterrupted along the same route ever since; however, this year, the itinerary has been changed due to the renovation work currently in progress in the centre of the town.

As usual, the event will start at 10am in the Avenida Los Manantiales, but it will then move to the church of the Buen Consejo in Plaza Picasso, instead of heading to the Plaza Costa del Sol and the Avenida de Mallorca.



Last year's romería. :: SUR

Following a short blessing outside the church, the procession will then pass along Avenida Isabel Manoja, Calle Joan Miró and Avenida Rafael Quintana Rosado, before continuing through El Calvario and onto the pine forest next to the fairground.

This popular and festive pilgrimage precedes the town's annual fair, which begins on Wednesday 26 and continues until Sunday 30 September.



LAST CHANCE QUEUES FOR WARHOL

A total of 110,350 people have visited the Andy Warhol exhibition at the Picasso museum in Malaga since May. The exhibition, which attracted crowds on its last day, is considered to have been one of the most ambitious projects the museum has undertaken in its 15-year history. To celebrate the anniversary of its opening, the museum has a new exhibition in October that will combine works by Picasso with paintings by great masters such as Zurbarán, Velázquez and Goya.

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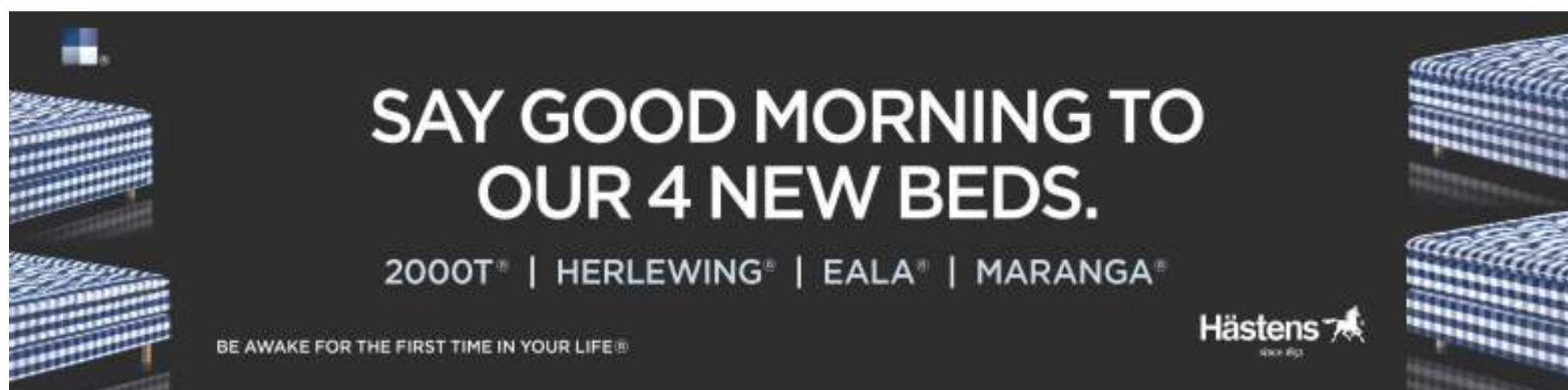
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The Arts Society spreads its wings

Groups in Fuengirola, Benahavís, Nerja and San Roque have a full programme for the new season

by JANE NORRIE

BENAHAVÍS. As many readers will know the British-based association Nadfas, now known under its simpler name, The Arts Society, is celebrating its Golden Anniversary throughout 2018.

Fifty years of promoting art is no mean achievement. From its humble beginnings as an individual group in the English countryside, its popularity has soared to include 385 societies worldwide, including four in the south of Spain and one in Gibraltar.

Proof of the society's continuing success is the fact that it is still growing. In the last two years in mainland Europe alone new branches have been opened in Malta, Javea and Mallorca. Possibly this is due to the fact that from its origins, the emphasis has been on making art enjoyable.

Talks on art, architecture, sculpture, glass or jewellery; art exhibitions; visits to interesting sites in Spain and abroad: many differing tastes are catered for by the four branches of The Arts Society which are scattered along the coast from Nerja to San Roque.

The oldest branch is the Costa del Sol at Fuengirola which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year while the youngest group at Benahavís is beginning its sixth year. Members or visitors to any of the branches are welcomed into a friendly lively group of people.

No association however can af-



Members of The Arts Society on a recent trip to Lisbon, one of their group's activities. :: SUR

ford to rest on its laurels. And in its fiftieth year the Arts Society has carried out a re-evaluation of its focus to fit it for the next fifty years.

Cutting-edge arts

New lecturers have been recruited to widen the topics available to include music, dance and theatre. There is also a slight change of emphasis to take account of what is going on at the cutting edge of the arts rather than dealing more with the past.

So what is in store for the upcoming weeks and months? To pick out a few highlights Benahavís launches the season on 25 September with new speaker Giles Ramsay. He will show how modern show business has its roots right back in the time of Shakespeare's Globe. Himself a theatre director, a course leader at London's V&A and a Cunard lecturer, Giles will undoubtedly entertain with his dramatic delivery.

In October both the Costa del Sol and Nerja will examine what

is certainly a cutting-edge subject when Doug Gillen explores Hidden Canvases, his fascinating study of street art. Doug's travels in pursuit of his passion have taken him all round the world but his images will surely include examples from Malaga and Tarifa as well as the ubiquitous Banksy.

In November the De la Frontera society in San Roque is also presenting a contemporary theme with A Galaxy of Starchitects including "stars" such as Santiago, Calatrava, Frank Gehry and Rich-

ARTS SOCIETY BRANCHES

► **Nerja.** theartsocietynerja.com

► **Costa del Sol (Fuengirola).** theartsociety-costadelSol.org

► **Benahavís.** theartsocietybenahavis.com

► **De la Frontera (San Roque).** nadfasc-delafrontera.org

► **Gibraltar.** nadfasc.org/gibraltar

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ard Rogers. In what is bound to be a controversial meeting, Clive Binfield will testify that their work has gone "stratospheric" - but asks if the quality lives up to the hype.

The Arts Society may be spreading its wings but there is one topic that never ceases to pull in audiences along the Costa del Sol and that is the culture of Spain. For those of us who have given our hearts to this country, the appetite for knowledge about our adopted land is never satisfied.

From now until the end of May the societies will cover the following aspects of Spanish art and history - Velázquez, Dalí, Picasso, Philip 2nd Creator of the Escorial and Memories of Andaluz, the Legacy of Moorish Spain.

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The realism style is growing in popularity among tattoo fans in Andalucía. :: FRANCIS SILVA



Each year more female artists attend:: FRANCIS SILVA

Tattoo fever takes hold at convention

The city of Malaga embraced a national tattoo convention last weekend, uniting thousands of tattoo lovers and artists

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MÁLAGA. The Malaga tattoo convention celebrated its fifth anniversary last weekend, once more attracting thousands of people from far and wide. While many came to get a tattoo themselves, the skill of

the tattoo artists, alongside shows, performances and live acts brought together many spectators simply in awe of the artistic talent on display.

According to sources, this year the event had artists from twenty different countries, including the

United States, Argentina and Italy.

Throughout the convention 51 prizes were handed out, including the three best in the black/grey, colour, 'old school' and new categories, plus the coveted Miss and Mister Tattoo-Málaga 2018 awards.

Spokesperson for the event, Íñigo Abril, explained that the city always embraces the convention with open arms. "In a city that has tattoo artists with a year-long waiting list, this comes as no surprise," he said.

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T. BRYANT

A WEEKEND OF OUTRAGEOUS COMEDY

The Salon Varietés Theatre hosted two nights of stand-up comedy last weekend. The outrageous Dave Thompson (pictured), known for his bizarre behaviour and quick-fire humour, compered the show, which presented Scottish funnyman Alan Francis, and former lorry driver, Kevin McCarthy. This was the third time Thompson has presented his zany show on the coast and he promises to return again next year.

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REF. R. O. T.

I live in a rented flat. I have been living there for several years now, and whenever there is a problem in the property, the owner says that it is up to me to repair it. Now, the frames of the windows and of the door to the terrace are looking very bad and need painting, as the paint is

chipped and the frames look really tatty. As always, when informing the owner he said that I have to paint it. I would like to know if this is correct, or if according to the law, it is his responsibility to maintain it?

We do not have any information about previous cases, but according to what you say, in this case you should indeed take charge of painting the frames. Minor works or small repairs that have to be carried out due to a deterioration in normal use, among which we must include the maintenance of painted surfaces, have to be paid by the tenant, according to what is established in the Rent Act.

REF. A. L. U.

A friend of mine is getting married within three months, and last weekend I went to a shop in order to buy an evening

dress. Although the price was quite high, I tried it on and as it fitted great, I decided to buy it. However, when I got home, and with more time, I decided to try on it again and realised that the lining was badly finished. Taking into account the price of the dress it should be perfect, so I decided to return it, but now I cannot find the purchase receipt anywhere. Could I return it even if I do not have the receipt, or could they raise objections?

It depends on the shop's policy with regard to returns. If you do not have the purchase receipt, and the product is not one of the shop's own items, they could tell you that they do not accept the return alleging that you could have bought it in any other shop. Nevertheless, if you can somehow prove that you bought the dress there, there should not be any problems.

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1. The 'Black Square', 'Black Cross' and 'Black Circle' are representative of Malevich's suprematism. :: FÉLIX PALACIOS

2. Icons of suprematism at the Tabacalera building. :: F. P

3. 'Athletes' (1930-31) beside 'Countrywoman' (early 1930). :: F. P

4. 'Perfect portrait of Iván Kliun' (1913). :: F. P

Malevich at the Russian Museum

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The Malaga branch of the St Petersburg State Museum has opened an exhibition of works by this avant-garde artist

MALAGA. In Russian, 'krasni' means 'red', but also 'nice', 'important' and 'principal'. Nearly every sitting room in that country has an image of an icon on the mantelpiece, an exqui-

site piece of needlework and a dining table, in what is called the 'red corner'. And there, in the corner of the room where his funeral was held, is where Kazimir Malevich wanted

his 'Red square' to be hung, the picture he had painted 20 years earlier in 1915, in the same way others portrayed God. Because for this artist, divinity couldn't be represented as a

person. God was beyond that, distilled until only a shape and colour remained, far removed from realism.

Malevich arrived at this point in painting after decades of research and flirting with through other styles. He began as an impressionist, then tried fauvism, futurism and cubism; he arrived at the essence of geometric shape

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and colour in the trend which he started and christened suprematism, and years later he would return to an always remarkable figuration, stemming from the socialist revolution which he later wanted to silence as he took refuge in painting in Renaissance style.

This circular journey, the squaring of the circle of art of the 20th century, is now featured in an extraordinary exhibition at the Russian Museum in Malaga. This is its most valuable exhibition so far, with works totalling an insured value of 156.6 million euros, but the financial aspect is not the most important. This is something remarkable in the history of the museum, and also in the cultural biography of Malaga city.

Master works

This exhibition will continue in the pavilions of the Tabacalera building until 3 February. It includes some master works of suprematism (the ones that appear if you do an Internet search for that term) and also contextualises it with what came before and after, exhibiting pieces which have rarely been on display before.

The latest exhibition at the Russian Museum is therefore an extraordinary opportunity to explore the whole career of an essential creator

in modern and avant-garde art, through a selection of 44 works from the State Museum of Russian Art of St Petersburg. It is a chance to discover Malevich's different creative periods, including 16 works which have never been seen in Spain before.

Two small landscapes in impressionist style, from the early 20th century, greet visitors to this exhibition, who then pass on through two heavy black curtains into a darkened room for the screening of the opera 'Victory over the sun' (1913), for which Malevich was the stage designer; that experience led him to ruminate on the history of painting.

The deputy director of the State Museum of Russian Art of St Petersburg, Eugenia Petrova, reminded those present at the opening of that: "In the new world which these artists were seeking, the sun couldn't be round and yellow; it had to be square and black. It had to go beyond representation, what the art of the bourgeoisie considered reality. That is where the idea and the term suprematism came from, referring to art which went beyond objects, because for Malevich realism

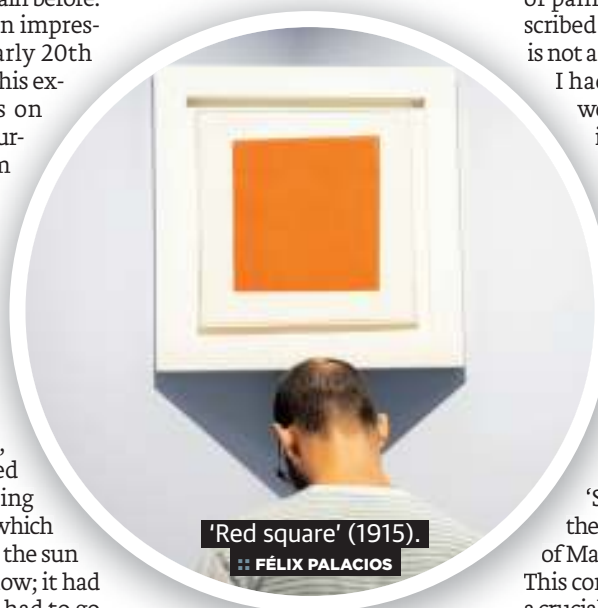
THE EXHIBITION

► **Title.** 'Kazimir Malevich'.

► **Where.** The Russian Museum. Tabacalera. Avenida Sor Teresa Prat, 15, Malaga

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is decorative," she explained.

Two years would pass before this artist took a leap into the dark by taking this image of the theatrical work and making it the absolute protago-

nist of a painting. 'Black square' (1915), it was called, and it is on display at the Russian Museum accompanied by 'Black circle' and 'Black cross' (1915). A triptych for the new religion of art. An atheist altarpiece for greater glory of painting. Malevich himself described 'Black circle' in that way: "It is not a painting. It's something else.

I had the idea that if humanity were to draw an image of divinity using their own image, the black square would perhaps be the image of God as the essence of his perfection..."

A crucial moment

Malevich would take another turn in his search with a series of pictures from the same year which became planetary icons of this aesthetic trend. These works under the heading of 'Suprematism' now hang on the walls of the Russian Museum of Malaga along with 'Red Square'. This corner of the museum sums up a crucial episode in the History of Art, with the leading works of the time.

Like other Russian and contemporary artists, Malevich later moved on to the postulates of the triumphant Bolshevik revolution and from the 1920s and 1930s he

cultivated a type of art which was more accessible for ordinary people. His pictures once again probed figuration, but not realism. So we have characters with oval faces but no features, amid landscapes with no depth, cultivated in plain colours.

The way Malevich distanced himself from socialist art is brilliantly evident in this exhibition. There is also the chance to see at firsthand how he portrayed those country people and how it was done in the art most akin to the communist regime, which is the subject of the annual exhibition at the same museum.

The display also includes other portraits painted by Malevich on his journey to an almost Renaissance style, in the mid-1930s. However, he became increasingly isolated, under pressure to take a direction he didn't feel was his own, and that is when he painted landscapes with solitary houses, reflecting himself. There was an inner battle between painting the type of art people wanted and his own desire to be free.

Visitors to this exhibition at the Russian Museum of Malaga can accompany Malevich on his journey, and it is a fascinating experience.



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Gálvez, a colonial official in Nueva España in the 1700s.

Gambelia was previously classed in the Scrophulariaceae (figworts) family, probably due

to its flower similarity to the snapdragons, but has since been moved to the Plantaginaceae family.

The common name for this sprawling, perennial is the Island Bush Snapdragon or 'Boca de Dragón' in Spanish.

Its open habit can look a bit untidy but it is the perfect plant for hot, arid situations and will grow in full sun or partial shade.

The leaves are bright green and oval in shape and sometimes slightly hairy, while the scarlet-red flowers make a brilliant contrast. The upper petals have two lobes and the lower petals have three and they form in racemes at the ends of the arching branches. In warm climates it will flower all year round with peak flowering period in spring.

Gambelia grows quickly and will form a large shrub up to one metre high by two metres wide. In order to curb its ungainly habit it can be chopped back hard at the end of the winter. This will help to keep it compact and promote lots more flowers.

Propagation is easy by seed or stem cuttings.

Although not frost hardy, *Gambelia* is drought resistant once established, although it will look much better if watered regularly during the summer.

It is often grown for ground cover but can also be grown in a container or, as it likes to sprawl everywhere, a hanging basket.

A more compact variety is *G. speciosa* 'Firecracker'.



Gambelia speciosa and a close up of the flower (inset). :: PINTEREST

READER'S PHOTO

A PLANT THAT LOVES TO BE POTBOUND

SUR in English reader Maria Hillen has sent in this photo of a pretty apricot coloured hibiscus and says: "This hibiscus is still going strong after the long, hot and dry summer". Hibiscus typically need at least six hours of sunshine a day to keep blooming and, if growing in a container, like to be a bit potbound. As the temperature cools down they need less and less water and should be moved to a sheltered spot for the winter.



:: MARIA HILLEN

GARDENING HINTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Collecting for next year

September is the month for seed harvesting. Whether you want to save money on seeds for next year or are a member of a seed swapping gardening club (or aim to start one...), then this month is an ideal time to start collecting seeds. The trickiest part of seed harvesting is getting them when they are absolutely ripe. It is possible to ripen seeds indoors but it is best to leave them on the plant and let them ripen naturally. Some plants will fire their seed out with the slightest touch (vetch, wild sweet peas, aquilegia, wall-flowers, poppies etc), other

will need to be coaxed out. Examples of the more reluctant are scabious and cornflowers which will need to be gently crumbled between thumb and forefinger and then the chaff removed but don't worry if you can't remove all of it. Make sure seeds are absolutely dry before storing. Sandwich them between kitchen roll or blotting paper to remove any moisture. It helps to write the name of the seeds on the paper, just in case you forget. Then place them in clearly marked envelopes and store in a cool dry place until spring.

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The empowered woman takes on the rain in the name of fashion

Haute couture and street style characterised the two-day fashion show on the Pasarela Larios, the largest catwalk of its kind in Europe

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MÁLAGA. The rain may have threatened to stop play, but the show went on. The eighth annual Pasarela Larios, part of Malaga Fashion Week, took place last Friday and Saturday, with around 80 models strutting their stuff in designs from haute couture and high-street designers from all across the globe.

The show, on the 300-metre blue catwalk (the longest of its kind in Europe) which is adorned with Malaga's iconic Calle Larios, was opened with the presentation of local designer Rafael Urquizar's bridal collection which showcased a number of daring items which demonstrated that white isn't the only acceptable colour for the



Javier Alcántara with the Golden Pin. :: G. P.

big day.

The overall theme of the first day was that of the empowered woman, daring to wear bold semi-transparent designs and questioning gender roles.

The swim wear of Livia Montecarlo was the only foreign collection showcase on a first night dominated by Spanish designers including Sonia Peña, Carla Ruiz, Sandra Rojas, Montesco, Gemma Melé and more.

These powerful women defied the rain for much of Friday but the show ultimately had to be cut short with two collections yet to be shown.

Commercial designers

The show resumed on Sunday with collections from commercial designers, such as big retailers El Corte Inglés and Dunnes Stores, showing off their street wear.

Sunday was also the day for award-giving. This year's Alfiler de Oro (Golden Pin) award went to Malaga designer Javier Alcántara in recognition of 20 years of work in professional haute couture.



Rafael Urquizar. :: GERMÁN POZO



Model in a Gemma Melé dress in the rain. :: FRANCIS SILVA



Ángel Palazuelos. :: G. POZO



Mario Teo. :: G. POZO



Lucas Balboa. :: G. POZO

He was presented the award by Pepe Cobos, owner of Bodegas El Pimpi.

The procession down Calle Larios was also temporarily halted by the award for best runway

model, given to Isabel Celli.

Positive response

The event was met with a very positive response from the public and on

social media, thanks to the more than 100 news agencies that reported on it nationwide. It also benefited businesses in Malaga's historic centre, with an increase in hotel bookings.

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Specialists in meat and fish dishes, the kitchen creates Andalusian dishes with international touches that never leave diners indifferent. The specials, which include dishes such as beef steak with garlic and chili, suckling pig, onion soup, curried kebabs or monkfish with prawns are well



worth trying. The restaurant also has an extensive wine cellar and selection of international beers. It is therefore hardly surprising that the restaurant has a great many regular customers, mostly people from abroad who have a

second home in Málaga or come to spend their holidays in the city. «We have clients who have been coming for more than 40 years. We've seen their children grow up, and even their grandchildren. For us, they are part of the family, and that makes for a unique, unmatched atmosphere», explains Javier Puerta, son of the founder and current manager of the es-



establishment. Restaurante Playa Bella offers attention in English and, as Puerta stresses, has ended up creating its own «universal language» that encourages harmony and understanding that reach beyond nationality. The success of this formula is fully evident: everyone who tries it once returns.

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Diego Gallegos. :: SUR

Celebrating the boquerón in Malaga

Restaurants in Malaga city are joining in with Rincón's gastronomic tribute to the anchovy

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MALAGA. Between 22 and 23 September, a group of restaurants in Malaga city will be honouring the coast's most famous fish, the fresh anchovy (boquerón) to coincide with the annual Fiesta del Boquerón Victoriano in Rincón de la Victoria.

The group, created especially for the event, is located in Rincón de la Victoria and Malaga and will be promoting the gastronomic attributes of this humble little fish.

Restaurants La Jareña, La Chalaúra, Batalla del Salado, La Cañita, Restaurante El Castillo, Leche y Miel and 7 Olas in Rincón de la Victoria; and El Pimpi, Los Patios de Beatas, Restaurante Cávea, Eboka, Almijara Casual Bar, El Merendero, La Barra, Aire Gastrobar, La Antxota, Lígula Restaurante, Niña Bonita, La Alvaroteca, Alea Restaurante, Wendy Gamba and Le Diner Vincci Selección Posada del Patio in Malaga city, will include up to 25 different dishes with anchovies as the main ingredient on their menus.

Today (Friday 21 September) at around 8.30pm, top chef Diego Gallegos (known as the 'caviar chef') from Michelin-starred Sollo restaurant in Benalmádena, will be speaking at a conference in the patio of Rincón de la Victoria town hall.

He will be followed at 9pm by chef Diego René López Andújar (Restaurante Lacaliza) who will be show cooking anchovies.



ANDREW J. LINN

"CONTAINS SULPHITES"



Wine appears to be exempt from declaring its ingredients on the label. All other foodstuffs have to list in minute detail what they contain, but not wine. However there is a phrase that is almost never missing from the back label: 'This wine contains sulphites'.

The rationale is not immediately obvious as sulphites occur naturally in wine and cannot exist otherwise. The problem is that while the human organism can usually absorb them without difficulty, some people are allergic.

The EU has been gradually reducing permitted levels over the years, but there are still wine-makers who abuse the system, adding as much sulphur as they want, without declaring on the label that their wine contains sulphites - obligatory if there is more than 100mg/litre.

Sulphites are used throughout, in the vineyard, at the grape pressing, during fermentation and prior to bottling. If the wine comes in a box, or any other container where it cannot 'breathe', more sulphites have to be used. Without sulphites, allegedly, the wine has no protection from bacteria and oxidation. Sulphur and wine are fellow travellers whether they like it or not. Until now.

Scientist Dr Emma Cantos-Villar and her team at the Instituto

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The implications are tremendous, not just for wine but also for other foodstuffs that depend on sulphur for their preservation, such as fruit, vegetables and fish. A truly wonderful first for Spain that has worldwide ramifications.

WINE OF THE WEEK

Gramona Gessamí 2017

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The chefs wading through the estuary. :: EFE

The elite of Spanish cuisine go fishing for 'a better future'

Over fifty well-known Spanish chefs fished for sea bass, sea bream, eels, sole, shrimps and prawns in the estuary

:: TAMARA ARIZA

PUERTO REAL. It was a historic occasion at the Pesquerías Lubimar, in Puerto Real, when the 'Chef del Mar', Ángel León, managed to bring together the leading names of the current gastronomic scene in Spain to participate in a fishing expedition on Monday. They were there to highlight the value of sustainable fishing and to draw attention to the environmental richness of the salt landscape of the Bay of Cadiz.

Over fifty chefs, among whom were Ferrán Adrià, the Torres brothers, Dani García, Paco Roncero, Jordi Roca, Ricard Camarena and Chicote, did not hesitate to get into the estuary, with the water up to their knees, and experience first hand how to catch sea bass, bream, eels, sole, shrimp and prawns.

In addition to Dani García, the star chefs from Malaga included José

Carlos García, Diego Gallegos (Sollo), Dani Carnero (The Cosmopolitan), Pablo Sánchez (Los Marineros José) and Benito Gómez (Bardal). Their objective was to raise awareness of the environment, starting from the kitchen.

The highlight of the day came when the elite of Spanish cuisine entered the waters of the estuary, led by Angel León, to fish for sea bass, sea bream, eels or sole and shrimp and prawns with nets. Their catches which subsequently cooked over charcoal on the ground in the traditional style, and were eaten as part of a congenial lunch.

The main dish was sea bream and sea bass served on roof tiles, an acknowledgment to the story of a bodega in Chiclana that did not have enough dishes to serve the fish and so roof tiles were used instead. The fish was accompanied by several sauces, including mayonnaise with plankton. The menu was completed with sardines in brine, omelette, grilled prawns and fillet of tuna.

The event was attended by the president of the Junta de Andalucía, Susana Díaz and singer Niña Pastori and flamenco dancer Sara Baras performed on stage.

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21 SEPTEMBER 1994

World Alzheimer's Day is launched at ADI conference

World Alzheimer's Day has been celebrated on 21 September since 1994. The awareness day was launched at the opening of the annual Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) conference (held on that date in 1994 in Edinburgh) to mark the tenth anniversary of the organisation. In 2012 the whole of September was declared Alzheimer's Month "to enable associations worldwide to extend the reach of their awareness programmes over a longer period of time", explains ADI on its website.

ADI is a London-based umbrella organisation that unites and empowers 94 Alzheimer's associations around the world and is officially linked with the World Health Organisation.

As with other international

awareness days and months, ADI says that the initiative serves to unite opinion leaders, people with dementia, their carers and families, medical professionals, researchers and the media from all around the world.

"Having a globally coordinated awareness sends a strong message to governments and policy makers alerting them of the fact that dementia is a serious health issue which will have serious implications on services and health systems around the world as the world's population grows older. In addition, by focusing on a different message each year, the



The public awareness stand set up by the local Alzheimer's association AFA in Malaga on 21 September 2017. :: F. ACEVEDO

month can be used to educate and challenge people's misconceptions about dementia," says ADI.

The theme for this year's Alzheimer's Day and Month is Every Three Seconds (the frequency with which someone in the world develops dementia) to bring home the global impact of dementia.

In its World Alzheimer Report published in 2016 ADI estimated that that there were 46.8 million people worldwide living with dementia in 2015 and that this number

would reach 131.5 million in 2050. The new 2018 World Alzheimer Report is due to be launched today.

The chronic neurodegenerative disease named after German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer, who identified the first case in 1901, is the cause of between 60 and 70 per cent of all cases of dementia, according to the WHO.

Symptoms of dementia include loss of memory, difficulty in finding the right words or understanding what people are saying, difficulty in performing previously routine tasks and personality and mood changes, explains ADI.

While the disease mainly affects older people there are cases of in-

dividuals under the age of 65 developing young onset dementia.

One of the main aims of World Alzheimer's Day and Month is to fight the stigmatisation and misinformation that surround dementia through greater awareness.

Today, 21 September, is the chance for Alzheimer's associations around the world to challenge those myths and misconceptions through events that involve the entire community.

Bilingual crossword inside back page

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Enfermedad	Disease
Demencia	Dementia
Concienciar	To make aware
Memoria	Memory
Cuidador	Carer
Investigación	Research
Salud	Health
Envejecer	To age
Deterioro	Deterioration
Olvidar	To forget
Cerebro	Brain
Paciente	Patient
Trastorno	Disorder
Diagnóstico	Diagnosis
Tratamiento	Treatment
Edad	Age
Prevenir	To prevent
Congreso	Conference

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The purpose built village which will be a home for Alzheimer's patients

A special community is being built for 120 Alzheimer's sufferers and their carers in France, and it will be a landmark in the treatment of the illness

IRMA CUESTA

If all goes according to plan, by the end of 2019 the French town of Dax will make history by becoming the second place on the planet with a type of commune for Alzheimer's sufferers. It will have a community of 120 patients, living in a place which bears no, or practically no, resemblance to the special centres we are used to seeing.

In this 'Alzheimer's village', just over 100 professionals including doctors, nurses, gerontological assistants, psychologists and psychotherapists, will look after the patients, and it is the fulfilment of the great dream of the late Henri Emmanuelli.

The President of the French National Assembly, and several times Secretary of State with Mitterrand, as well as being head of the Department of the Landes for 35 years, Emmanuelli dedicated his later life to bringing this project to fruition; it was inspired by the Dutch Weesp model, which was created in 2009.



Artist's impression of the Alzheimer's village in Dax. :: SUR

The objective, say those who have taken over from this famous socialist politician, is to enable people with dementia to have an ordinary social life for as long as possible, with no white coats in sight,

but they will still have to take their medication.

Independence

The village will be organised as a type of country house, with a huge

lobby containing communal rooms and services such as hairdresser, supermarket, restaurant and doctor's surgery. The site, which will cover just over five hectares, will be divided into four districts, each with eight homes with room for seven or eight patients.

The Alzheimer's village was born with the idea of being a place of innovation and a benchmark for other institutions and companies which provide services to people who have lost their memory and, with it, their signs of identity. In fact, a collaboration agreement has already been signed with the Faculty of Medicine in Bordeaux so that Dax will be an experimental centre where non-pharmacological methods to treat patients will be evaluated. Around 50 million people worldwide suffer from Alzheimer's, and if predictions by scientists are correct, by 2050 the number will have risen to 130 million.

"What we will do," explains Jean François Dartigues, one of the neurologists who will run the centre,

"is compare the effects of living like this with the evolution of patients who are treated in conventional centres".

In Spain, professionals such as Pascual Sánchez Juan, director of the Cognitive Deterioration Unit at the Valdecilla hospital in Santander, think the idea is fantastic.

"It is the ideal form of treatment, because it wants to help patients live as independently as possible for as long as possible. Normally, with dementia cases, the families want to protect their relative so they stop them doing things and keep them indoors, and that is bad for the brain. Just like with any other muscle, if you don't use it then it deteriorates faster," he says.

He admits, however, that in Spain there are important limitations when considering aspiring to something similar, because for a start there is no National Dementia Plan here as there is in other countries, and of course there is the matter of money.

"Regrettably, all this sounds like something out of science fiction for us at the moment. We ought to make efforts to explain to society that we are looking at an illness which already costs the authorities more than any heart condition or cancer," Dr Sánchez Juan points out.

The Dax project will cost 28 million euros, and there will be annual running costs of nearly seven million. The cost per patient is 60 euros a day, which is equivalent to a traditional nursing home.

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Local Alzheimer's association needs funds to build a larger centre in Benalmádena

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BENALMÁDENA

The current premises, where more than 60 patients receive care every day, are rented and have become too small; there is a waiting list for places

The Association of Relatives of Alzheimer's Sufferers in Benalmádena (AFAB) is still seeking financing to expand its present facilities in Avenida Ciudad de Melilla, and build a centre on a site in Myramar that the council set aside for their use in 2010.

The association's current headquarters are 320 square metres in size, but demand for their services is so high that it has become too small and there is even a waiting list.

Six months ago, the council exempted the association from the payment of the annual 14,000-euro fee,



The association has volunteers, social workers, physiotherapists, psychologists and auxiliary staff. :: SUR

but even so donations from members and well-wishers as well as fundraising activities, are still not enough to meet the cost of the project, the plans for which have already been drawn up and approved.

This week AFAB held an open day, which was attended by the mayor, Víctor Navas, PP candidate Juan Antonio Lara and other members of

the council team. Numerous local residents also came to see the facilities to find out more about its work to stimulate the memory of the more than 60 patients who attend every day.

"The association does excellent work to alleviate the effects of Alzheimer's at its day centre and help provide a better quality of life for

The association, which has been in existence since 1996, held an open day this week

sufferers and support for their families," said Navas. The president of AFAB Mari Cruz Azuaga, stressed how important it is for "everyone to get involved, and contribute what they can so the new centre can be built soon".

The facilities of AFAB, which has been providing this service since 1996, are divided according to different stages of the illness, because "the centre is very important for Alzheimer's patients and each stage of the illness has its own specific needs", said sources at the association, which pays around 2,000 euros a month to rent its present premises.

The association provides psychological care for patients and their families as well as legal advice, transport, workshops on early detection of the illness and activities to avoid cognitive deterioration in elderly people, but one of its most important services is the creation of a respite unit so families can have a break from the stress of daily care.

"It is a very cruel illness, for the patients in the early stages when they realise what is starting to happen to them, and for their families and social environment," said Azuaga.

AFAB is staffed by volunteers, social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and auxiliaries.

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Town halls join forces to raise awareness on World Alzheimer's Day

With the theme Social Conscience, the event will address diagnosis, treatment and awareness of Alzheimer's

:: TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. The town halls of Torremolinos and Benalmádena have joined forces to mark World Alzheimer's Day by supporting events aimed at generating social awareness of the condition, while offering information and support for those affected by the disease. The events began last week, with the installation of an information marquee outside Torremolinos town hall.

Assisted by AFAB, the Benalmádena-based organisation that offers help to Alzheimer's sufferers and their families, the initiative provides information on the prevalence of the disease and guidelines for its detection.

The organisation has also arranged a lecture in the Pablo Picasso Cultural Centre in Torremolinos. The lecture, which takes place today, will bring together specialists, doctors, medical professionals and representatives from



Members of Torremolinos town hall and AFAB in the marquee. :: SUR

various charitable associations. With the theme of Social Conscience, the event will address diagnosis, treatment and awareness of Alzheimer's.

Statistics supplied by AFAB show that around 5,700 people living in

the two towns are affected by dementia.

This year AFAB has received a grant of 10,000 euros from the municipal funds of both councils, which is a 25 percent increase on the amount received in 2017.



Age Concern president Syd Weldon presents the cheque. :: SUR

Age Care supports local dementia association

:: SUR IN ENGLISH

MALAGA. Syd Weldon, president of Age Care; Tom Tarr, vice-president; Lesley Berridge, Welfare Leader at Calahonda and David Donaldson from Medicare, visited the AFA Fuengirola - Mijas Costa centre recently. They took with them a cheque for 1,050 euros raised by Age Care, which was presented to the director of the centre, Rocio Segoria Lebron, by Age Care president, Syd Weldon and social worker Africa Fontcuberta Ramirez.

AFA Fuengirola - Mijas Costa is a self funding charity that supports families caring for elderly people

with Alzheimer's disease and dementia providing psychological and social support. They arrange activities to help with memory, language, orientation, attention, calculation and perception as well as offering respite care for the families. They also supply a transport service, home help and day centre.

Age Care Association is run entirely by volunteers and has links with several charities which help the elderly.

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Surgeons at the Clínico hospital removed 90 per cent of his stomach via a laparoscopy, without opening up his abdomen

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MALAGA. Juan José, the patient who at one time weighed 300 kilos, underwent a successful operation at the Clínico Universitario hospital this week. "Everything went very well, but we have to be cautious until the patient is allowed to go home," said sources at the hospital.

Doctors are said to be very pleased with the way the bariatric, or obesity, surgery went. The surgeons performed a vertical gastrectomy, using laparoscopy, which is the most suitable technique for this type of case, and removed over 90 per cent of Juan José's stomach without opening up his abdomen. He had to spend 24 hours in Intensive Care as a precautionary measure, and if all goes well he will be able to go home within a week of ten days.

The operation was carried out



Juan José, in his room at the Clínico hospital last week. ✶ FRANCIS SILVA

by surgeon Luis Ocaña, an expert in bariatric surgery. Sources at the hospital say that during the six months Juan José spent there prior to the operation, the surgeons, endocrinologists, nutritionists, physiotherapists, psychiatrists and

nurses worked together to prepare him.

"It was thanks to their combined efforts that the obesity surgery was able to go ahead safely," they say.

There was also praise for Juan

José, who they describe as a "very disciplined" patient who collaborated completely with the effort to lose weight and change his lifestyle.

"Juan José deserves respect for the way he has dealt with all this,"

they said.

The patient was very excited and rather scared when he went into the operating theatre.

Nearly six months beforehand it had taken eight fire fighters to transport him from his home to the hospital. Since then his health has improved and he has lost about 115 kilos, which was essential if he was to undergo the obesity surgery.

"I feel very well; they look after me very well here. The staff are marvellous, I have only good things to say about the Clínico hospital," he told SUR last week.

Diet and exercise


"When I was admitted to hospital I couldn't even turn over in bed by myself; they had to lift me with a hoist. Now I can get up on my own and I walk around the ward every day. I also do exercises in the hospital gym," said Juan José, who has followed strictly the dietary recommendations by nutritionists. He has been taking three cartons of a special compound a day, which contains everything the human body needs and has very few calories. He also had two sachets of vitamins three times a day and two pieces of fruit daily.

That diet has been a key factor in his 115-kilo weight loss in less than six months, but taking physical exercise to become more agile and strengthen the muscles also helped a great deal to prepare him for the operation.

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When he was very young, but already quite experienced - he started studying medicine at the age of 17 - he approached the elderly Severo Ochoa at an event at the Gaona Institute and asked for advice on what to do with his future. "Thanks to him, I became interested in research," says Juan Manuel Pascual, who parents were both university professors, one specialising in Literature and the other in Philosophy.

This academic background was an important part of his childhood, and he grew up with a critical and restless spirit which made itself evident during his studies at the Faculty of Medicine.

"I used to look for the name of my tutors in my medical text books, but most of them weren't featured," he says, recalling the sense of disappointment he felt then. That has not changed much with regard to higher education in Spain, which is very different to the model under which he has developed as a researcher and doctor in the past 25 years.

His reading, curiosity and the intellectual ecosystem at home proved very useful when he emigrated to America, with his degree in medicine and a letter of introduction from Nobel prize winner Severo Ochoa.

Pascual says he feels "privileged" to be a professor of pediatric neurological illnesses at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, dividing his time between the research laboratories and clinical work in the 980-bed hospital on one of the country's campuses of excellence.

"17,000 women a year give birth here; that's the second highest number in the world after New Delhi," he says of the campus in Dallas, one of 16 belonging to the institution in a state which is larger than Spain.

The UT is top in the world for the impact of its publications, and fifth in productivity, financing and size, and Pascual is still very impressed by it. His scientific background, his interest in philosophy from the period before Socrates to transhumanism and his journey through literature contribute to very unusual synapses in this scientist, leaning more to literature than philosophy: "The problems of philosophy haven't been resolved, they have been dissolved," he announces.

With regard to knowledge he feels, he says, like Vargas Llosa, a "party pooper" who likes to talk more about challenges than achievements. He is nonconformist, and that had a lot to do with his American dream of en-

IN THE FRAME

A thinker's escape



Juan Manuel Pascual. :: SALVADOR SALAS

A quarter of a century in the USA has shaped him as a researcher. Juan Manuel Pascual, professor of neurological illnesses at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, is fascinated by philosophy and literature and says the brain and mind are imaginary constructs

JOSÉ VICENTE
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hancing knowledge.

Dissecting ideas and scrutinising the brains of others, as well as laboratory mice - "my favourite animal" - he is now involved in genomic projects, which he considers the future, and a long-term project with rodents as allies in his team.

"The genome of a mouse is 93 per cent identical to that of humans and although in monkeys it is 98 per cent,

we work better with mice. We are mutating those 22,000 genes one by one to see what effect it has, and that is something that has never been done before. We only know a quarter of what genes in human beings do, and we're trying to create something like an encyclopaedia of the 22,000 genes because we have discovered that when some are destroyed, the animals actually have more abilities".

He talks about his projects and ideas with a contagious enthusiasm, in the same way as he describes his trip to Malaga as a speaker this summer. He talks about the "unique fiery red sunsets" of Texas with the same passion as he describes the fried boquerones he was served in a beach restaurant or tries to dismantle atavistic misconceptions in the western imagination: "Mind and brain are only a construc-

He is currently working in Dallas on a project to mutate every genome of a mouse

tion. You can't attribute mental processes to the brain, but to the person as a whole. It is the person who acts, not the brain, although it has to function well. It is people who see and perceive things; the brain doesn't see or perceive anything. There isn't an area of the brain that sees and memorises something, it is the individual," he insists. His exploration of new frontiers of knowledge, within child neurology, not only helps his field of research; it has also brought him healthy donations to progress his work. A few years ago Pascual ceded a patent about a molecule which enables food to be used to fight recurrent and intensive cases of epilepsy, a finding which was not linked to that part of the American professors' work which consists of seeking finance for further research.

Opening first doors

Pascual has spent half his life in the USA, and the past 15 years in Dallas. Severo Ochoa opened the first doors for him at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he trained as a doctor in molecular physiology and biophysics before going on to specialise in neurology and child neurology at Columbia university. He did his clinical practice at the Neurological Institute of New York, working shifts with top neurosurgeons. He also left his comfort zone in medicine and science, moving towards reflection and looking for less well-trodden paths. "A large part of scientific research is useless and leads nowhere, and a lot of it can't even be reproduced, so that results in endless distractions," he says.

He is critical of the Spanish higher education system. "Once they finish their training in Spain, the best ones have nowhere to go," he says. "There is nothing like this in Spain. There is no point in having highly specialised centres if they have to go abroad. This has been happening for the past century. When Ramón y Cajal left us, he had really good, talented pupils: Ortega, Achúcaro, Montreal... but they all went, to Philadelphia, Buenos Aires and Havana. None of them stayed in Spain," he says. "This is a long-distance race, and just think: not one candidate is under the age of 60."



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FLAMENCO

Flamenco in the Museum

Malaga. Museo de Arte Flamenco Peña Juan Breva, C/Ramón Franquelo. 8.30pm.

22 September. Tania Santiago and flamenco group.

27 September. Raúl Ruiz and flamenco group.

29 September. Noelia Ruiz and Marcelo Rodríguez.

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Tania Santiago, Malaga

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Ubrique. Every Friday, 10.30pm. Peña Flamenca de Ubrique.

The XXX Concurso Nacional de Arte Flamenco Ciudad de Ubrique takes place.

www.flamencaubrique.es

Louie, Louie Bar

Estepona. Every Thursday. 9.30pm. 12€

The show Estepona Flamenco El Patio will take place every Thursday. Reservations: 609543950 / 632736774 esteponaflamenco@gmail.com

LECTURES

Essential Christianity

Estepona. Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm.

Rev Adrian Low, the Church of England Chaplain to the Anglican Church in Costa del Sol West, will be leading a course, in English entitled 'Essential Christianity'. It is open to all (14 years upwards) who want to find out what Christianity is about, look at the beliefs of the Christian church, the sources of the Bible and the relevance of the faith in our world today. At the end of the course, if you wish to be 'confirmed' as an Anglican, that can be arranged. www.costachurch.com.

FESTIVALS

Ferias and Fiestas

Torremolinos. Romería 23 September, fair 26 - 29 September.

The Romería de San Miguel starts on Sunday with a procession from the Pinares Manantiales up to the hermitage. Then on Wednesday the Torremolinos Feria de San Miguel starts.

Fuengirola. Día a Caballo, 22 September; fair, 6 October.

As a prelude to the Feria del Rosario the town will be holding the Día a Caballo this Saturday from midday. The horses and riders will be concentrated in the Plaza de la Constitución. Plaza Reyes Católicos and Avda Condes de San Isidro.

Fiesta de la Pasa

La Viñuela. 21, 22 September.

La Viñuela was once of Malaga's most important raisin-producing areas and every year the town remembers its past with a festival dedicated to this dried fruit.

Fiesta del Boquerón Victoriano Rincón de la Victoria.

22, 23 September.

Two days of live music, activities and workshops and of course lots of opportunities to try the local anchovies prepared in different ways.

Fiesta del Ferrocarril

Bobadilla Estación. 22 September.

The small town of Bobadilla Estación in Antequera celebrates the arrival of the first train over 150 years ago with a re-enactment of the event, live music, dancing and tastings of 'ollas ferroviarias'.

Fería de la Almendra

Almogía. 24 September.

The town of Almogía celebrates the almond with a day of festivities, live music and gastronomy.

EVENTS



Fiesta del Ferrocarril, Bobadilla



Fiesta de la Pasa, La Viñuela.

Psychic and medium show

Torremolinos. 9 October, 9-10.30pm. The Albert, C/Jaen 2, Los Delfines, Montemar.

Fuengirola. 10 October, 7-8.30pm. Busters Sports Bar.

For details of the latest psychic events: www.spiritualevents.co.uk/psychic-event-fuengirola.

Cine Fantástico

Torremolinos. 20-28 October, Centro Cultural Pablo Ruiz Picasso. 2€ per film (some free).

Eighty five horror, science-fiction, dark humour and fantasy films, some short duration, will be shown at the cultural centre. They include titles such as Creepy Pasta, Underground Zone, The Children of the Fall and Behind The Blue Door, and amateur film makers from Spain, Israel, Poland, Canada, Chile and US among many others.

www.torremolinos-fantastico.com

Coach excursion to Gibraltar

Torre del Mar. 18 October, 15 November. 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

The death of El Tempranillo

Alameda. 22, 23 September.

The life and death of the famous Andalusian bandit 'El Tempranillo' is re-enacted in the village of Alameda.

Inquisition of the Moors

Casarabonela. 20-22 September.

This historical re-enactment repeats the events between January and October 1568 when the village was visited by the Inquisition.

Age Concern 4th Birthday

Mijas. 23 September, from

2.30pm. Tamisa Golf Hotel. 15€ A welcome drink on arrival, show and cold finger buffet. Tickets from the Age Concern shop or Tamisa Golf or call: 686289904

Trip to Ubrique and Grazalema

Torre del Mar. 27 September. Various departure points. 28€

Visit Ubrique in Cadiz, the leather museum etc then Grazalema for lunch and a visit to the textile mill. Lux Mundi Torre del Mar. Tel:952 543 334 or e-mail: luxmundi@lux-mundi.org

Viveros Guzmán and Fuengirola with Lux Mundi

Torre del Mar. 21 November. Various departure points. 15€

A visit to Guzmán garden centre and then shopping trip to Fuengirola. Tel:952 543 334 or e-mail: luxmundi@lux-mundi.org

Huelva, Doñana and Faro

Torre del Mar / Fuengirola. 1-5 October. Various departure points.

385€ pp. sharing double room. 455€ single room.

Visit Huelva, the Doñana National Park and Faro in Portugal. Price includes, coach, insurance, hotel (bed and breakfast), entrance to Doñana. Tel:952 543 334 or e-mail: luxmundi@lux-mundi.org



Mediterranean cruise, RBL

Royal British Legion Cruise

Mollina. 15 November.

The cruise around the central Mediterranean area will commence on 15 November and will be for seven nights, eight days. Prices range from 850 -955 € depending on choice of cabin. Organised in conjunction with Halcón viajes and Pullmantur. More details from: jfloresmolina@halcon-viajes.es or call Dave Punshon 689455704 or email: punshon.dave@gmail.com

Phoenix Club trips

Cuenca, Logroño, Ávila. 17-21 October. Various pick ups. 350€ pp sharing.

Includes coach fare, B&B accom-

modation, guides in Cuenca and Salamanca and the driver's gratuity.

Gibraltar. 5 October. Depart Algarrobo Lidl 8.30am. 12€.

Includes driver's gratuity. Comfort break at San Pedro. Passports necessary.

Mini Hollywood, Almeria. 19 October. Depart Algarrobo Lidl 8.30am, pick up from BP and Maro. 50€ pp.

Included is entry to Western style theme park, several shows, mini train, buffet lunch, coach and driver's gratuity.

Hanging city of Cuenca. 17-21 October. 350€ pp sharing.

Cuenca, Logroño and Ávila and day trip to Salamanca. Five days, four nights.

For more information email: phoenixsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk or go to www.phoenixsocialclub.co.uk.

EXHIBITIONS

Fabrizio Arrieta

Marbella. Until 3 November. Yusto / Giner Gallery, C/Madera.

'Recuerdo un lugar imaginario' is the title of this exhibition by Costa Rican artist Fabrizio Arrieta.

Presence and Absence

Marbella. From 29 September until 28 November. Salón Enseñada, Hotel Fuerte.

An exhibition of works by Enar Cruz and Antonia López Luque.

Encuentro de artistas

Tolox. 21-22 September. Streets of the old town.

For the third year, various artists will be working 'in-situ' in the open air adding to the wealth of sculptures, collages, murals and other pieces of art situated around the town. There will also be live jazz, flamenco and rock music. Free.

Movimiento Espartaco

Marbella. Until 18 April 2020.

Museo Ralli Marbella. For the first time in Spain, an exhibition of works by the Argentinian collective of the 60s who expressed the political and social problems of the country through their art.

New permanent exhibition

Marbella. Museo Ralli Marbella.

New editions to the permanent exhibition at the Museo Ralli includes works by artists such as Rufino Tamayo and Ernesto

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Fabrizio Arrieta, Marbella.

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Naturaleza

Malaga. Until 30 September. *Museum Jorge Rando.*
The latest exhibition by Malaga artist Jorge Rando is entitled 'Naturaleza'.

El Bestiario de Picasso

Malaga. Until 7 October. *Fundación Picasso, Casa Natal.*
Picasso depicted animals using various techniques between 1905 and 1968 and this exhibition uses illustrations, books ceramics, original drawings and photographs to demonstrate Picasso's thoughts and creativity.

Jean Dubuffet

Malaga. Until 14 October. *Centro Pompidou.*

The new temporary exhibition 'Traveller Without a Compass' focuses on the founder of the Art Brut movement, Jean Dubuffet.

David Guerrero Guevara

Malaga. Until 2 November. *Ámbito Cultural, El Corte Inglés.*
El Corte Inglés will be exhibiting works by the Malaga 'child artist' David Guerrero Guevara who disappeared on 6 April 1987, aged just 13 years. This will be the first time that works by this talented young man will have been put together in a display. They represent the different techniques that he was adept at using, charcoal, pastels, oils, pencil and even ball point pen. He left home to catch a bus to his art class and has never been seen since.

Miguel Gómez Losada

Malaga. Until 25 November. *Centro de Arte Contemporáneo.*
The first solo exhibition of this artist, 'Romanza' includes nearly twenty paintings in different formats and techniques.

Martin Luther's World

Malaga. Until 8 October. *Sala de la Fundación Unicaja.*
The exhibition 'Martin Lutero y Su Mundo' consists of 70 pieces put together by Elvira Roca.

Imagination Museum

Malaga. Permanent exhibition. *Calle Martínez Campos 13, Soho.*
Toys, drawings, contraptions and sets which play with science, the senses and how we perceive things.

Dolls House exhibition

Benalmádena. Until 14 December. *Centro de Exposiciones de Benalmádena.*
Not just dolls houses but dolls and miniatures too in this exhibition by collector Voria Harras.

José R. Moreno

Mijas Pueblo. Until 1 October. *Casa Museo.*
An exhibition of photographs entitled 'Para Ver, Cierra Los Ojos' by local artist José R. Moreno.

Colectivo Arte 21

La Cala de Mijas. Until 15 October. *Centro Cultural.*
An exhibition of art from the 'Arte 21' group of around 30 non-professional artists who paint in their free time.



Heredia Cuevas, V-Málaga

Rafael Heredia Cuevas

Vélez-Málaga. Until 16 October. *Sala El Pósito.*
The exhibition, *Feminino Singular*, consists of 35 works, with the female form as the main theme, by sculptor Rafael Heredia Cuevas.

Exodus

Alhaurín de la Torre. Until 27 October. *Sala de Exposiciones El Portón.*
Around twenty artists from Spain and Russia worked over 16 days to produce a range of ceramic objects which are now on display.

Galería Krabbe

Frigiliana. Until 24 November. *C/Rosario.*
A new exhibition entitled 'Habitat' features works by artists Caroline Krabbe, Amanda Arancibia and Hanne G. Email: galeriakrabbe@gmail.com

Joy Fahey

Mijas. Until 30 September. *Hotel TRH Mijas.*
An exhibition entitled 'For The Love Of Trees' by artist Joy Fahey. www.joyfaheyartist.com

CHARITY

The Jersey Boys

Mijas. 30 September, 1.30pm. *Hotel Tamisa Golf.* 28€.
The popular band the Jersey Boys will be performing sixties hits at a charity gala for Cudeca. Ticket price includes welcome drink and buffet



Joy Fahey, Mijas

lunch. 8€ of each ticket goes to Cudeca Cancer Hospice. Reservations call: 952 585 988 or email: reservas@hoteltamisagolf.com

FAMA Summer Ball

Mijas. 28 September, 7pm. *Hotel Tamisa Golf.* 40€.
Welcome drinks and canapés followed by three-course meal, entertainment and raffle. Tickets: 620354885 or email: patriciamary-coleman@gmail.com

Proyecto Mandarin

Torre del Mar. 6 October, 7pm. *Restaurante El Trapiche.* 15€.
An evening of live music and dancing to raise funds for Cudeca Cancer Hospice. Ticket includes two course meal and entertainment. Booking essential call: 646750592 or email: ritchie.ricardo23@gmail.com

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On your bike for the Día de la Bici

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MALAGA. The Día de la Bici (Bicycle Day), organised by Malaga city, gives an opportunity for those of all ages to get out into the fresh air and cycle around the city in complete safety. It is an activity that forms part of the European Mobility Week.

The route is 12 kilometres long and there is a shorter route of 5.5 kilometres for family groups.

On Sunday, 23 September all cyclists for the longer route will meet in the Paseo del Parque, leaving at 10am. The families and cyclists for the shorter route will congregate from 10.15am for a 10.45am start.

There will be prizes for the most original fancy dress and also for the best-decorated bicycle, and people entering need to present themselves to the

judges at the starting point at 9.30am. There will also be a raffle for various bike-related merchandise after the race for those registered.

To register, cyclists need to go to the Sports department in El Corte Inglés on Avenida Andalucía or the Bahía Málaga shopping centre before Saturday, 22 September.

INFORMATION

► **When.** 23 September, 10am. For registration see text.

► **Where.** Leaving from the Paseo de Parque, opposite the city hall in Malaga.

► **What.** A non-competitive bike ride of 12km or 5.5km for families. Fancy-dress optional.

CHARITY

El Refugio de Burrito

Mijas Costa. 30 September, 8pm. Hotel Tamisa Golf. 37€. A charity dinner is being held to raise funds for the donkey sanctuary. Three course menu and glass of cava, wine and beer. Entertainment with Dave Lee. reservas@hotelmijasgolf.com or call: 952585988

Triple A

Puerta Banús. 26 September, 7.30pm. La Sala. 20€. Fundraising auction, raffle and entertainment with special guests Mr Olympia Dorian Yates and World Body Fitness Champion Gal Yates. Live music with Peet Rothwell and Elisha Lang. Entry includes canapes, a glass of cava and a 20€ voucher to spend in the Oak restaurant. Call: 673883060

FOTA Bake A Cake Day and costume sale

Fuengirola. 29 September, 11.30am - 2pm. Salon Varietés, C/Emancipación. Donate a cake (bring it to the Salon Varietés before 11.30am on the day). Cakes, raffle, home made greeting cards, second hand books and surplus theatre costumes. All profits from sale of cakes go to Cudeca Cancer Hospice. Call Val: 951313257



Ricky Lavazza, Mijas.

MUSIC & DANCE

Ricky Lavazza

Mijas. 23 September, from 3.30pm. Tamisa Golf Hotel. 15€. Age Concern Fuengirola is celebrating its fourth birthday with a gala with performances by Ricky Lavazza, Mario Ross and Laura Elen. Tickets from the Age Concern shop and the hotel reception or call: 686289904, weekdays.

The Wall Bar

Malaga. Hotel Vincci Posada del Patio, 11pm, entry free. 22 September. Daphne and Nicky. Guitar and vocals, jazz and bossanova. 29 September. María Shislo and Jorge Muñoz. Tributes to Amy Winehouse, Prince, Adele, The Cranberries etc.

KPop Dance Awards Spain

Mijas. 29 September from 10am. Teatro Las Lagunas. 3€. Organised by the Asociación Cultural MIBU and Olympus Dance Crew. All types of dance

represented. www.ksda.es

Louie Louie Live

Estepona. Louie Louie Bar. 21 September, 11.30pm. Crude Rock and The Tragic Company. 5€ 27 September, 10pm. Martha High and The Soul Cookers. 18€ in advance, 22€ on the door. 28 September, midnight. Red Soil 2€. 29 September, midnight. The Boo Devils. 10€. 2 October, 10pm. Henry Herbert and The Fury. 13€ in advance, 15€ on the door. 12 October, midnight. Prana. 5€.

The Hypnotic Brass Ensemble

Marbella. 21 September, from 10pm. La Catarina, C/Gabriel Celaya. **Malaga.** 22 September, from 10pm. Sala Trinchera, C/Parauta. **Seville.** 23 September, from 10pm. Sala La Malandar, Torneo 43. **Granada.** 24 September, from 10pm. Planta Baja. Seven brothers from Chicago, all sons of jazz legend Phil Cohran carry on his musical legacy with this brass band. Their song, "War" was featured in the blockbuster hit movie, Hunger Games and their track "Flipside" appeared in Bonobo's compilation album Late Night Tales. Tickets Malaga: https://entradium.com Tickets Seville: www.wegow.com and Granada www.ticketea.com

Robin George

Periana. 24 September, 10pm. El Cañuelo Bar. The Love Power Band will be in concert.

Local Rock Festival

Almuñécar. 14 September, 9pm Plaza de la Constitución. Free. FM, Tentados Por El Silencio and Billymonkeys will be performing. Free entry.

Frank Sinatra tribute

Estepona. 21 September, Centro Cultural Padre Manuel. Ukrainian singer, pianist and teacher Oksana Kravynichuk, will be performing a tribute to Frank Sinatra with a repertoire of some of the crooner's greatest hits such as My Way and New York, New York.

Classical music mornings

Malaga. One Sunday a month at midday. El Palacio de la Aduana. In total there will be thirteen concerts consisting of jazz, flamenco, Gregorian, gospel, chamber music and processional marches. Members of the Orquesta Filarmónica de Málaga, the Orquesta Joven de Andalucía, the Escuela Reina Sofía, the Joven Orquesta Nacional de España and the Las Chapas choir from Marbella will be performing among others. www.orquestafilarmonicademalaga.com

Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

Malaga. Teatro Cervantes 21 September, 9pm. Works by Mozart, Donizetti, Leoncavallo, Rossini, Bellini, Puccini, Verdi, Vives, Bretón and others. Tickets: http://www.teatrocervantes.com



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Cinesur El Ingenio

Avda. Juan Carlos I, Vélez-Málaga. Tel. 667 77 31 87. **Johnny English Strikes Again:** 18.15, 20.15, 22.15 (Tues). **Book Club:** 20.00, 22.15 (Tues). **Predator:** 21.00 (Mon, Tues, Thurs).

Cinesur Miramar

Avda. de la Encarnación, Fuengirola. Tel. 952 19 86 00. **Book Club:** 20.00, 22.00 (Tues). **Predator:** 22.15, 00.30. **Johnny English Strikes Again:** 12.15, 16.30, 18.30, 20.25, 22.20, 00.20.

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Festival of different artistic traditions

The performing and visual arts festival will endeavour to create a platform where new concepts can be realised and old ideas reborn

:: TONY BRYANT

MIJAS. The Costa del Sol is preparing for the third edition of the Salida del Sol Festival, an event that explores both traditional and contemporary art through audible and visual mediums.

The music and art festival has been organised by Project Music,

an institution founded by a group of musicians seeking to break down the borders between different artistic traditions. Based on the Costa del Sol, the objective is bring together musicians and artists from all over the world for a festival that will create a platform where new concepts can be realised and old ideas reborn.

The theme of this year's festival is 'Peace: Building Bridges through the Arts', and it will bring together international musicians, dancers, filmmakers, artists and sculptors. The festival this year will include Korean-American countertenor, Kangmin Justin

Kim; acclaimed Korean pianist, Young Kwon Choi; the Rahman String Quartet; internationally-acclaimed artist, Gerrit Oppelland-Hampel; and Spanish sculptor, Javier Hilera.

The programme will include classical music concerts, art and fashion shows, dance and talks by award-winning authors and directors. Highlights of the festival include the premiere of a new opera directed by BAFTA winner Tony Palmer; a mini Proms evening with The International Music Society (TIMS) and the Choir Andaluz, and a performance by Middle Eastern band Raqsonic, whose

show comprises a fusion of eastern music and belly dancing.

The eight-day festival, which takes place from Monday 1 until Sunday 7 October, will be held at the Avanto Theatre in La Cala de Mijas. Events start at 7.30pm with performances starting at 9.30pm. Tickets cost between 25 and 30 euros and includes a welcome drink and canapés. Children under 16 receive a 50 per cent reduction. Four and seven-day passes are available for 90 and 160 euros, respectively. Tickets available by email: salidadel-sol2018@gmail.com

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DISCOVER ANDALUCÍA



Actors recreate the entrance of French soldiers into the town of Algarrobo. :: TURISMO ANDALUZ

Autumn arrives in Gines

The town of Gines, in the province of Seville, is welcoming autumn with a mix of equestrian shows, live music and delicious traditional cuisine.

For the twelfth year in a row, this town in the Aljarafe region will welcome autumn with a typically Andalusian festival.

Between the 27th-30th September, the town will host a variety of events such as horse shows and fashion parades alongside jamon slicing competitions, live music and traditional flamenco dancing.

In addition to this, throughout this three day event, there will be a market with more than 100 stands and an agricultural fair with over 200 pens for buying and selling farm animals. The event, which is the highlight of the festival, focuses on the correct treatment and welfare of animals.

Another great incentive to visit the town of Gines is music. In particular, on Saturday 29 September, a concert of traditional music 'La Noche Rociera' will take place.



The day Algarrobo escaped flames

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The story of Algarrobo is one of the most striking accounts of the violence demonstrated in the War of Independence. For five years, the people of Algarrobo have been staging a reenactment of the day their village almost burnt to the ground, in order to educate its visitors on the remarkable history.

The story begins on the 24th September 1811 when Napoleonic troops wanted to punish the village to avenge their defeat at the hands of Algarrobo activist José Segovia and a handful of brave soldiers.

Just days before, Segovia and his associates had ravaged the French legion,

leaving several dead and others wounded.

According to the story, the French commanding officer, Belangé, became so angry he made the terrible decision to burn down the village of Algarrobo.

The mayor of the village begged for clemency and for the sentence to be delayed, in order to notify the French governor in Malaga, in the hope that he would be more merciful. Belangé is said to have agreed, giving the village just one day to achieve this.

This part of the tale, which undoubtedly adds an element of magic to the Andalusian legend, ends with the heroic deed of a horseman from the village, who went to Malaga to implore par-

don, returning with minutes to spare to avoid the fateful order.

This legendary story, now known as the 'Fire of Algarrobo', will be recreated this weekend in various different acts.

A stage will be constructed in order to accurately illustrate the fear and suffering of the villagers.

Alongside the reenactment, there will be many other attractions, such as a craft market (which can be found in the Parque de la Escalerilla), a tapas route around the local bars and restaurants, a photography and cookery competition and stands with products from Algarrobo including the tropical fruit for which the area is famous.

This year's event will open with a speech by the actor Álvaro de Luna, who among other roles, is known for playing the bandit 'El Algarrobo' in the film Curro Jiménez.

Visitors will find that the small village is laid out in the old Al-Andalus manner with narrow streets winding their way up the steep slopes of the hill known as Ejido.

Algarrobo's most emblematic building is the church of Santa Ana, built in the 16th century.

Another visit that should not be missed is the San Sebastián hermitage, rebuilt at the end of the last century.

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Spanish golfer Celia Barquín murdered on Iowa course

The body of the European Ladies' Amateur champion was found with stab wounds to the head, neck and torso

COLPISA

MADRID. A man has been charged with the murder of Spanish golfer Celia Barquín Arozamena, who was found dead on a golf course in Ames (Iowa) on Monday.

The body of Barquín, 22, was found in a pond on the Coldwater Links golf course with stab wounds to the head, neck and torso.

On Tuesday, police gave a press conference in which they announced they had arrested a man, Collin Daniel Richards, also 22, and charged him with murder in the first degree.

According to officers, Barquín had been playing on the course alone, and investigations are ongoing as to whether the assailant had attempted to rape her. In any case, the detained man was found to have marks on his face apparently as a result of a struggle.

Abandoned golf bag

Local police in Ames first received a call at 10.24am local time on Monday to warn them of "suspicious circumstances". A group of golfers had found an abandoned golf bag "with no one closeby", which led officers to comb the area.

The police then recovered a body "some distance" from the bag and initial investigations could confirm that Celia Barquín was the victim and that she had been "attacked".

The 112 police hotline in Madrid then received a call from Iowa police in the early hours of Tuesday morning to inform them of Barquín's death, in an attempt to make



Barquín became European amateur champion in July. :: EFE

contact with her family.

In shock

The family of the young golfer, who lived in Torrelavega (Cantabria), have been in contact with the Spanish authorities in Washington and are waiting for the autopsy to be completed so her body can be returned to them.

Her brother, Andrés Barquín, said: "Right now the family is destroyed. We are trying to come to terms with what has happened so we ask for privacy at this time."

A fledgling career

Barquín, who was studying Engineering in the United States after receiving a five-year scholarship, had only two months ago been crowned European Ladies Amateur champion at Penati Golf Resort in Slovakia.

This year, she was going to com-

plete her fourth year at the University of Iowa, whose president, Wendy Wintersteen, described her death as "a tragic loss". "She had a great talent and was a wonderful student."

Victory in Slovakia had secured her an invitation to the professional Women's British Open next year at Woburn, and she also qualified for the professional 2018 US Women's Open.

As an international player, Barquín helped Spain to bronze and silver at the Women's European Championships in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

Malaga golfer Azahara Muñoz, who competed with and against Barquín in the last few years, said good-bye to her friend with a message on Instagram: "Waking up to the news that Celia is no longer with us has broken my heart. This world can be so marvellous and so difficult at the same time."



Simon Yates (c) with Enric Mas (l) and Miguel Ángel López. :: EFE

Simon Yates crowned Vuelta victor in Madrid

The 26-year-old British cyclist finished one minute, 46 seconds ahead of Spaniard Enric Mas in the final ranking

SUR

MADRID. Briton Simon Yates was crowned the victor of the Spanish cycling tour, La Vuelta a España, on Sunday.

After 21 stages, he successfully defended his one-minute-and-46-second lead over Spaniard Enric Mas of team Quick-Step. The 26-year-old Briton took a total of 82 hours, five minutes and 58 seconds to complete La Vuelta, which started at the end of August in Malaga.

After an impressive last sprint in Madrid, Quick-Steps' Elia Viviani achieved his third stage win.

Yet, as Yates achieved a faultless final race, he took the overall victory, making up for his failed efforts to maintain his lead in the Giro d'Italia in May.

While Yates celebrated alongside his Mitchelton teammates and posed for photos, Mas and the Colombian Miguel Ángel López of team Astana basked in their own glory, coming second and third respectively.

Luis Ángel Maté, the local cyclist from Marbella, came in 106th, finishing third in the climbing rankings.

British cyclists have taken centre stage this cycling season, as Yates became the third Grand Tour of the summer. In Rome spectators saw Chris Froome claim Giro victory, while Geraint Thomas became the first Welshman to win the Tour de France in Paris at the end of July.



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Adrián celebrates giving Malaga the lead following a long throw in the 15th minute. :: SALVADOR SALAS

Malaga thrash Andalusian rivals to return to winning ways

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Juan Ramón Muñoz's side remain top of the league after five wins from five and haven't conceded in over seven hours

MÁLAGA. After crashing out of the Copa del Rey in ignominious circumstances last Tuesday, Malaga returned to winning ways with a comfortable 3-0 victory against Andalusian rivals Cordoba at La Rosaleda

3-0

MÁLAGA-CORDOBA

Malaga: Munir; Cifu, Luis Hernández, Pau Ricca; Hicham (Juankar, 41), N'Diaye, Adrián, Ontiveros (Pacheco, 89'); Blanco Leschuk, Harper (Koné, 80').

Cordoba: Carlos Abad; Loureiro, Quintanilla, Jesús Valentin (Aythami, 21'), Javi Galán; Vallejo, Blati Touré, Aguado; Alfaro (De las Cuevas, 81'), Jovanovic (Erik, 58'), Andrés Martín.

Goals: 1-0 Adrián (15'), 2-0 Hicham (39'), 3-0 Ricca (72').

Referee: Santiago Varón Aceitón. Yellow cards for Cifu, Ontiveros, Adrián, Pau, Touré and Quintanilla.

A start good enough to earn promotion four out of five times

:: PEDRO LUIS ALONSO

Victory against Cordoba on Saturday was Malaga's fifth from five so far this season, inviting comparisons to other flying starts to the season in previous years.

As history shows, only one team with 15 points from five

games failed to earn promotion, Extremadura in 1999-00, with the side eventually finishing eighth after a disastrous second half of the season.

The other four sides sealed automatic promotion (Elche, 2012-13; Rayo Vallecano, 2010-11; Malaga, 2007-08; Numancia, 1998-99).

In Malaga's case, their start to the season, also under the stewardship of Juan Ramón Muñoz, included a seven-game winning run.

To equal this, the current side must win on their trip to Las Palmas on Sunday and then at home to Rayo Majadahonda.

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Results

Gimnástico - Osasuna	1-0	Osasuna - Sporting
MÁLAGA - Cordoba	3-0	R. Majadahonda - Ex'dura
Tenerife - Reus	0-1	Zaragoza - Lugo
Alcorcón - Deportivo	1-0	Cordoba - Tenerife
Elche - Mallorca	1-1	Mallorca - Albacete
Lugo - Oviedo	0-2	Oviedo - Elche
Extremadura - Las Palmas	1-2	Reus - Gimnástico
Almería - Zaragoza	2-1	Numancia - Almería
Granada - R. Majadahonda	3-0	Las Palmas - Malaga
Sporting - Numancia	1-1	Cádiz - Alcorcón
Albacete - Cádiz	1-1	Deportivo - Granada

Match day 6

Table

TEAM	PT	W	D	L	GF	GA
★ 1. MÁLAGA	15	5	0	0	8	1
★ 2. Las Palmas	11	3	2	0	10	3
3. Granada	11	3	2	0	9	2
4. Mallorca	10	3	1	1	4	2
5. Zaragoza	8	2	2	1	8	4
6. Albacete	8	2	2	0	7	3
7. Sporting	8	2	2	1	6	3
8. Deportivo	8	2	2	1	5	4
9. Alcorcón	8	2	2	1	3	2
10. Oviedo	8	2	2	1	8	8
11. Reus	7	2	1	2	4	4
12. Numancia	6	1	3	1	8	8
13. R. Majadahonda	6	2	0	3	3	6
14. Cádiz	5	1	2	1	3	3
15. Osasuna	4	1	1	3	4	6
16. Lugo	4	1	1	3	5	8
17. Almería	4	1	1	3	4	7
18. Gimnástico	4	1	1	3	2	8
▼ 19. Tenerife	3	0	3	2	4	6
▼ 20. Elche	3	0	3	2	2	5
▼ 21. Cordoba	2	0	2	3	5	13
▼ 22. Extremadura	1	0	1	4	3	9

on Saturday.

The Blue and Whites, with international stars Alfred N'Diaye and Munir returning to the side, put in a dominant performance to register their largest win of the season so far.

Javi Ontiveros engineered the first chance of the game, striking the outside of the post from a tight angle after working some space for himself on the left wing.

Then with just 15 minutes on the clock, Malaga took the lead. A long throw from Luis Hernández from the right picked out an unmarked Gustavo Blanco Leschuk on the goal line, who flicked the ball on for Adrián in the centre who had no trouble heading past Carlos Abad in the visitors' goal.

Slack marking cost Cordoba again just six minutes before half time when Jack Harper squeezed a cross into the box from the left, Blanco Leschuk's header was saved by the keeper and Hicham followed in to nod home his first senior goal for the club.

The young Moroccan's joy was shortlived, however, limping off minutes later, after pulling up while tracking back.

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Up next

A TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH IN THE CANARIES

■ JAMES CHAPMAN

Next up for Malaga is a trip to the capital of Gran Canaria for a top of the table clash against second-placed Las Palmas.

The Canarians, who beat Extremadura last time out, like Malaga are unbeaten so far this season (three wins, two draws).

Veteran forward Rubén Castro, who Malaga tried to sign in the

summer, has spearheaded the side's campaign so far with an incredible six goals from just five outings so far to place him as the leader for the 'Pichichi'.

The club was founded in 1949 and their home ground is the Estadio Gran Canaria which has a capacity for 32,400 supporters.

Interestingly 'La Unión' are the only club in Spain to have ever achieved back-to-back promotions to La Liga, doing so in their very first seasons of existence.

Since then Las Palmas have spent 34 seasons in La Liga; the last time was last year when they, alongside Malaga and Deportivo, were relegated.

Set pieces continued to be Córdoba's Achilles heel in the second half and they had to be bailed out by keeper Carlos Abad who pulled off an excellent reflex save to deny Blanco Leschuk's header from a freekick.

The keeper was beaten for a third time in the 72nd minute when captain Federico Ricca seized on the loose ball from yet another freekick to acrobatically volley into the back of the net.

"When it's time to work, we must work. But when it's time to enjoy ourselves, we should do that too," said Malaga coach Juan Ramón Muñoz following the game. "We did a lot of things very well again, both in attack and defence."

Seven hours without conceding

It has been 444 minutes since Malaga last conceded a goal in Segunda, something Muñoz described as "an enormous satisfaction".

"This is fundamental," he said. "We have to profit from the goals we score and to do that you have to concede few."

Goalscorer Ricca agreed with his boss' sentiments: "We have to be as consistent as possible and obviously one of the keys to that is not letting in goals."

"It's all part of a group effort. We're all pulling in the same direction and everyone has something to contribute."

Free agent David Lombán adds experience to Malaga's backline

■ PEDRO LUIS ALONSO

MÁLAGA. Despite the transfer window closing a fortnight previously, Malaga completed their twelfth signing of the summer on Friday with the free transfer of centre-back David Lombán.

The 31-year-old, who came through Valencia's academy, adds depth and experience to the Malaga defence. "He is a player with a lot of experience. He can bring a lot," said coach Juan Ramón Muñoz, now happy with the depth at his disposal.

"We had three centre-halves [Luis Hernández, Pau Torres and Diego González] and one youth-team player [Abqar]. But Abqar is someone who needs to play at this stage of his career and we don't want to deny the reserve team someone of his quality."

Lombán, who broke through at the age of 20 with Valencia, went on to represent Salamanca, Xerez and Barcelona B in Segunda, before playing in La Liga for the last five seasons with Elche (2013-15), Granada (2015-17) and Eibar (last season).

Individual errors cost Malaga Femenino on Basque road trip

The visitors fell behind as early as the eighth minute and never looked likely to recover

■ OPTASPORTS

SAN SEBASTIÁN. Malaga's women's side's return to the top flight is not going to plan. After a 4-0 defeat to reigning champions Atlético Madrid on the opening day, the Costa del Sol side lost again on Sunday in San Sebastián against Real Sociedad.

The Basque side were on top from start to finish, taking the lead as early as the eighth minute after Nahikari brushed herself down to convert the penalty she won after being brought down by Leticia.

The go-ahead goal then invited a deluge of pressure from the home side Nahikari again at the centre of the action, striking one shot over and putting in a delicious cross which no forward had anticipated. When the forward was brought down again in the area, this time by Encarni, she was denied the penalty.

Seven minutes into the second



Raquel wins the ball back. ■ OPTA

half, La Real made their margin more comfortable when Soldevila converted Manu's cross inside the six-yard box (2-0).

Despite the setback, the visitors showed more after the break and could have got a goal back when Diéguez misjudged her keeper's block on Leticia's shot and almost put it through her own net.

However, it was a moment of disorganisation at the other end

which resulted in La Real's third. The Malaga backline were left flat-footed, appealing for offside, as Nahikari gathered the ball in front of Chelsea whom she beat in the one-on-one.

These individual errors drew the eye of coach Antonio Contreras who said: "I am a bit angry about the result because there were a lot of situations our players should have done better on."

New women's fit shirt now on sale from all official outlets

■ JUAN CALDERÓN

MÁLAGA. Malaga announced last week the launch of a new kit tailored for women.

The strip, on sale for 60 euros from all official club outlets (La Rosaleda, the Larios and Vialia shopping centres, Malaga city centre, Rincón de la Victoria, Fuengi-



Adriana (r) in the new strip. ■ SUR

rola and Torre del Mar), follows Malaga Femenino's promotion to the Liga Iberdrola and an increased interest in women's football across the city.

The players themselves have the choice to wear either the traditional cut or the new adjusted shirt during their games.

Captain Adriana Martín said: "It appears to be very tight-fitting but in fact it is very comfortable. We [the team] all like it because it is a lot more feminine."

The new shirt is available in sizes XS to XL and can be personalised with the name of a Femenino player for 12 euros.



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A chance for new stars to shine

Now that headline performer Cristiano Ronaldo is out of the picture, it's time for the backing singers to take centre stage

Who would have thought that any team could be improved by shedding one of the greatest players of all time?

It's true that Cristiano Ronaldo has inspired Real Madrid to crazy heights over the past decade but the transfer of his ego and his entourage has brought a whole new lease of life to those who merely played a supporting act in recent years.

Imagine a dance floor where the prima donna insisted on using every inch. No matter how well you had mastered your best moves, you weren't allowed to shake your stuff in case it over-shadowed the head-



Isco and Bale could be the new stars for Real Madrid. :: REUTERS

line performer.

Gareth Bale hasn't said a word but his actions speak volumes. The Welshman is finally flourishing in

the absence of Ronaldo. It is like an enlightenment. I suspect Bale decided last spring that it was make or break time.

When he wasn't selected from the start of the Champions League final it was the turning point. He clearly decided "Budge over CR7, this is now my time!"

The two goals in Kiev topped ten in his final twelve games of the Liga season. This season he's added three in four domestic games and opened his Champions League account.

Bale is basking in the extra space to express his talents but he's not alone. Karim Benzema, resigned to being a backing singer, is now front of the stage belting out a tune.

Isco, a frustrated genius can twirl now that he's unshackled. For almost a decade nobody got a chance to take a free kick if Ronaldo was on the field; Isco has already

weighed in with two free kick goals.

We've all known that Marco Asensio will be special but his progress has been restricted. Now that he is guaranteed a space in the team and space on the field, he's flourishing. He's created three goals in four games for Real Madrid, recorded a hat-trick of assists for Spain and his first international goal against Croatia.

The whole picture is one of harmony. The 'ballers' are all getting an opportunity to express themselves and don't have to operate in anyone's shadow.

The new coach Julen Lopetegui has

an impossible act to follow in thrice Champions League winner Zinedine Zidane but he is instilling a calm togetherness at the Bernabéu.

There was concern if the world would still revolve if Ronaldo wasn't at the centre of it. We are getting the answer. New stars are beginning to shine, there's another galaxy out there.



Cristiano Ronaldo. :: REUTERS

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Goal fest gets Marbella back on track after a mixed start to the season

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:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. Following two consecutive defeats, Marbella got back on the right track with a 4-0 thrashing of Sevilla Atlético on Sunday.

It didn't start well, however, with the hosts at the Estadio Antonio Lorenzo suffering a few scares against a side for whom the scoreline didn't reflect their performance.

Wilfred in the Marbella goal was twice called upon to keep the game goalless, but his side weathered the



Montero holds up the ball. :: J. R.

storm and took the lead before half time when captain Añón swept home Rafa Muñoz's cutback.

The Marbella keeper was kept busy in the second half too, making three saves to demonstrate exactly why he is the best in the division.

Marbella's second chance came at the perfect time. In the 74th minute, Montero controlled the long ball perfectly before converting to relieve the growing pressure.

Just four minutes later, the forward scored his second in an almost identical action, but with plenty more time to apply the finishing touch.

The route was complete with just five minutes to go when Sillero scored on the rebound after Lolo Pavón's header came back off the crossbar.

The win lifts Marbella to eighth place, four points off early leaders Melilla.

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Senior Masters Cup to bring together three former world tennis number ones

Carlos Moyá, Juan Carlos Ferrero and Marat Safin will compete for the trophy alongside Goran Ivanisevic at Puente Romano in Marbella on 28 and 29 September

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. The Senior Masters Cup will celebrate its third edition later this month with an increase in level compared to years gone by.

The competition, which takes place on 28 and 29 September at the Puente Romano tennis club, will welcome three former world number ones in the form of Carlos Moyá, Juan Carlos Ferrero and Marat Safin, alongside Goran Ivanisevic.

Although it sounds odd to say that the level has gone up in the absence of Mats Wilander and John McEnroe, it is hoped that a repeat of last year's final between McEnroe (59) and Moyá (42), where the outcome was obvious due to the difference in physique, can be avoided.

The tournament was presented in Marbella last week by the tournament director, Albert Costa; the head of the organising company Tennium, Joaquín Ríos; Marbella town hall's Sports councillor, Ja-



Manzur, Costa, Mérida and Ríos at the tournament's presentation last week. :: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

vier Mérida; and director of the Puente Romano hotel, Jorge Manzur.

It was announced that the tournament would start on Friday 29 September with two semifinals. The first, between Safin and Ivanisevic, will take place from 6pm,

followed by Moyá and Ferrero from 8pm.

The following day, there will be a doubles exhibition at 6pm involving Yannick Noah and Sébastien Grosjean against Albert Costa and one of the eliminated semifinalists. The grand final will start

at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the tournament, which range from 25 to 80 euros, can be purchased from the tournament website (seniormasterscup.com), Ticketea and from the Puente Romano itself between 11am and 3pm.



Andreozzi and Davidovich following the final. :: SUR

Local tennis star Davidovich makes huge rankings leap after reaching Challenger final

:: PEDRO LUIS ALONSO

MÁLAGA. Alejandro Davidovich made the largest jump of any player in the ATP rankings this week, leaping 117 places from 400th to 283rd, a career best so far.

This was possible thanks to reaching the final of the Szczecin Challenger on Sunday, losing out to Guido Andreozzi 4-6 6-4 3-6 in two hours and 17 minutes.

This run to the final earned him 80 ATP points, which edges him nearer to his target to end the year in the top 200.

As it stands, Davidovich is the 23rd best Spanish player, though at 19 years and three months, he is younger than all of those above him.

IN BRIEF

Larry Edgar, the main attraction at BMX Pro Cup in Malaga

MÁLAGA

:: **EMILIO MORALES.** Malaga's Rubén Alcántara skate park will this weekend host the grand final of the Vans BMX Pro Cup World Tour with Larry Edgar looking to defend his crown.

Having successfully hosted tour stops in the past, Malaga was this year chosen for the main event.

The competition starts today, Friday, and runs until Sunday. Entrance is free for spectators but places are limited.

Los Boliches gears up for biggest ever International Inline Hockey Tournament

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FUENGIROLA. This evening sees the start of the biggest International Inline Hockey Tournament to date to take place in Fuengirola, with 12 teams fighting for the trophy.

Local teams Fuengirola Lions and Barona will be joined by three teams from the UK: Brighton Stormers, Basildon Alstarz and Stokemon, who are back-to-back UK national champions. Two teams from Finland will also participate: the always strong Paha-

lampi (with Finland international Jimi Palanto and Victor Granberg who played in the last world championships for Sweden).

Madrid, Aguilas (Murcia), Sancti Petri and Búhos (from Granada) make up the rest of the participants.

Matches start this afternoon, Friday, at 5pm and continue on Saturday from 8am to 10pm. The final will be played on Sunday at 5:20pm.

Entrance at the Los Boliches rink is free for all.



The action starts tonight at 5pm. :: SUR



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The curtain comes down on a record World Masters Championships

Team GB pipped a record Spanish team to the top of the leaderboard by one silver medal

:: MARINA RIVAS

MALAGA. Anyone in Malaga or Torremolinos during the World Masters Athletics Championships will have witnessed the frenetic coming and going of more than eight thousand athletes over the last two weeks.

The championships, with athletes ranging from 35 to 102 years of age, concluded on Sunday and has proven to be the biggest of the past

decade, with a total of 22,000 people arriving in the province from all four corners of the globe.

Not only was it a record for total attendance, but also for the size of the Spanish contingent with around 1,700 people taking part, of which 237 were from Malaga province.

The medal haul, too, was a record, with a total of 204, but in the end it wasn't enough to top the final classifications.

Eighty gold medals

Great Britain and Northern Ireland topped the overall rankings with a total of 203 medals - eighty gold, 66 silver and 57 bronze. Despite getting one fewer overall than Spain



The relay was one of the final events on Sunday. :: FRANCIS SILVA

(204; eighty gold, 65 silver, 59 bronze), Team GB's extra silver counted in their favour.

Germany, who recorded even more medals overall (216), only finished in third by virtue of their 74 golds.

Staying in Malaga

Of Spain's total medal haul, 16 of them will remain in Malaga. Eleven golds were picked up in individual disciplines by Lysvanys Pérez (high and long jump 35+), Javier Diaz Carretero (cross country 40+), Ola Carls-

son (high jump 40+) and Óscar González (decathlon 40+); and team disciplines by Diaz Carretero (cross country 40+), Agustín Molina (cross country 50+), Paz González and Antonia García (cross country 55+), Rafa Martín (20 km. walk 45+), Kiko Rodríguez (20 km. walk 35+) and Antonio Camaño (10 and 20 km. walk 35+).

There was a team silver for Susana Pérez and Adela Martínez (10 km. walk 35+), plus individual bronzes for Agustín Molina (cross country 50+), Lorena Aguilar (weightlifting 35+) and Rafa Martín (5 km. walk 45+), and a team bronze for Jannine Lima (cross country 35+).

A championship to remember

Of the more than a hundred competing nations, 73 of them came away with at least one medal to show for their efforts.

World records were broken left right and centre, perhaps most impressively by Man Kaur and Giuseppe Ottaviani, both 102. But whether or not athletes took home medals, they will take back memories of an inclusive tournament, as well the welcome they received in Malaga, back to their own respective corners of the world.

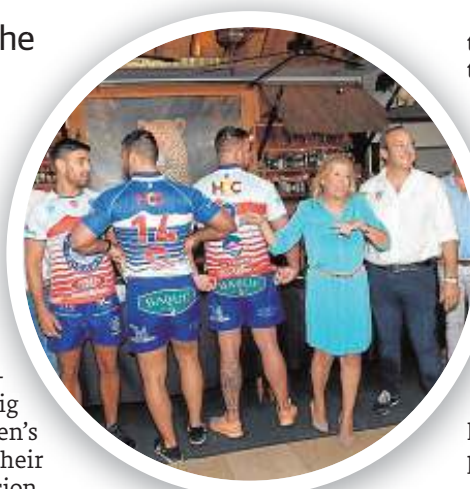
Marbella Rugby Club aiming to become even more inclusive

At an event to launch the new season, the club announced the creation of a women's team and a team for those with disabilities

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. Trocadero Marbella Rugby Club's thirtieth anniversary year is set to be a big one. Not only are the senior men's team fighting to consolidate their position in the National B division, the club has taken a further step towards rugby for all.

Last week, ahead of the side's first fixture of the season against CR Cisneros (which they won 38-53) and after receiving an award at the Marbella Sports Gala for the work of their academy, the club



Ángeles Muñoz and Francisco García with some of the players.

:: JOSELE-LANZA

launched its new vision at the Trocadero Arena last Thursday.

Not only will the club continue

to promote the values of rugby through the academy, the club will create two new teams: one for women and one for those with physical or mental disabilities.

The club's president, Francisco García, accompanied by Marbella mayor Ángeles Muñoz and José Carlos Salamanca, director of events at the Trocadero group, reiterated his commitment to the community, which he says is embodied by the academy which he describes as "one of the most prolific in Spanish rugby".

For her part, Muñoz said: "It is a source of real pride to have a club which transmits the values of the town which we recognise in ourselves.

"We [the council] are absolutely committed to improving the club's facilities and we will make a big investment in this area."

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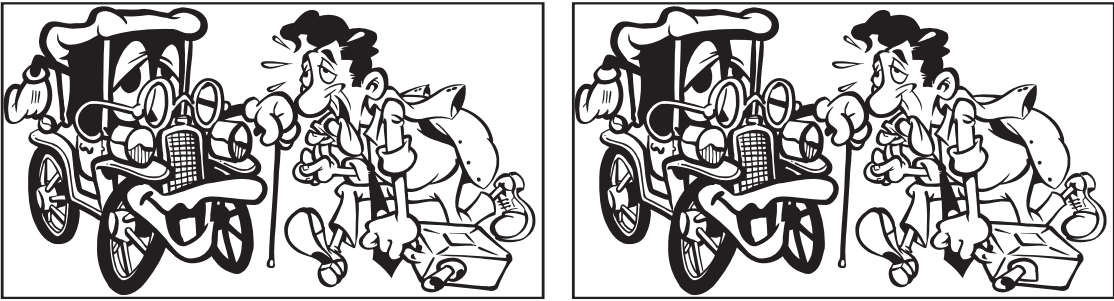
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THE STARS



Aquarius
January 21 - February 19
Do you have something to say that cannot wait? Are you boiling over because of an injustice? Well, there is no holding you back this week.



Pisces
February 20th - March 20th
A new project fires your imagination. It may start as a fleeting thought. Give it a chance and think it through.



Aries
March 21st - April 20th
Passions are strong and emotions raw this week. Choose your words carefully when explaining what you want.



Taurus
April 21st - May 21st
It can be frustrating when others don't respond as fast as you would like them to. Being strong get things moving.



Gemini
May 22nd - June 21st
There is something about you at the moment that inspires others. Group activities and work with your colleagues is highlighted.



Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
Plan carefully if you haven't already. Finances may be your sticking point so timing is important.



Leo
July 24th - August 23rd
Your partner can be a great help on emotional issues and help you to see a clear picture. It is a time of change.



Virgo
August 24th - September 23rd
You don't have to look for a reason why people want to help you and be your friend. You are just so loveable!



Libra
September 24th - October 23rd
It is very tempting to just come out and say what you think. Even so, this can affect others, so timing is important.



Scorpio
October 24th - November 22nd
Imagine if you were to just land on this earth all fresh and new. What would you want to do and be? It's your choice when your mind is free.

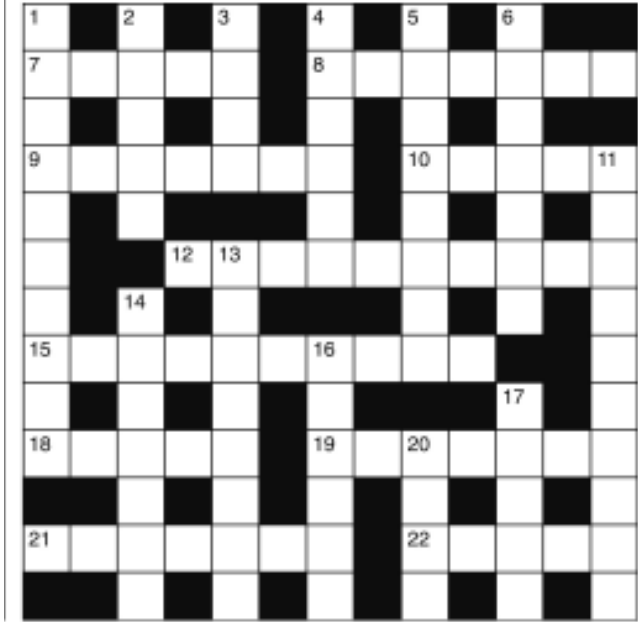


Sagittarius
November 23rd - December 21st
This could be the week when you find yourself that special niche: a place where you feel appreciated.



Capricorn
December 22nd - January 20th
Being honest about a current relationship is high on your agenda. Will you be stirring the pot?

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11313



- Across

 - 7 Possibly beat a retreat (5)
 - 8 Beats soundly in a game that's child's play (7)
 - 9 If a rule is broken it is nothing to be proud of (7)
 - 10 The true figure is in this region (5)
 - 12 Knocked flat - by a hard bargainer! (6,4)
 - 15 Overbearing attitude of one surrendering? (4-6)
 - 18 Put off Ted's return with hesitation (5)
 - 19 Gradually destroy a stick in the middle (7)
 - 21 Mother hides a blemish with make-up (7)
 - 22 Somewhere to graze all the horses in a race (5)
- Down

 - 1 Strained, like Indian tea is? (3-7)
 - 2 Girl that is unhappy being on top (5)
 - 3 It shows what one may get from a prime number (4)
 - 4 Stress it's a regional dialect (6)
 - 5 Coming into play (8)
 - 6 American politician who could resort to treason (7)
 - 11 Solicitor, perhaps, whose actions speak louder than words (3,2,5)
 - 13 Herein a peculiar tale, out of this world (8)
 - 14 He keeps saying I get it so mixed up! (7)
 - 16 Heavenly stuff for a trance, perhaps (6)
 - 17 Conceal or report a story (5)
 - 20 Old-fashioned frill for a hooligan, we hear (4)

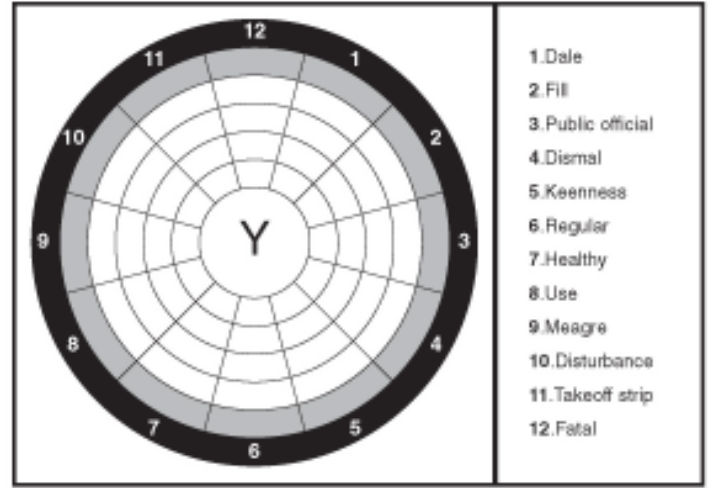
SUDOKU BY HANZO

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

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

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter Y in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a U.S.comedy-drama singer



THE WORDPUZZLER

N	O	B	L	U	E	S	P	Y	H
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R	U	S	T	U	P	I	D	Y	L

Can you identify the words missing from the titles of the Frank Sinatra songs listed below?

- 1. Me and My ---
- 2. Strangers in the ---
- 3. Hello ---
- 4. High ---
- 5. Learnin' the---
- 6. The Tender ---
- 7. My ---
- 8. Somethin' ---
- 9. Three --- in the Fountain
- 10. --- and Marriage

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QUIZ

QUESTION 1

What type of creature is an avocet?

- 1. A feline
- 2. A reptile
- 3. A primate
- 4. A bird

QUESTION 2

From which sea creature is tomally obtained?

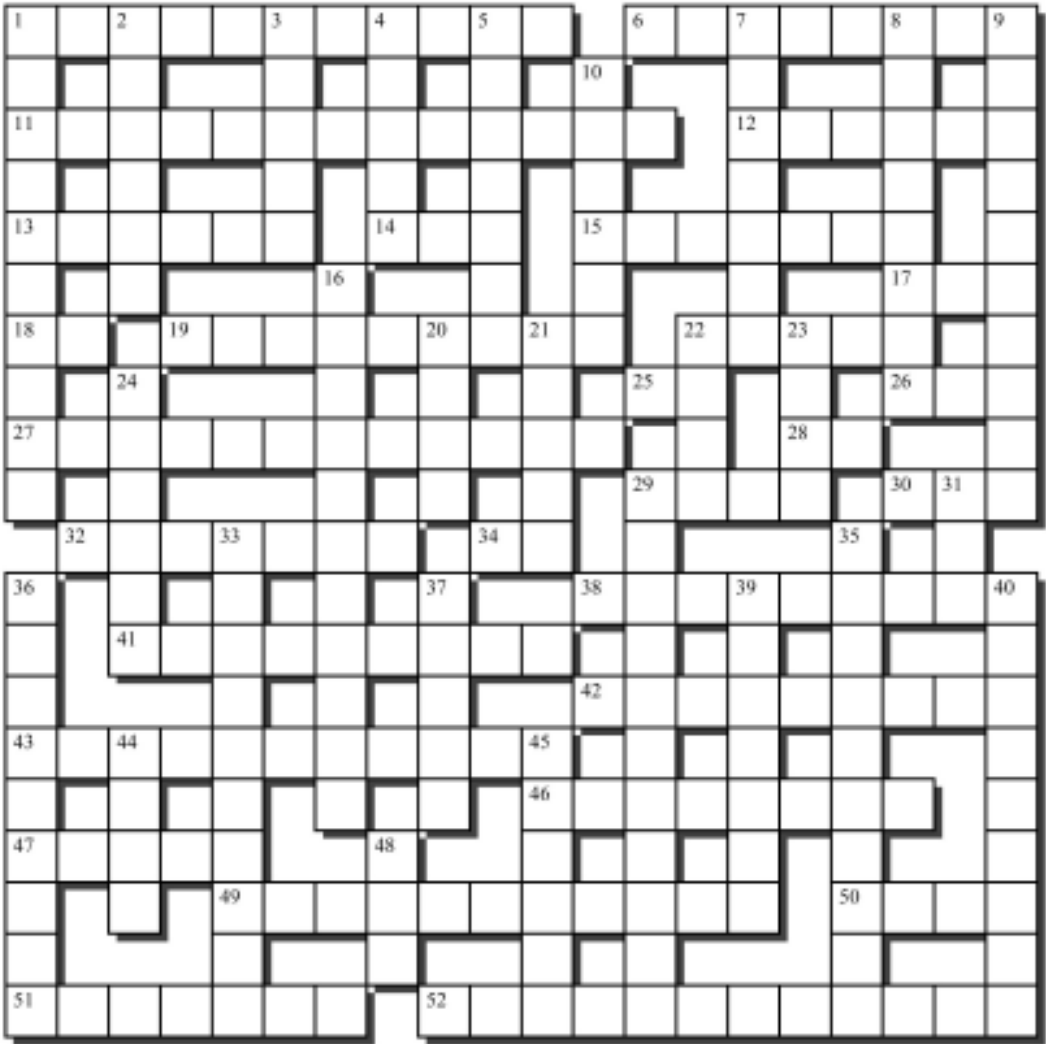
- 1. Lobster
- 2. Whale
- 3. Oyster
- 4. Shark

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- Across

 - 1) To make aware (11)
 - 6) Dementia (8)
 - 11) Research (13)
 - 12) I lie (6)
 - 13) Coat (6)
 - 14) Estuary (3)
 - 15) To contribute (7)
 - 17) That (f) (3)
 - 18) I heard (2)
 - 19) Deterioration (9)
 - 22) Hands (5)
 - 25) I (2)
 - 26) I smelled (3)
 - 27) To stigmatise (12)
 - 28) It gives (2)
 - 29) Damage (4)
 - 30) Bread (3)
 - 32) Brain (7)
 - 34) She goes (2)
 - 38) Patients (9)
 - 41) Pins (9)
 - 42) To get old (9)
 - 43) Supreme (11)
 - 46) Different (8)
 - 47) West (5)
 - 49) Diagnosis (11)
 - 50) Bike (4)
 - 51) To forget (7)
 - 52) Treatments (12)
- Down

 - 1) Carers (10)
 - 2) Fridge (6)
 - 3) I go in (5)
 - 4) To take (5)
 - 5) Elderly man (7)
 - 7) Memory (7)
 - 8) Congress (8)
 - 9) Association (10)
 - 10) Wet (6)
 - 16) To develop (11)
 - 20) I would go (4)
 - 21) Flood (5)
 - 22) Fashion (4)
 - 23) I swim (4)
 - 24) Athlete (6)
 - 29) He diagnoses (11)
 - 31) Bird (3)
 - 33) Disease (10)
 - 35) They were trying (1)
 - 36) Disorder (9)
 - 37) To fry (5)
 - 39) Unpublished (7)
 - 40) Services (9)
 - 44) Weight (4)
 - 45) Odyssey (6)
 - 48) Ego (3)



ANSWERS

Quiz answers

Of interest: The soft green mass in a cooked lobster is a digestive gland. It's known as the hepatopancreas or the tomalley. It is prized for its creamy texture and intense flavor. Tomalley is eaten as is, whisked into sauces, or mixed into a butter and spread on toast.

Answer 1: A bird

Of interest: Avocets are elegant wading birds with long upturned beaks that sift invertebrates from the water. They have black and white plumage and long blue legs that dangle well behind the tail during flight

Answer 2: Lobster

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Cryptic Crossword

Solutions: Across: 7 Abate; 8 Conkers; 9 Failure; 10 Realm; 12 Beaten down; 15 High-handed; 18 Deter; 19 Comode; 21 Mascara; 22 Field. Down: 1 Far-fetched; 2 Sadie; 3 Menu; 4 Accent; 5 Entrance; 6 Senator; 11 Man of deeds; 13 Ethereal; 14 Egotist; 16 Nectar; 17 Cover; 20 Ruff.

Clockword solution

SOLUTION: 1 Valley, 2 Occupy, 3 Notary, 4 Dreamy, 5 Acuity, 6 Steady, 7 Hearty, 8 Employ, 9 Pally, 10 Affray, 11 Runway, 12 Deadly, SINGER: Vonda Shepard.

Wordpuzzler solution

NOBLESPYH
1. Shadow
2. Night
3. Dolly
4. Hoops
5. Blues
6. Trap
7. Way
8. Stupid
9. Coins
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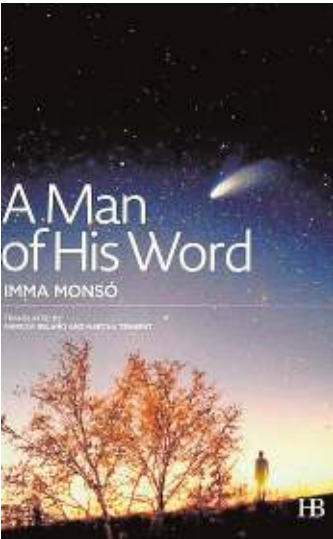
Sudoku solution

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

Language Crossword

ACROSS:
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BOOK OF THE WEEK



A Man of His Word
Imma Monsó

Referring to him by his nickname Cometa-Catalan for comet-Imma Monsó tells us about the sudden loss of her husband and, using an original structure combining A chapters- “A for affection, amusement, acceptance”- and B chapters - “B for barbarous, brutal, bare”- she bears witness to her life with him, and to her life without him. Imma Monsó is an award winning Catalan fiction writer and contributor to the main Spanish and Catalan newspapers. Most of her literary works have been translated into several languages.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“All you need in life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure”

MARK TWAIN

MALAGA PORT INFORMATION

CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENTS (SOURCE: MALAGA PORT AUTHORITY)					
Ship	Date	From	Next port	Docks	Sails
Harmony G	21-24/09	Marbella	Marbella	00.00	05.00
Costa Pacifica	22/09	Funchal	Civitavecchia	08.00	13.00
MSC Preziosa	22/09	Genoa	Casablanca	10.30	17.30
Marella Spirit	23/09	Ceuta	Lisbon	06.00	21.00
Ocean Majesty	23/09	Portimao	Alicante	10.00	18.00
Mein Schiff 4	24/09	Cadiz	Palma	08.00	18.00
Koningsdam	25/09	Gibraltar	Cartagena	08.00	18.00
Costa Favolosa	25/09	-	-	09.00	19.00
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What the Romans put into their foul-smelling sauce

Excavations in Malaga reveal that anchovies and sardines were used to make garum in the 4th century AD

:: FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

MÁLAGA. Nobody really knows why the people of Málaga are known as 'boquerones', but archaeologists excavating at the Roman Theatre in the city have discovered that this type of oily fish has been part of the local diet since Roman times. In fact, in the 4th century in the area where the auditorium now stands, and on the hill below the Alcazaba fortress, there used to be a fish salting factory for the production of 'garum'.

The organic remains found in the troughs which were used to make this smelly fish sauce are of boquerones (anchovies) and sardines, which even today are the stars of local cuisine. Until now, it was generally believed that the main ingredient of garum was red tuna.

"This is an important advance because so far we have reconstructed the recipe for garum from documentary evidence, but thanks to recent excavations here and in Cadiz we have discovered that it was made in various ways in different factories," says Manuel Corrales, the director of the Roman Theatre.

Research has now shown that the garum of Málaga contained bits of mackerel and some red tuna, although



Roman Theatre director Manuel Corrales, beside some of the troughs used to salt the fish. :: FÉLIX PALACIOS

78 per cent of the ingredients were sardines and anchovies, most of them between 10 and 15 centimetres long; exactly the size which is considered best for cooking on canes over an open fire nowadays, the famous 'espetos'

of Málaga.

To make this popular sauce, the fish were laid out in the sun in layers, in the troughs; as they decomposed, the upper layers were considered the tastiest and the best garum

was normally manufactured for export to the court of the emperor in Rome. Towards the bottom of the pile, the sauce became more like a pâté, and was much less expensive to buy. "Garum was considered so

valuable that the soldiers were even paid with it," says Corrales. He also explains that coins have been found during excavations at the Roman Theatre, and have helped to date the time when the sauce was made there.

Although garum continued to be produced in Málaga until the 6th century AD, it was stopped at the Roman Theatre in the early 5th century when the site began to be used as a necropolis instead.

"You have to remember that a major auxiliary industry grew up around the garum production, such as ceramic pots which were used as containers and for transporting the product," says Corrales. Some of the items which have been found are very valuable, including pots which still contain the sauce and a 'titulus pictus', which is a container with the manufacturer's mark to identify the quality and origin of the product.

Was the process of making garum as foul-smelling as claimed, nowadays? "The factory never stopped operating. When it wasn't salting fish, it salted meat. The stench must have been unbearable, but because garum created so much money, nobody complained too much," says Manuel Corrales.

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