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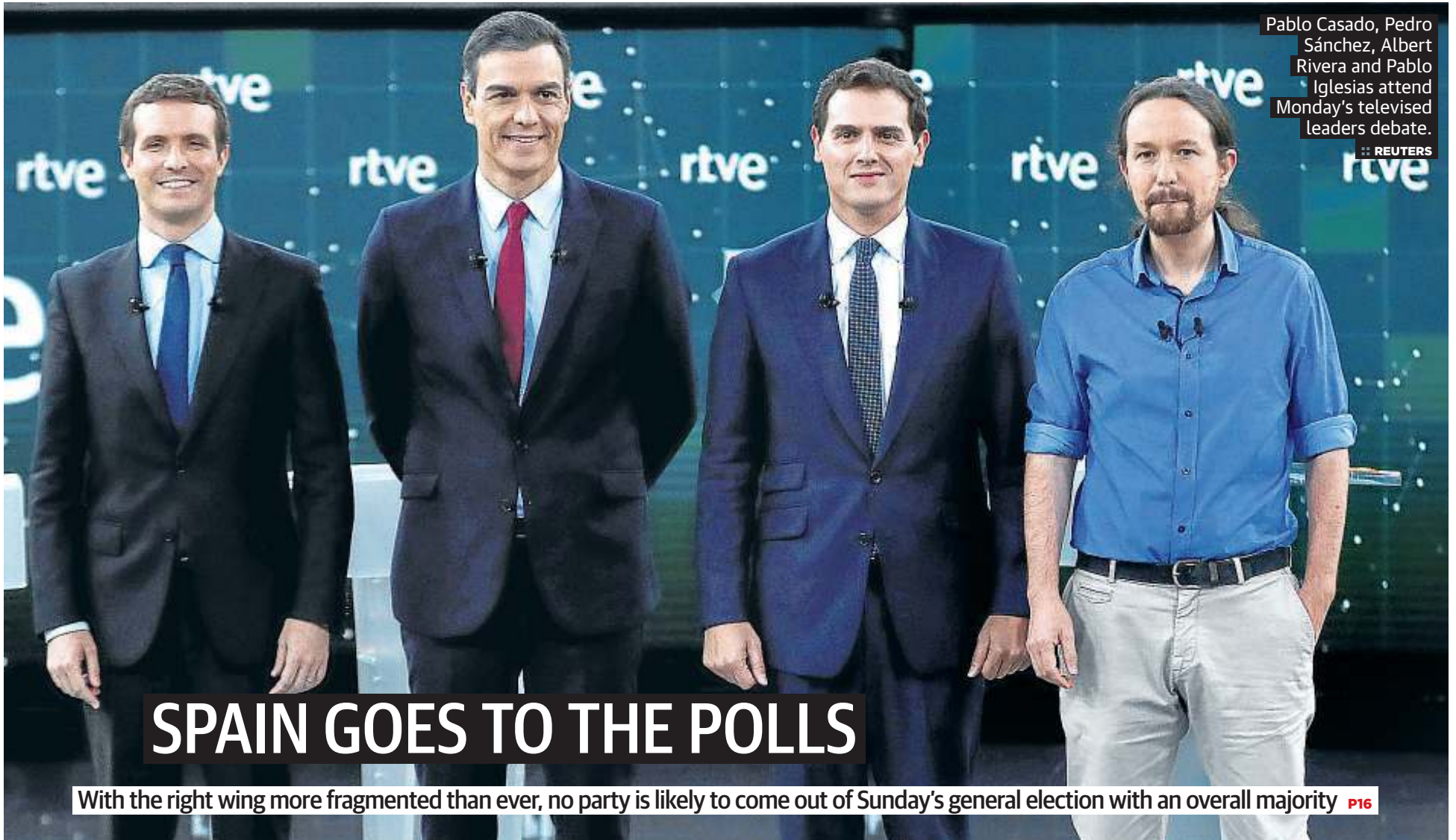
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New 50-million-euro road plan aims to bolster village populations over the next ten years

The provincial government is to improve inland connections to benefit more than 40 municipalities

A 50-million-euro mobility plan announced by the provincial government (Diputación) this week aims to curb the depopulation of rural Malaga by making small inland towns and villages more ac-

cessible. 'Plan Vía-able' aims to improve road connections for more than 40 small municipalities and involves improvements to 42 roads over ten years.

The aim is to shorten travel

times between villages and between rural areas and the coast, explained Diputación president Francisco Salado when he announced the plan this week.

In the case of Pujerra, in the Serranía de Ronda, pointed out Salado as an example, journey time to the coast could be reduced by half an hour.

As well as shortening journey times the plan will also provide alternative routes to villages that at present only have one access road. **P3**

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Marbella to set up inspection force to ensure local businesses comply with regulations

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Town hall inspectors and Local Police officers will check noise levels, hygiene and security certificates and that terraces have the necessary permissions

MARBELLA. The council is aware that the balance between the right of company owners to run their businesses and the right of local residents to get enough rest can sometimes be complicated, and it is now planning to send inspectors to ensure that establishments which put on shows, play music or have tables and chairs outside in the street comply with the regulations.

This new Inspection Plan will be in force for two years (2019-2020) and has been drawn up with assistance from the Industry and Public Streets departments of the town hall and the Local Police force.

"When we approved the regulations regarding coexistence last year, we included the creation of a team of inspectors, including officers from the Local Police, and they will now be checking that businesses are complying with the rules about noise and occupancy of public streets," says the councillor for Industry, José Eduardo Díaz.

The list of businesses which are to be subjected to these checks is very long and includes venues which play music, bars and restaurants with outside tables and chairs, shops with external display cases, cinemas, cultural and gaming es-



Tables and chairs in the Plaza de los Naranjos. :: JOSELE-LANZA

tablishments, places where celebrations can take place, etc.

The checks, says Díaz, will be carried out everywhere in the municipality of Marbella, "because we want to bring order to a sector which was ignored by the previous council, who carried out no controls or inspections whatsoever".

The plan is based on a law dating back to 1999 which regulates businesses in Andalucía, as well as different environmental regulations and municipal bylaws. Businesses will be treated equally and the penalties for those which are failing to comply with the rules will be proportionate.

"This is a way of using laws which exist in Andalucía and local regulations which are the responsibility of Marbella town hall, ex-

Priority will be given to areas which have the highest number of bars and restaurants

plains José Eduardo Díaz.

The municipality will be divided into areas or sectors for the inspections, and priority will be given to those which have the largest number of businesses whose activities, whether inside or out, could cause disturbance to local residents or passers-by.

The checks will preferably be carried out at the times when those activities could generate a high level of noise or risk, which have been

identified during previous inspections or because complaints about them have been received.

During the inspections, various items of documentation will be checked, such as the general paperwork for the establishment (such as authorisation from the town hall, ownership, obligatory insurance, complaints forms and permits to use an area of the street outside), technical documents for the installations, verification that equipment such as low-tension electrical devices comply with the regulations, and that the business meets the fire prevention, evacuation, accessibility and hygiene standards.

In addition, the Local Police and inspectors will organise periodic checks during opening hours, whether by day or at night, to en-

sure that the businesses are complying with regulations concerning opening hours, maximum numbers of people permitted, the number of security staff, emergency exits, hygiene conditions and terms of admission. They will also check that the outside terraces close at the time they are supposed to and do not take up unauthorised space.

"Example of coexistence"

"Marbella, although it is a tourist resort and its population increases considerably at certain times of the year, is an example of coexistence, and we do not expect serious problems in terms of complying with these regulations," says José Eduardo Díaz. "However, we need to maintain that coexistence and we are calling on bar and restaurant owners not to damage it."

He says that as well as carrying out the aforementioned checks, the inspectors will also ensure that private vehicles do not block designated commercial loading and unloading bays.

In recent months the council's Industry department has been carrying out some inspections and now, thanks to this plan, there will be plenty more.

To ensure that people do comply with the regulations and to achieve its objective, the council is in the process of contracting another member of staff for the Industry department. "We have two inspectors at the moment so this will be the third. We could do with more staff, but with this number we will be able to deal with the problems that we discovered in this respect when we returned to government a year and a half ago," says the councillor.

The final touches are being put to the inspection plan, and it will be fully prepared and ready to be put into effect before the summer.

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Defence lawyers for the land owner request a meeting between their client and Julen's father

:: ÁLVARO FRÍAS

MÁLAGA. As expected, the lawyers representing David Serrano, the owner of the land in Totalán where Julen suffered a fatal fall into a borehole, have taken advantage of the time given by the judge investigating the youngster's death to decide whether they wish new evidence to be considered in the case. The response from Lawbird Legal Services, who are representing Serrano, has been affirmative and they have asked for a face-to-face meeting between their client and Julen's father, José Roselló.

This is in the document which the lawyers have sent to the judge, arguing that there appear to be differences between the statements made by both men to the Guardia Civil and the court. They refer to some statements by Roselló, which do not make it clear whether Serrano advised them to be careful about the wells on the land when they arrived, or half an hour later.

The legal firm also says Julen's father corroborated the fact that their client had covered the well with blocks of concrete. These points, among others, are matters they want to clarify in a face-to-face meeting.

Provincial government presents plan to combat rural depopulation

The plan, called 'Vía-able' includes improvements to inland roads and will cost 50 million euros over the next ten years

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MÁLAGA. In the past few months, and especially with the general elections coming up, the debate has resumed again on 'empty Spain', the depopulation problem that affects rural areas all over the country, and Malaga is no exception.

With this in mind, the 'Diputación', or provincial government, has designed a mobility plan called 'Plan Vía-able' to combat the problem, and it was officially presented this week. The aim is to improve road connections for more than 40 small municipalities in the province; it will be applied to 42 rural roads and will cost just over 50 million euros over ten years.

Plan Vía-ble was presented by the president of the Diputación, Francisco Salado, and the head of Public Works and Infrastructure, Francisco Oblaré. They described it as the most important action against rural depopulation, and an-



The plan was officially presented this week. :: SUR

nounced that one million euros have been budgeted this year for the plans to be drawn up.

Financing

The plan will be financed through the remaining funds in the treasury, thanks to the healthy situation of the Diputación coffers. "Good road communications make people who live in inland villages feel less isolated and enable them to travel to health centres, shops or take part in leisure activities more easily. It is a way of improving their quality of

life", said Salado.

Many of the roads are the responsibility of local town halls, while others are managed by the Junta de Andalucía. The idea is to shorten travel times between villages and from rural areas to the coast. As an example Salado referred to villages in the Serranía de Ronda such as Pujerra, where journey time to the coast could be reduced by half an hour. Another benefit is that the plan will provide alternative routes for villages which at present have only one access road.

Tourists spent a total of 352 million euros in Andalucía in Easter week

:: PILAR MARTÍNEZ

MÁLAGA. Holy Week in Andalucía is becoming even more popular with tourists. The regional government's Ministry of Tourism, Regeneration, Justice and Local Administration announced this week that the Easter visitors are estimated to have spent 352 million euros. There were 768,000 tourists, an increase of 1.2 per cent compared with Easter last year.

For the Junta de Andalucía, the number of tourists was the third best data in the past decade. Tourism minister Juan Marín said the figures showed that "we are on the right road. Andalucía has also led job creation in Spain at Easter. We have to keep working on increasing the quality of our tourism".

A survey showed that each visitor spent an average of 69.84 euros, two euros less than last year. Two-thirds of their budget was spent on food (36.5 per cent) and accommodation (30.3 per cent), followed by shopping (10.6 per cent). 93.6 per cent of tourists surveyed said they were satisfied with the price-quality ratio, and had enjoyed their stay in Andalucía.

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Driver fatally shot in the head in front of his wife and daughter

The emergency services arrived quickly to the scene after reports of a shooting and traffic accident were reported late last Thursday

■ A. FRÍAS/J. CANO

MALAGA. A 24-year-old man of Serbian nationality was shot in the head whilst travelling in a vehicle with his family on Maundy Thursday. The emergency services received a call at around 11.50pm, reporting a shooting and traffic accident in the Los Amigos residential area in Mijas. It was reported that as well as the shooting, there had been a collision and one of the cars

had overturned.

When emergency services arrived on the scene, they found the fatally injured man, his 20-year-old pregnant wife, and their two year old daughter. The wife and daughter were taken to the Costa del Sol hospital, but left a few hours later with no serious injuries.

The victim was taken to Carlos Haya hospital, where he was admitted to the emergency room in a critical condition. After several hours, he was pronounced dead as a result of the gunshot wound to his head.

The police are now trying to determine what happened in Mijas. In these early stages of the investigation, nothing has been ruled out.

In recent months several shootings have been recorded in the province of Malaga. Last month a man was shot in the residential area of La Dama de Noche in Marbella, but did not sustain serious injuries. The bullet is said to have grazed his forehead.

Another man was also shot in Marbella and died of his injuries in January. The 49-year-old man, of Moroccan origin, owned five nightclubs in the area, as well as bars and restaurants.

More than twenty shots were fired at him by a gunman who was waiting for him at his home in San Pedro de Alcántara at around 3.30am. In his attempt to escape, he was hit by more than a dozen bullets.

Drag queen attacked outside a club in Torremolinos by six young people

■ IVÁN GELIBTER

MALAGA. Satin Greco, one of the most well-known drag queens in Torremolinos, was attacked outside a nightclub by a group of young people, early last Saturday morning. She claimed, backed by witnesses, that the group attacked and tried to rob her as she left work in La Nogalera neighbourhood. The owner of the Edén Copas bar, one



Minor injuries. ■ SUR

of the places Satin worked that night, Antonio Domínguez, explained that "Satin left work at 7am. She was met by a group of foreign

teenagers who began to shout 'maricón' (fag). After she asked them to leave her alone, they attacked her, in order to rob her". Domínguez and his staff had finished work and were eating breakfast when they heard a commotion. They ran outside but the aggressors had fled.

Satin was treated at a health centre for the minor injuries she sustained defending herself and was unable to work Saturday and Sunday. She has since filed a report to the police for homophobic aggression. This is not the first case like this to be reported in the area. Last January a similar story was published in SUR.



The building where the 12-year-old was shot. ■ SUR

Boy, 12, dies in Coín after being hit in the chest by bullet from an airgun

■ F. TORRES/ A. FRÍAS

MALAGA. A 12-year-old boy died on Wednesday of Easter Week in the centre of Coín, after being shot with an airgun. According to sources, two young boys were playing with an air gun when it went off and a bullet is said to have hit the older of the two boys in the chest. An ambulance was called to the house, and paramedics spent

40 minutes trying to revive the child without success.

The family of the victim were said to be spending a few days on holiday in the area. Police are investigating if the weapon was fired by the dead child or by a third person. They have detained the owner of the gun in connection with negligent homicide. He was later released after making a statement.

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Minors identified stealing from car

MALAGA

■ A. FRÍAS/J. CANO. Local police in Malaga have identified two 13-year-olds accused of stealing from a car. The robbery happened a few weeks ago in La Princesa neighbourhood of Malaga. According to sources

they stole several bags of food from inside a BMW X5, after breaking a window. A witness managed to stop one of the four involved, and called the police. The minor was returned to his grandmother and informed that the Juvenile Courts would be informed. The mother of the other minor identified was also notified of the police's intention to advise the public prosecutor.

Brutal murderer sentenced to 25 years

ANTEQUERA

■ SUR. A 43-year-old Brazilian man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for murdering an old friend in June 2017. The man and his daughter called in to see an old friend. Once in the house, he ordered his daughter to search for money in his friend's kitchen. She found 1,300 euros and gave it to her father. He later returned to the house, got the victim drunk and hit him over the head with a bottle, then stabbed him seven times before searching for more money.

Paedophile given suspended sentence

MALAGA

■ SUR. A man accused of sharing child pornography to group chats in September 2016 has been given a one year suspended sentence. According to the investigation, five group chats were being used for downloading and uploading images of minors in sexual poses. The accused was found to have a reduced mental capacity and will have to attend a special educational course.





New tax rules in Andalucía

By John McCann, Senior Partner, Blevins Franks

It is not often that we have good tax news, but Andalucía residents will welcome the new regional tax rules. It took a few months for the regional government to confirm the new tax law, but it was worth the wait.

The Decree-Law was finally approved on 9th April, with one clear objective: to position Andalucía as one of the lowest taxed regions in Spain to help revitalise the regional economy.

The three key changes which came into force on 11th April 2019, are:

- 1) Lower income tax rates
- 2) A 99% succession and gift tax relief for close family members
- 3) Some reduced rates for transfer tax and stamp duty.

Reduced income tax rates

The proposed reductions in the regional income tax rates have gone ahead. However, since the overall tax reform will cost around €10.7 million, this reduction will be introduced progressively between 2019 and 2023 to maintain the financial sustainability of the new laws.

For 2019 income, the regional half of income tax rates will range from 9.75% for income up to €12,450, to 24.9% for income over €120,000.

So the total tax rates for 2019, when the state half is added (as they currently stand, they may change when a 2019 budget is confirmed), start at 19.25% and rise progressively to 47.4%.

The local rates then reduce again in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

For 2023 income, the lowest regional rate will be 9.5% for income up to €12,450. The top rate, for income over €60,000, will be 22.5%.

So once the state income tax rates (as they currently stand, but these may change for future years) are added, the rates for taxpayers in Andalucía will very likely range from 19% to 45% in 2023.

Succession tax (inheritances)

Last year saw the introduction of a new €1,000,000 succession tax reduction for Group I and II beneficiaries, where their pre-existing wealth is no more than

€1 million.

This remains in place, but now in addition to this and the other available reductions (main home reduction, personal reduction, etc.), a 99% tax relief is available for spouses, descendants and ascendants, after the tax rates and multipliers are applied for inheritances (i.e. on death).

This means that effectively, spouses and children will only pay 1% of the succession tax bill due in Andalucía.

Gift tax (Lifetime gifts)

A 99% tax relief is now also available for Groups I and II beneficiaries, after the tax rates and multipliers are applied for lifetime gifts.

This is completely new as there were no previous relevant gift tax reductions or tax reliefs available in this region in the past.

Note that in order to apply this relief, the gift must be recorded in a public deed (*escritura pública*), so a Spanish notary will have to be involved in the transaction. Also, if the gift is cash or money from bank accounts, savings

accounts etc., the public deed will need to include a proven source of funds.

Capital gains tax may also be payable by the donor (on top of the gift tax paid by the beneficiary) when making a lifetime gift, but this does not apply for cash gifts.

Transfer tax and stamp duty

Andalucía has also introduced some reduced rates for Transfer Tax (*Transmisiones Patrimoniales Onerosas – TPO*) and Stamp Duty (*Actos Jurídicos Documentados – AJD*), particularly for taxpayers under 35; taxpayers with disabilities, and large families (with three or more minor dependent children).

For example, there is a new reduced transfer tax rate of 3.5%, and a new reduced stamp duty rate of 0.3%, for property buyers aged under 35, where the property will be their main home and it is valued at €130,000 or less.

Tax planning review

These reforms are good news for taxpayers in Andalucía. There is not a significant difference in income tax

rates, but lower rates are always very welcome. You may be paying more tax than necessary, particularly on your investment capital, so take advice to establish how you can take advantage of compliant tax planning opportunities available in Spain.

The succession and gift tax reform will help with your estate planning arrangements, helping ensure most of your wealth is passed to your loved ones. A specialist adviser can guide you through the reforms and help you set up an estate plan to fulfil your wishes for your heirs, with as little tax as possible.

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How will you benefit from the Andalucía tax reforms?

The local government has introduced new tax rules from 11 April, designed to position Andalucía as one of the lowest taxed regions in Spain. It is reducing the regional income tax rates every year from 2019 to 2023, and has established a 99% succession and gift tax relief for group I and II beneficiaries.

Contact your local Blevins Franks advisers to find out how you can take full advantage of these tax reforms, to lower tax for yourself and your family.

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Marbella applies for permission to designate a specific kitesurfing area on one of its beaches

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The town hall has reached an agreement in principle with Marbella Kite Club, which has yet to be approved by the Junta, to create a 300 metre channel and facilities on Los Monteros beach



Map of the planned kitesurfing zone. :: SUR

MARBELLA. There is good news for kitesurfers: Marbella council and the local kitesurfing club, which has about 250 members,

have reached an agreement in principle to designate a permanent area for this sport on Los Monteros beach. However, before it can be

put into operation, the Junta de Andalucía will have to authorise a modification of the current Beaches Plan, which was approved in 2018

and is valid for several more years. The news was announced this week by the Councillor for Beaches, Manuel Cardena. He had taken part

in the meetings with the group, at which the kitesurfers pressed for part of a decent beach to be allocated to them so they could prac-



ALARMED ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

Area around Marbella lighthouse to be used for cultural and tourism purposes

The Malaga Port Authority and the council have agreed the terms of a concession for up to 15 years, which will cost the local authority 45,000 euros

:: MÓNICA PÉREZ

MARBELLA. The administrative procedure which will enable Marbella council to occupy and use the area and buildings around the lighthouse is now almost complete. It just needs the Malaga Port Authority to give the official go-ahead to the proposal put to it by the local authority's Beaches and Environ-

ment Department.

Under the conditions for the concession, which both parties have accepted, the council will be granted the use of the site for a period of ten years, which can be extended a number of times up to a maximum of five years.

The documentation sent to the council by the Port Authority agrees that the main building will be occupied and managed by the Agenda Urbana Marbella 2030 company, as part of the sustainable development objective established by the United Nations Assembly.

Specifically, the concession gives the council the right to use the plot of land on which the lighthouse stands, which is 2,125.55 square me-



A model of the site once the modifications planned by the council have been carried out. :: SUR

tres in size, and the adjoining annexes, which used to be homes and stores, and are 364.70 square metres.

The lighthouse itself is excluded, because it will continue to be used

for maritime safety purposes, and an access to it is also not included in the concession.

Marbella council has been trying to acquire this concession for

some time. It made the application early last year, and councillor Manuel Cardena says the plan is to use the site for cultural activities including a marine museum

tise their sport safely.

The area in question is between the Palm Beach chiringuito and the parking area in Calle Realejo. Under the agreement, signs will be put up to show that it is a kitesurfing beach and warning people not to swim on windy days, and there will be wooden walkways, showers, a tub for cleaning equipment and drying racks, as well as masts with wind socks and markers for the kitesurfing zone in the summer. These will be provided by the Mancomunidad de Municipio of the western Costa del Sol.

For almost the past ten years kitesurfers have been using the area of Río Real, but this is far from ideal. There are numerous stones in and out of the water, posing a serious danger, and it is not suitable for beginners so kitesurfing schools cannot be based there. As a result many kitesurfers, whether local residents or visitors, have often preferred to travel to places such as Tarifa where there are better facilities.

David Gallardo, the secretary of Marbella Kite Club, points out that this means the town loses out financially, because kitesurfers have money to spend. As an example,

he says it costs 4,500 euros on average to take up this sport, not including the cost of accessories such as wetsuits, helmets or keels.

Although kitesurfers already use Los Monteros in the winter, the agreement with the town hall means that one channel in the sea will now be cordoned off in the summer, giving priority to kitesurfers over swimmers, and there will be facilities on the beach all year round.

The council is keen to ensure

that adequate safety measures are in place, and the Beaches Department plans to assign a lifeguard to the area during the main part of the day in the summer months. There will also be beach patrols to advise people about how to use the areas correctly. Manuel Cardeña says there will probably be no more than eight or nine days in the summer when there is enough wind to go kitesurfing.

This kitesurfing zone will be available for anybody to use and en-

joy, and the club will not have to pay any fee. Any profit-making activity which takes place within the kitesurfing area on Los Monteros beach will have to be authorised in advance by Marbella council.

It has not been easy for the club to achieve its aim of a designated kitesurfing zone, and has only been possible after years of negotiation with different heads of the Beach Department since the first time Marbella Kite Club was refused permission to use Los Monteros in 2008.

The council activates its lifeguard service on local beaches

■ NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. Easter is over and those looking forward to spending some time on the beaches can rest assured that safety measures are already in force.

Last week the 'Medios Acuáticos' company assigned its lifeguards to local beaches and set up its first aid and emergency facilities. There are

now 16 lifeguard watchtowers, painted bright yellow and white, along the 27 kilometres of coast, and 15 first aid posts.

This year the beach safety service will be in operation for more than 149 days (over 43,000 hours in total). During the rest of April and the month of May, lifeguard and first aid services will be pro-

vided at weekends, from 11.30am to 7.30pm, and these will then be extended to every day of the week from June to September.

As they did last year, the safety personnel will be equipped with megaphones in case they need to give warnings to the public.

There are also two ambulances with emergency equipment, a multi-purpose 4x4 vehicle, a semi-rigid boat and two jetskis.

This year there are 32 lifeguards, two managers, four emergency medical staff, three boat crew and one staff member to man the coordination centre.

New large capacity rubbish bins for the streets around Marbella

■ SUR

MARBELLA. The town hall will be installing 500 large rubbish bins throughout the municipality of Marbella, 250 this year and the rest in 2020.

These bins have a capacity of 120 litres and replace the previous 30 litre bins. The town hall hopes that this will stop the unsightly mess caused by rubbish overflowing onto the pavements.



Installing the new bins. ■ SUR

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and an open-air exhibition area.

There will also be offices for the Agenda Urbana Marbella 2030 company, which will be responsible for designing and implementing policies which are to be developed in Marbella over the next decade, in accordance with new sustainable development objectives which have been proposed for towns at a world level.

In its application, the council asked for the concession to be granted free of charge or for a reasonably low fee, and explained that it wanted to manage the site itself because it will be used for cultural activities or to promote tourism.

In June last year, the head of the Works and Conservation division of the Port Authority issued a favourable report on the basic works project presented by the town hall, which had a budget of just under 700,000 euros to transform the spaces in question. However, the application for the concession to be granted free of charge was not accepted, because the initiative does not conform to those included in the revised text of the Law of State Ports and the Merchant Navy.

Nevertheless, the Malaga Port

Authority was able to approve a 50 per cent reduction in the occupancy fee because the same law states that this is possible when the owner of the concession or authorisation is a public administration and the aim is to use the facilities for social or cultural activities. The council will therefore have to pay 45,086.98 euros excluding IVA for the concession.

Works project

The town hall's plans were drawn up last year by the Augado firm of architects, and the works should take about a year to complete. They include creating an outdoor exhibition area with pergolas, gardens, waterfalls and seating. The smallest building will house the Aula del Mar marine museum, and the larger one will be used as offices.

Once the concession comes into force, Marbella council will be responsible for maintaining the facilities in perfect order and will have to pay for any repairs.

The Port Authority will have the right to carry out inspections at any time and order the local authority to carry out any repairs it deems necessary at its own cost and within the time period designated.



MARBELLA MAYOR REOPENS CUDECA CHARITY SHOP

The Mayor of Marbella, Ángeles Muñoz, initiated the re-inauguration of the Cudefca charity shop in Marbella on Tuesday. Vice President, Susan Hannam, Financial Director, Rafael Olalla, and several volunteers attended the reopening of the shop, which has recently been refurbished using recycled materials.

The Port Authority in Malaga orders the big wheel to be taken down in two weeks

The attraction is in the way of plans to construct office buildings, and no agreement has been reached over a future location for it

by IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. As expected, the Port

Authority decided on Wednesday that the big wheel in Muelle de Heredia must be dismantled within two weeks of official notification being received by the company that runs it, Mederyt.

The decision was almost unanimous, with only the representative of Malaga council abstaining from the vote.

The big wheel, which in its



The big wheel stopped turning a few weeks ago, when its last licence expired. :: SUR

nearly four years of existence has become a visual icon in the city, will now have to be taken down after its application to prolong its

concession for the site was rejected. The attraction has not been in operation in recent weeks, since its last licence expired.

The president of the Port Authority, Carlos Rubio, says the main problem is that in its present location, the wheel is in the way of plans to construct office buildings along the Muelle de Heredia.

This is a star project for the new team at the Port, who want the works to begin some time this year. However, ever since it was first installed, the big wheel has been marked by controversy.

The structure will be dismantled with no alternative site hav-

ing been arranged for it, because there is a difference of opinion between the port and the city hall over a future location.

Those responsible for the port oppose the council's suggestion that the big wheel should be placed beside the Melillero terminal, and the local authority is not keen on the proposal from Rubio's team that it should be moved to the entrance to El Palmeral.

Due to these disagreements, it looks as if the people of Malaga city are going to have to say goodbye, at least for a while, to what has become one of their most popular attractions.

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Look out for illegal price rises from your energy provider

The Spanish electricity market is dominated by a few large players, but they are struggling to stay within the legal framework, according to CNMC, the government's consumer watchdog.

Most private contracts for energy provision have a fixed price for an agreed period of time, and yet price rises of up to 30 per cent are being levied, without consumers being able to pull out. The rise is simply added to the bill, without any notice or explanation.

ILLEGALITIES

CNMC takes the companies to court and fines them when they are caught out, but the fines are small compared to the profit made from illegal invoicing, so the problem continues.

Within the first three months of 2019, Endesa and Naturgy have received million-euro fines for cheating consumers.

"We can only encourage consumers to look closely at their energy bills," says Jesper Wagner,

CEO of Energy Nordic, one of the new players on the market.

"It only takes a few seconds to take a picture of the bill and email it to us, so that we can see whether it is correct and whether people are getting energy at the right price," he says.

KEEPAWAY FROM FIXED, HIGH PRICES

Wagner believes that tying yourself to a fixed price is the wrong way to go as people end up paying too much for their product.

"We operate with the actual market price on a daily basis, and it will always give us a lower electricity price. If you can't even count on your fixed price staying fixed, then what good is that?" he says.

While companies have increased the prices, the real price has actually been falling in the last year.

"Most people just get their bill, have a little moan about how expensive it is and then pay," he says.

MANIPULATION

Energy Nordic regularly finds that

consumers who have tried to leave the big companies are manipulated into returning. Whenever you need an electrician, for example, you need to sign for the job. It is possible they will be receiving commission from a company and, before you know it, you'll have signed a contract to move back.

"It's a jungle out there," says Wagner. "We keep everything crystal clear; you pay an administration fee, that's quite simply where we make our money, and then you get your energy directly at cost price with no hidden fees or price hikes. Plus you get your bill in your own language."

It is not only great business for Energy Nordic as the company has also found that some people come to them with bills that have a really good price. "We tell them straight that they don't need to switch to us, but this is a rare occurrence," Wagner says, smiling.

For 9 out of 10, switching to Energy Nordic means a lower energy price.

IN BRIEF

New metro-bus link to PTA now in operation

MALAGA

by I. LILLO. The new 'metro-bus' service, which links the final stop on the Malaga metro, Andalucía Tech, with the Parque Tecnológico Andalucía (PTA) is now operational.

During its first few days of service, users commented that it had shaved around 20 minutes off their commute, compared to taking the 25 bus directly from the centre.

The director of the PTA, Felipe Romera, admits that the full results won't be seen just yet, but said that it is "a really good solution [to the traffic problem] as every user of the metro bus means one less car trying to get into the PTA".

Meanwhile, the project to add a third reversible lane into the park has been put out to tender and 29 companies have submitted their bids.

Not long before light at the end of the metro

MALAGA

by I. L. Work above ground on the Malaga metro expansion into the central Alameda is now in its last stage, four years after it started. The final phase includes the pedestrianisation of nearly the whole area.

However, underground the work continues, although it won't be too long before there is light at the end of the tunnel. Around 85 per cent of the underground excavations are complete and, since the beginning of April, work has been carried out 24 hours a day, every day of the week, in order to speed the process up.

It is now ten years since works on the stretch between the María Zambrano and Guadalmedina train stations began.



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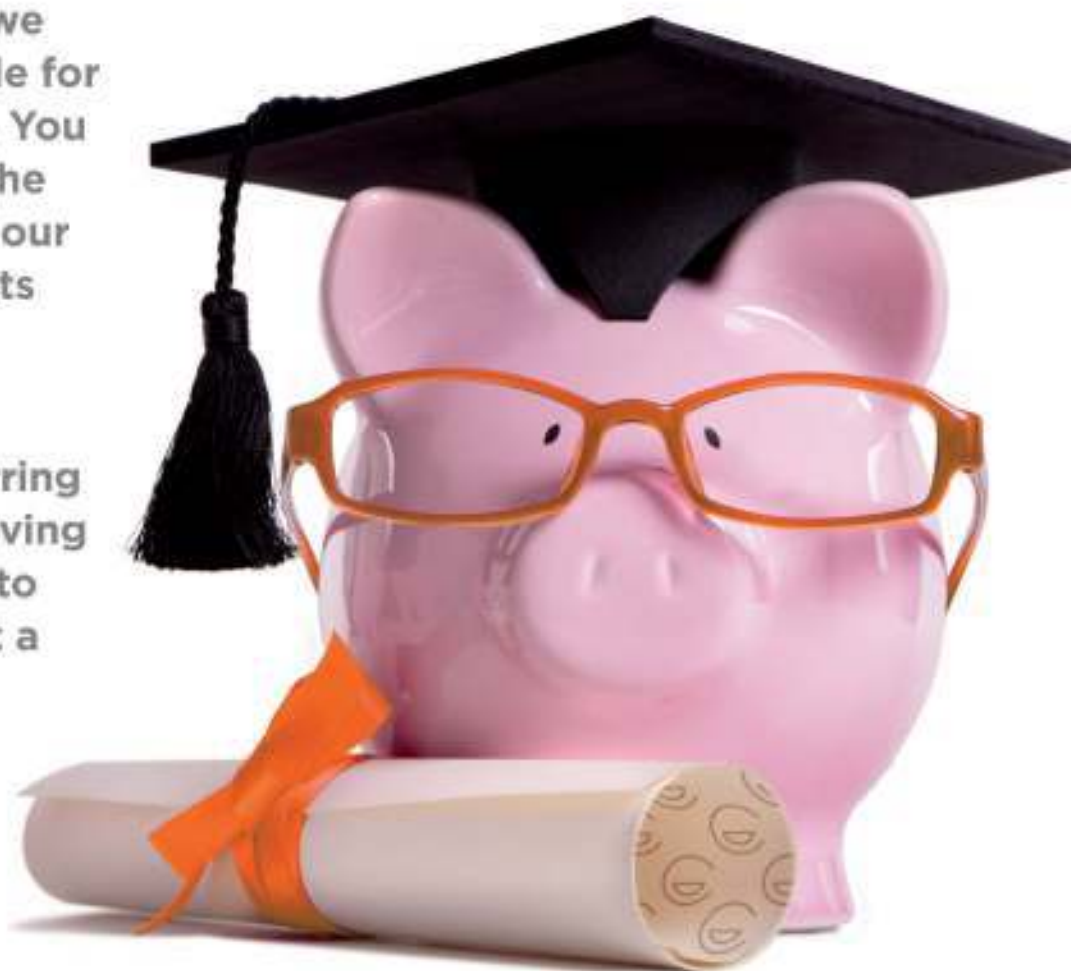
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Over 7,000 claims regarding floor rate mortgage clauses received in Malaga courts last year

The TSJA has just published its annual report, in which it says that more judges need to be assigned to courts in Andalucía

**FERNANDO TORRES /
ÁLVARO FRÍAS**

MÁLAGA. The number of civil law cases in Andalucía is growing faster than any other type. They rose by about ten per cent in 2018, which was six per cent more than in the previous year. According to the High Court of Justice of Andalucía (TSJA), this is due to demands for compensation for the floor rate clauses which banks applied to mortgages. Ever since a court in Madrid decreed that this type of condition lacked transparency and was abusive, the civil courts have received an avalanche of claims. In Malaga there were 7,333 in 2018. That is one of the most striking things in

the annual report for 2018, which the TSJA published this week.

The floor clauses (which set a limit to the reduction in interest linked to the Euribor) are a "delicate" subject in the eyes of the legal administration in Andalucía, because they affect the way the courts function and have increased the statistics in an "exorbitant" fashion. Malaga province has the second highest number of cases after Seville (10,439) and is way ahead of Cadiz (6,808), Jaén (4,835), Granada (4,722), Cordoba (4,681), Huelva (4,127) and Almería (3,003). The region of Andalucía represents 22 per cent of the whole country in terms of this type of claim.

Lack of staff

The annual report by the TSJA makes it very clear that more workers are needed in the Justice Administration sector in Andalucía. "We consider it necessary to propose new judicial posts from a structural point of view, based on the highest possible param-

eters of efficiency and effectiveness, because the present levels are far from what would be deemed reasonable for the number of existing cases," said the document. The TSJA believes the current heavy workload makes these measures unavoidable and they need to be put into immediate effect.

However, the administration also points out that the increase in the number of judges in each area would still not overcome all the problems, unless there is also a change in working methods. "We cannot remain anchored to methods used in the 19th century," they say. "We need a model which changes the traditional creation of courts as completely separate, independent and autonomous units".

The congestion rate (which compares the number of cases closed with those that are still open) is still negative in all provinces. "That means that it will obviously still be difficult to reduce the number of pending cases or improve response times from the courts," say officials.

Malaga will lead growth in Andalucía again this year, at 2.6%

JOSÉ VICENTE ASTORGA

MÁLAGA. The Malaga economy closed 2018 with the highest rise in GDP in Andalucía (2.8 per cent), and although the rate of growth is expected to slow down it will still lead the region in 2019 with an estimated 2.6 per cent, compared with 2.3 for Andalucía as a whole.

The regional and national economies are predicted to slow down in terms of growth but Seville, with 2.6 per cent like Malaga, and Cadiz with 2.5 per cent, will be the other most

dynamic provinces in this region.

The forecasts by Analistas Económicos, who have just published their spring report, show that growth will slow down for the second year running after a rise which began in 2014. In Malaga, residential investment and internal demand accounted for its growth last year. With the lowest rate of unemployment in Andalucía (16 per cent), it also led the growth in employment in the last quarter of 2018 (8.1 per cent), especially in construction, with 45.3 per cent compa-

red with the regional average of 23.4 per cent. The expected employment creation in 2019 (at 2.4 per cent it is lower than last year) would result in an unemployment rate of 21.2 per cent in Andalucía this year, 1.8 per cent lower in year-on-year terms but still far from the 13.7 per cent estimated for Spain as a whole.

There was also more moderate growth in tourism last year -2.1 per cent - in terms of visitors (22.5 million in Andalucía) and 1.2 per cent more overnight stays, although there were more Spanish tourists and fewer from abroad (a reduction of 0.8 per cent in Spain as a whole). The report did not predict any effects on tourism as a result of Brexit as everything is still uncertain.

BERNARD FAY

ABOLITION OF INHERITANCE TAX



The regional government of President Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla in Andalucía has approved the announced reduction of 99% in inheritance and gift tax in Andalucía in line with what is in existence in Madrid and other regions of Spain. The coalition government formed earlier this year by the Partido Popular and Ciudadanos with the support for the formation of government of Vox, had agreed to abolish these taxes in Spain's second largest region.

This important tax change, which came into effect with the publication of the Decree of the Regional Government in Andalucía's official gazette (BOJA) on 11 April, has far-reaching effects for residents of this region of Spain and also for non-residents with assets in any of the eight provinces of Andalucía, equating its approach to these taxes to that in existence in other regions of Spain such as Madrid, where for years now, inheritance and gift tax is no longer a concern.

Madrid has become one of the most attractive regions of Spain from a tax point of view, the decision of the regional government in that region was not only limited to inheritance and gift tax, but also to wealth tax, a heavily criticised tax, that is considered a sort of double taxation, as the tax payer is effectively taxed on net wealth which has already been subject to tax.

In Andalucía, however, the decision for now is limited to applying the same regime as Madrid and other regions of Spain for inheritance and gift tax. These will not be fully abolished but the tax

payable in Groups I and II of kinship (spouses, children, grandchildren and parents) will effectively be reduced for inheritance and gift tax by 99%, leaving a symbolic 1% as a sort of control tax. In Andalucía, since the approval of Law 5/2017, there are some exemptions in inheritance tax for Groups I and II which will remain in place.

Inheritance tax is very much a concern when non-residents of Spain consider moving to Spain on a permanent basis or purchasing a property in Spain.

This change in inheritance and gift tax makes Andalucía a much more attractive destination when considering where to move to permanently or where to invest.

The regional government of Andalucía should seriously consider extending these changes in taxation to wealth tax in order to compete with its neighbouring Portugal or Madrid. A foreign investor considering where to move to permanently has two main drawbacks when considering certain regions of Spain, inheritance tax and wealth tax, it seems now that the first will no longer be an obstacle in Andalucía, but the latter although exempt for family businesses, remains a barrier. People considering Spain do not understand how they can be expected to pay wealth tax on their worldwide wealth when becoming a resident of Andalucía. This is playing very much in favour of Madrid as a destination for foreign direct investment.

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Mijas to invest in works to improve the water supply to the town

The works are expected to cost around seven million euros and will mainly affect Mijas Pueblo

:: IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. Mijas town hall has already started work to improve the water infrastructure in the municipality to guarantee the supply of water and provide a different option to the one managed by the regional administration.

"It is our obligation to guarantee the service keeping in mind the low levels of the aquifers in the mountains. We have already begun the geotechnical study for a holding tank in Mijas Pueblo which constitutes the most important element of the entire network," explained José Carlos Martín



Mijas Pueblo will benefit the most from the project. :: I. G.

After four years of waiting the Junta has finally given approval

from the Works department of the town hall.

The town council is planning the installation of new water pipes in Calle Almáchar and Calle Codornices and to replace the old fibrecement holding tank in El Cerrajón.

The water supply is managed by the company Acosol but the town hall will be carrying out follow-ups and process the permits to guarantee the supply.

"We have to be proactive, not only being aware of the lack of water especially in summer in the town, but also the population growth that we experience in the high season," says Martín.

Mijas Pueblo is the most affected area as it depends on water from only nine wells.

The water improvement tax, applicable on drinking water for urban use in Andalucía, finances the hydraulic infrastructure so Mijas town hall requested back in 2015 that the Junta de Andalucía manages the funds for the project. After four years of waiting, definitive approval has been given and the improvement works have been given the green light.

Family of man who died from a gas leak while on holiday receives compensation

:: ÁLVARO FRÍAS / JUAN CANO

MALAGA. The 62-year-old man was on holiday in Cantabria with a group of retirees from La Cala del Moral, an annual event arranged by the club he was a member of. Twenty-one of the members were affected by carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas leak while they slept in the Hotel de Isla. José Manuel died as a consequence.

The tragedy occurred at the end of September 2017 and the family have just been told they will receive 320,000 euros compensation for his death. All the victims of the gas leak will receive compensation in a payout by Helvetia, the hotel's insurers.

The cause of the gas leak was discovered to be the old and poorly-maintained water heaters.

Torremolinos awards contract to repair the roof of historic property

The two-month project to repair the roof of the nineteenth-century Casa de María Barrabino in the centre of the town will cost 137,735 euros

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

TORREMOLINOS. The Casa de María Barrabino is emblematic of the project to regenerate the centre of Torremolinos. It has been empty for two decades and is sadly very deteriorated, but was once an elegant example of the tastes of the nineteenth century bourgeoisie Malaga residents.

María Barrabino had also contributed to the changing face of Torremolinos. She donated large pieces of the land (which at the time covered most of the town centre and surroundings) she had inherited, including the site on which Madre del Buen Consejo church is built.

Although blind, she was comfortably well off and devoted her life to charitable works.

The last occupant of the house, Lourdes, one of María's two daughters, died in 1997 and the house has remained empty since.

The town hall acquired it from the family in 2017 in a near ruinous state. Water had seeped in



Members of the Barrabino family outside the property. :: SUR

through the roof and facade and put in danger the frescoes that decorate the walls.

The town plan recognised the building as having a high architectural value and of special importance to the heritage of the town being one of the few houses remaining from that era.

The work to repair the roof has been prioritised to stop the further deterioration of the building and

safeguard the structure. Further works will be carried out to restore the building, conserving as many of its original architecture as possible and only substituting those features that cannot be saved.

The property will then be incorporated into part of the newly-pedestrianised Plaza Costa del Sol with the proposed demolition of shops and offices that stand between the house and the plaza.

La Cueva del Hundidero, El Tajo and Monte Jabalcuza declared Natural Monuments

:: VANESSA MELGAR

RONDA. El Tajo in Ronda, La Cueva del Hundidero in Montejacque and Monte Jabalcuza in Alhaurín de la Torre, have all been added to the list of Natural Monuments in the province.

Besides these, the Junta de Andalucía has given their approval for the Peñon de Bernal and the Canales de Padules in Almería, and Huellas Fósiles de Medusas in Constantina in Seville to be included as three important geological sites; the Holm oaks of Peana and of Marchal de Abogado in Almería as sites of biotic importance; and two more sites of mixed interest: the Cueva del Agua in Tíscar in Jaén and the Nacimiento del Ríofrío in Granada.

A total of 40 protected sites have been added to the list which now totals 1,556 hectares in Andalucía.

"Every successful woman must clear the path for other women to do the same"

Bisila Bokoko CEO of business development agency, BBES

The businesswoman and philanthropist, Bisila Bokoko, explains that the greater presence of women in management positions generates more advantages for everyone

:: CHARO MÁRQUEZ

MARBELLA. Bisila Bokoko is one of the most influential Spanish women in the United States. She visited Marbella last week to give a presentation to a group of entrepreneurs on how to overcome barriers and turn them into opportunities.

- What image of Spain do you have as a CEO of a business development agency in the USA?

- Since 2005 Spanish companies have spread to the United States and the image is very positive. Spain has a great reputation because it is a very friendly country, that has a fluid and good relationship with the US. There have been slower years, because of the economic crisis, but now things are improving again. There is, of course, still a lot of work to do. Spain as a brand is not established, and Spanish products still need promoting. As the regions are working autonomously, there's sometimes some confusion. There should be better cohesion in the international market, to work together to create a single brand.

- Do you think Donald Trump has positively or negatively influenced these relationships?

- Spain doesn't interest the USA from an economic point of view. The relationship is very neutral and very

friendly. I do not think that Trump's arrival has affected relations. It remains one of the most popular countries for Americans to visit. I've seen four presidents in the US and I haven't noticed a big difference in that area. Trump doesn't have that power.

- Are there many women CEOs in your sector?

- We are still few and far between. Numbers of women in positions of responsibility in companies remain lower than they should be. We can improve this when women in senior management positions help other women achieve these same goals. The responsibility of every woman climbing the career ladder is to let others climb it too. Sometimes we are worried that, after all the hard work it took, another woman may take our place. That can sometimes be the reason why women aren't opening the door for others. The more women there are at the negotiating tables, the more advantages there will be for all of us.

- Are women more competitive with each other than men?

- No, I think that's a stereotype. Men also compete with each other but I think copying their way of doing things causes us harm because we

"There should be some cohesion in the international market, to work together to create a single Spanish brand"

lose our empathy and our intuition. We mustn't change or force ourselves to appear more masculine. At times, women try to adopt these mannerisms to be respected. Work environments are more positive when we value empathy and collaboration.

- Do you consider yourself an inspiration for other women?

- Any woman who has climbed the ladder is an inspiration for other women. Many women have inspired me and if I can do that for others, that's great. That's why I think I have a certain degree of responsibility to help others.

- Your father told you that there will be two problems in your career: "being a woman and being black". Has that been the case?

- I think it has benefited me. It could have, but that was my choice. If you already have it in your head that they won't hire you because you're black, or think that they will make it hard for you because you are a woman, then that's the way it will be. It depends on our way of thinking. We all have faults, insecurities and bad experiences that we have to overcome. But you can use these obstacles to your advantage. In my case, I decided that these two facts would not determine my life. I wrote another story.

- Are you a feminist?

- I am a woman who believes in women. I don't like labels and I believe in equality.

- Do you think that the feminist movement has achieved its goals?

- We've come a long way. 2018 was a great year in reducing wage gaps. There has been a lot of debate. But it's something that both men and women must do together. When we



Bisila Bokoko on her visit to Marbella. :: CHARO MÁRQUEZ

see the advantages of diversity, a lot will change.

- You're involved in both economics and philanthropy. Are they incompatible with one another?

- I think that they are complementary. We expect governments to take care of social issues but employers must also be socially responsible and we can all contribute our bit. Philanthropy must be an attitude of life. It is sometimes understood that you have to be a millionaire to be philanthropic. You have to learn to share what you have. The employer has to look out for the social welfare of its workers, so that they can contribute to society.

- You're part of many different cultures (born in Africa, raised in Spain, working in the USA), but what do you think about people who see immigrants as the enemy?

- It's human nature to be afraid of differences. In such a global world you

have to lose that fear. The important thing is to know how to integrate them. Immigration is positive when done well. It must be done in a regulated manner. It always enriches a country to have people from other places. As a society we have to think about how these movements can help us and if we take the time to invest in these countries, immigrants won't be seen as the enemy anymore.

- Do you see Africa as an opportunity, instead of the common Western conception that it is a problem?

- Totally. Africa is still the great unknown and there are people who still relate it to starving children. That Africa has changed, and there is a lot of talent there. Spain is not that far away and has never looked to Africa. If that were to happen, there would be many benefits for both countries. I don't believe in aid; I believe in investment and return, because in all commercial relations both parties must win.

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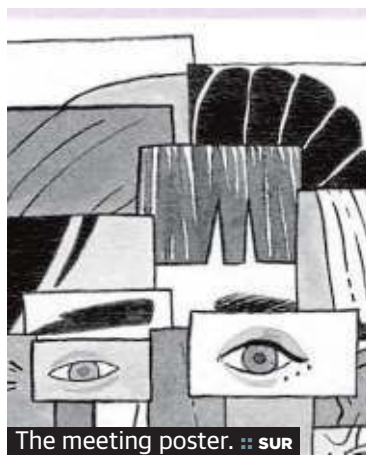
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IN BRIEF

Young activists discuss feminism in the Axarquía**RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA**

• **V. BUSTAMANTE.** Rincón de la Victoria and Malaga city centre are to host a meeting of young feminists from across Europe from 29 April until 6 May. The Almenaras and La Noria young people's associations will be welcoming 30 activists from Turkey, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Macedonia under the banner, 'To-

gether With Feminism', to discuss issues including gender balance, education and gender roles across the continent. On Saturday 4 May at 5pm the youngsters will gather on Rincón de la Victoria's town hall square to promote equality and mobility opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ programme. The project also aims to establish Erasmus+ information points in more rural parts of the Axarquía, through a series of initiatives due to take place in the villages of Moclinejo and Algarrobo during May.



The meeting poster. • SUR

Holiday complex still closed after 16 years**PERIANA**

• **E. C.** This month marks 16 years since Periana's Villa Turística closed its doors, after just five years of operating as a holiday complex. A number of attempts by the town hall to find investors for the site, which comprises holiday homes, a restaurant and communal areas, have failed, despite a recent surge in rural tourism in the Axarquía area in recent years.

2019 Nerja beach plan given green light**NERJA**

• **E. C.** Nerja town hall has given the green light to its 2019 beach plan ahead of the summer season. The plan includes a series of events to celebrate San Juan night, which takes place on 23 June, the Virgen del Carmen festival, which is on 16 July and a number of sports competitions such as beach volleyball and a basketball circuit, among others.

Work to start on conservation of 11th-century Bentomiz castle

The project will involve making the monument safe for visitors and cleaning up the weeds and rubbish which have collected in the area

• EUGENIO CABEZAS

ARENAS. Arenas town hall has announced that it is to start conservation work 'imminently' to the 11th Century Bentomiz castle which belongs to the town.

The planned project will involve maintenance work and research, which the town's mayor, Francisco Laureano Martín, has said will be carried out "under strict archaeological control," as well as a major operation to remove the overgrown weeds and clean up the rubbish that have collected around the castle over the last few decades.

Left to fall into ruins

The Medieval fortress is believed to have been constructed between 1035 and 1089 AD and was an important stronghold during Spain's Islamic era, thanks to its strategic location. Standing on a hill at 709



One of the walls of the Bentomiz castle. • SUR

metres above sea level, it provided excellent views over both the coast and mountains, allowing the Caliphate to prepare for invaders. It has been abandoned since 1570 and has been left to fall into ruins since then, despite being listed as having important cultural status (Bien de Interés Cultural).

However, a series of water tanks with barrel vaults and a horse shoe-shaped arch have survived over the

centuries and some of the red ochre used to decorate the castle can still be seen. Part of the project will involve closing the water tanks as it is hoped that the castle will be included on the Gran Senda de Málaga, or the great Malaga trail, and as such the town hall have highlighted the importance of making the structure safe for visitors. Work is set to start at the end of April and will carry on into early May.

Vélez-Málaga town hall calls for entries to new urban art competition

• E. C.

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Vélez-Málaga town hall announced on Tuesday a competition aimed at people of all ages and backgrounds to create urban art on more than 50 spaces in a number of its sports installations. The project, called Rehabilit-Arte, aims to attract graffiti, graphic and visual artists from across the Axarquía in what the town hall is calling a "pioneering" project to tackle social inclusion

through art and sport. Budding artists have until 5 May to enter the competition through the project website: www.rehabilitarte.eu. Entries must connect sport with issues such as sustainability, inclusion and environmental awareness. The project is being funded by some of the European Regional Development (ERDF) and is being organised in collaboration with the Malaga-based creative design company, Brida Imagina.

Runners ask for book donations to give to young hospital patients in the Axarquía

• E. C. / J. R.

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Torre del Mar's Club Running Playas is collaborating with La Lonja bookshop in Vélez-Málaga to ask people to donate reading and colouring books to the paediatric depart-

ment at the Axarquía hospital in Torre del Mar. Donations can be left at a number of local companies, including La Lonja bookshop in Vélez-Málaga, Jordi Mesón Tapas, Clínicas Rincón Dental and Cafetería Larios 13 in Torre del Mar until 14 May. The charity project, called 'Leer da forma a los niños' (reading gives shape to children) aims to collect books in time for Día Internacional del Niño Hospitalizado (international day for hospitalised children) on 16 May. For further information (in Spanish) call the Club Running Playas on 677 903 474.

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New stamps issued to commemorate Island Games

Gibraltar will be hosting the sporting event for the second time, and it will take place in a variety of venues from 6 to 12 July

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. The Government of Gibraltar and the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau have issued a set of new stamps to commemorate the Gibraltar 2019 NatWest International Island Games, which will be taking place at different venues in Gibraltar from 6 to 12 July.

The games were awarded to Gibraltar in Jersey back in 2015, and this will be the second time that the games have been hosted on the Rock.

The competition will feature around fourteen sports, and 2,200 athletes and officials will be involved in the event. The sports are athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, cycling, judo, shooting, sailing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, ten pin bowling and triathlon.

To commemorate the games, a set of fourteen stamps, one to depict each sport, has been illustrated by



There is one stamp design to depict each sport. :: SUR

local artist Leslie Gaduzo and designed by graphics artist Stephen Perera.

The set of stamps was officially launched at the John Mackintosh Hall by the Minister for Culture, Steven Linares, this week and they can be purchased from Philatelic Shop beside the post office in Main Street, and online at www.gibraltar-stamps.com. Prices start from £3.37.

These stamps will be sold to over

fifty countries worldwide and will be marketed internationally, reaching an audience of stamp collectors of over 20,000.

Two of Gibraltar's major cultural events, the Calentita Food Festival and Summer Nights Festival, will take place while the Games are being held, in Grand Casemates square which will be temporarily known as 'Games Square' while the event is taking place.

IN BRIEF



The World Earth Day event is at the University. :: SUR

Gibraltar University marks World Earth Day

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. The Gibraltar government, together with the Advanced Leadership Foundation and the University of Gibraltar, will be hosting Gibraltar's first ever World Earth Day today, Friday 26 April, from 2:30pm

- 7pm at the University.

The programme will include high-level keynote speakers, roundtables, presentations, and open discussions about the importance of the green economy and corporate social responsibility as a method of tempering the threats of climate change in Gibraltar. For more info, see Gibraltar-world-earth-day.eventbrite.com

Picardo criticises UKIP's would-be MEP

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. Chief minister Fabian Picardo has criticised UKIP's Carl Benjamin, a candidate for SW England and Gibraltar in the EU elections, over 'disgusting' remarks he made to Labour MP Jess Phillips about rape and feminism. Mr Benjamin, who is due to visit Gibraltar this weekend, may find his welcome is not as warm as he had hoped.

BA flight aborts landing at last minute

GIBRALTAR

DEBBIE BARTLETT. Passengers on a British Airways flight from Heathrow had a very rocky, bumpy ride in strong winds as the plane tried to come into land around lunchtime on Wednesday, and then at the very last minute, just metres from the ground, the pilot decided to abort the landing for safety reasons and diverted the plane to Malaga.

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Casado, Iglesias, Sánchez and Rivera during Tuesday night's debate. :: MANU CECILIO

Spain goes to the polls this Sunday with the right more divided than ever

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Debates earlier this week revealed that if PP and Cs gain enough votes to lead the country in a coalition with the help of Vox, a fierce battle for leadership of that coalition is likely to ensue

MALAGA. Spain's politicians are about to wind up the general election campaign, leaving Spanish voters free to decide on Sunday the palette of the new Congreso, which looks set to be more colourful than ever.

The four main party leaders with hopes to become the next Spanish prime minister, Pedro Sánchez (PSOE), Pablo Casado (PP), Albert Rivera (Cs) and Pablo Iglesias (Unidas Podemos), had the chance to defend their manifestos in two primetime debates this week, on consecutive nights. The second, on Tuesday, attracted an audience of 9.5 million spectators.

Round one on Monday night was a more decorous affair when the four discussed issues such as economy, social policy and the ever-present Catalonia, each defending his own ground without veering too far from the script, while they went back for round

two with sharpened swords and had to be reminded not to all talk at the same time on several occasions by the moderators.

The debates, with the candidates together, made it clear that, as well as the fight for the leadership of the country, these elections are also about a fight for the leadership of the right wing.

In the last opinion poll Ciudadanos and the Partido Popular came out very close, giving Cs the hope of Albert Rivera having more of a chance of being prime minister than the PP's Pablo Casado in the case of a right-wing coalition.

This fierce rivalry between practically committed partners came out in Tuesday's debate, with Rivera especially agitated in his attacks on both Pablo Casado and Pedro Sánchez.

The rivalry on the left, between Socialist PSOE and Unidos Podemos, also probable coalition partners, was less evident.

The entire election campaign has been marked this year though by the huge appearance of far-right, group Vox. The group's leader, Santiago Abascal, was not present in the debates in person, but Sunday may show that this was to his advantage as his invisible lectern caught the votes lost by the quarrelling debaters.

The latest CIS opinion poll showed Pedro Sánchez as clear winner by votes, but in need of the help of Unidos Podemos and at least the Basque Nationalists to reach the 198 overall majority. A right-wing coalition, however, would be possible if the PP, Cs and Vox scored enough to control the Congreso.

IN BRIEF

Eligible voters reminded to register as European Elections look likely in UK

MALAGA

✉ **J. R.** As it looks increasingly likely that the UK will be participating in the European Parliament elections on 23 May, eligible voters (those who have not lived outside the UK for more than 15 years) are being reminded to make sure they are registered to vote or to register if they are not. This may be done via the website www.yourvotematters.co.uk until midnight on Tuesday 7 May.

UK political parties have already published lists of candidates, which can be seen on the party websites. European Parliament elections use the system of proportional representation (PR) and voters elect the party, rather than specific candidates.

National Police officer detained in Olot for murdering his partner

BARCELONA

✉ **R. C.** The body of a woman, the seventeenth victim of domestic violence this year, was last week discovered in a pool of blood by the woman's 14-year-old daughter when she returned home from a party. The woman showed signs of being beaten and shot.

When police arrived at the house on Saturday they found her partner, a 38-year-old police officer, had unsuccessfully tried to kill himself by shooting himself in the head. He was arrested and taken to hospital.

The couple had not been together for very long and the daughter was from the woman's previous relationship.



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Galician couple among the Sri Lanka Easter terror victims

Six of the eight suicide bombings took place on Easter Sunday, three of which targeted luxury hotels in the city of Colombo

IVIA UGALDE

MÁLAGA. María González Vicente, 32, and Alberto Chaves, 31, were on holiday together in Colombo, Sri Lanka, staying in the Kingsbury Hotel, one of the establishments targeted by suicide bombers on Easter Sunday. The blast was one of eight planned attacks which killed a total of 321 people and injured more than 500.

The bodies of the couple from Pontecesures, a small town in Galicia, were identified by their tattoos.

Alberto, originally from A Coruña, had been working for Profund



The Galician couple killed. :: EFE

meet Alberto and then onto Colombo last week to spend a few days with him.

Three of the explosions targeted luxury hotels in the city and the death toll includes foreigners from many countries; among the youngest victims were three of the four children of Danish multimillionaire Anders Hoch Povlsen, owner of the Bestseller Group and a major ASOS shareholder.

The tragedy also took the lives of Briton Anita Nicholson, 42, and her children Alex, 14, and Annabel, 11. Her husband and the children's father, Ben Nicholson, survived the blast. Five other Britons were killed in the attacks.

The Sri Lankan government has blamed a local jihadi group, National Thowheed Jamath, and believe the attacks were carried out with the support of an international network.

Vayalat, a frozen food company in India, while his girlfriend, María, who worked for Vestuários Mayper, a company that makes work uniforms, had travelled first to India to

IN BRIEF

Husband arrested after bodies of a woman and child found in a cave

TENERIFE

AGENCIES. A German man was detained by police after his five-year-old son was discovered wandering in the area of Adeje in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. The boy told officers that he, his mother and his sister had arrived in Tenerife a few days earlier to visit his father who had taken them to the cave and attacked them. Thinking that it could be a case of domestic violence, the father was arrested while Guardia Civil officers, emergency services and sniffer dogs searched the area described by the young German boy. The body of the boy's mother and sister were found inside a cave.



Police outside the home of the jihadi. :: EFE

Suspected jihadi imprisoned for planning Seville attack

SEVILLE

AGENCIES. The suspected jihadi arrested in Morocco for planning a terror attack on Seville has been sent to a Moroccan prison. The Policía Nacional and Spanish and Moroccan in-

telligence services carried out an operation which resulted in the detention of the suspected jihadist who was apparently in Rabat visiting a sick relative. He had been a student at Seville University and had lived in the city since 2016 with his parents and siblings. A search at the family home in Seville uncovered documents and computers which have been taken away to be analysed.

THE EURO ZONE MARK NAYLER

POLES APART



The televised debates between the leaders of Spain's four main political parties this week reminded us just how closely fought the general election will be on Sunday. They also reinforced the fact that, whatever coalition government results from the vote, it certainly won't consist of both Pedro Sánchez's Socialists and Albert Rivera's centre-right Ciudadanos. On the face of it, both leaders' opposition to such a partnership is bizarre: Ciudadanos has attempted a pact with the Socialists in the past and the two parties have some common ground. But Catalonia - the great polarizing force of Spanish politics - is the issue that divides them.

In one of Ciudadanos' campaign videos, pro-independence Catalan politicians are seen sitting by a telephone that does not ring. It doesn't ring because Rivera, Spain's new prime minister, will not even attempt dialogue with the region's separatists. In this way, the Ciudadanos leader has distanced himself from the compromise-based approach favoured by Sánchez.

Indeed, when the Catalan issue surfaced during the first debate on Monday night, Rivera whipped out a photo of Sánchez sitting with Quim Torra, Catalonia's separatist president. The message was clear: Sánchez colludes with the man who's threatening to break up Spain. Pablo Casado, leader of the conservative Popular Party, conveyed the right's concerns less subtly, calling Sánchez "the favourite candidate of the enemies of Spain".

It's true that Sánchez was supported in his toppling of Mariano Rajoy last summer by Catalan nationalist parties. He also courted their support for the 2019 budget, as he required the congressional votes of separatist groups to approve the spending plan. Rivera and Casado are trying to portray such collaboration - if one can really call it that - as proof that Sánchez endorses the Catalan independence drive.

But he doesn't: the outgoing prime minister stated in the second debate that there will be "no referendum and no independence" in Catalonia so long as he is in power. In fact, Sánchez's opposition to Catalan secession is the reason why there's a general election on Sunday: he refused to grant separatists a legal referendum on independence, so they withheld their support for the budget, triggering the dissolution of his administration and sending Spaniards to the voting booths for the third time in three-and-a-half years.

Sánchez has attempted a dialogue-based approach to dealing with Catalan secessionists which, at the very least, has done no more damage than the Rajoyesque tactics favoured by Rivera and Casado. But dialogue and reason play a small part in the Catalonia debate, as this week's televised discussions showed. After watching them, you certainly wouldn't think that all of the parties contending Sunday's vote are opposed to Catalan secession (although Unidas Podemos supports a legal independence referendum), whether or not the telephone rings in Barcelona.

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Puzzling

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for providing us Brits with such a wonderful weekly newspaper including puzzles etc.

That said, I have to admit that last week's spot the difference has had me beat; goodness knows how many times I have picked it up and studied it for the 7th difference.

However, this Easter week's could also be about to give rise to debate as part has not been printed at all.

Your feedback would be most appreciated, so thanking you in advance and Happy Easter to all the staff.

LES CHALLEN
BY EMAIL

Scooter mayhem

I think it is time to have a cull on the seemingly ever growing scooter population that has taken over Malaga. I am all for eco-friendly ways of getting around, but the number of them that are now in the city are now, in my opinion, too much.

It was only the other day that I almost ran over one as I was reversing my car out of a parking spot. If I hadn't spotted it before I got in, I would have gone straight over it.

I don't understand why people just leave them lying about. If they were used responsibly they would be a fantastic alternative to bikes, and would help in providing a more sustainable

transport. But it seems people cannot use them correctly. Would you leave your car parked right behind another? Or even your bike? So why would you park your scooter there?

MARJORIE EVANS
BY EMAIL

A much-needed
change

I was so relieved when I read in your paper that Juan Ramón Muñoz was sacked as Malaga coach (SUR in English, 19-25 April, page 56).

I have been watching Malaga games on and off during the 14 years I've lived in the area and never have I witnessed such a drab brand of football.

The players played with no conviction, just hoping to grind out the 1-0. When the goal didn't come (as it often didn't), they all started to panic.

Now this doesn't come from the players. Many of them have plenty of top-flight experience with a number of clubs across Europe. It comes from the manager. When you're unambitious, the players will sense it. (Just look at what happened with José Mourinho at Manchester United!)

I just hope that this new boss can build on his good start - it certainly looks promising!

Malaga really need to get out of this dreadful division and get back among the big boys!

KEITH CUNNINGHAM
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Making your mind up

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This week we've seen the leaders of the four main political parties in Spain engaging in televised debates in order to make a last-ditch grasp for votes in Sunday's upcoming general election.

It was all much as you might expect - a lot of interrupting, head shaking and paper shuffling while anyone else was talking and tonnes of finger jabbing and brow furrowing when the turn to speak of each participant came round. Nobody put their foot in it particularly but nor did anyone shine with much natural wit or charisma. So far, so predictable, then.

What made these debates different, however, was the elephant-shaped question hanging over the whole proceedings: 'Is there really much point?'

In the late nineteen seventies, politicians would don their huge

kipper ties and debate their policies on one of only three or four TV channels available. This meant audience figures were extremely high and many undecided voters were there to be won over.

In 2019, with its accompanying outlandish narcissism, everybody is already an expert on everything in their own heads and opposing views are for idiots. We get our news from like-minded chums on social media in between videos of cats falling over and so we're never properly challenged on our beliefs and they become more and more entrenched with every supportive article or video we Hoover up. By the time these four leaders were wheeled out this week, the number of undecided voters will, I think, have been approximately zero.

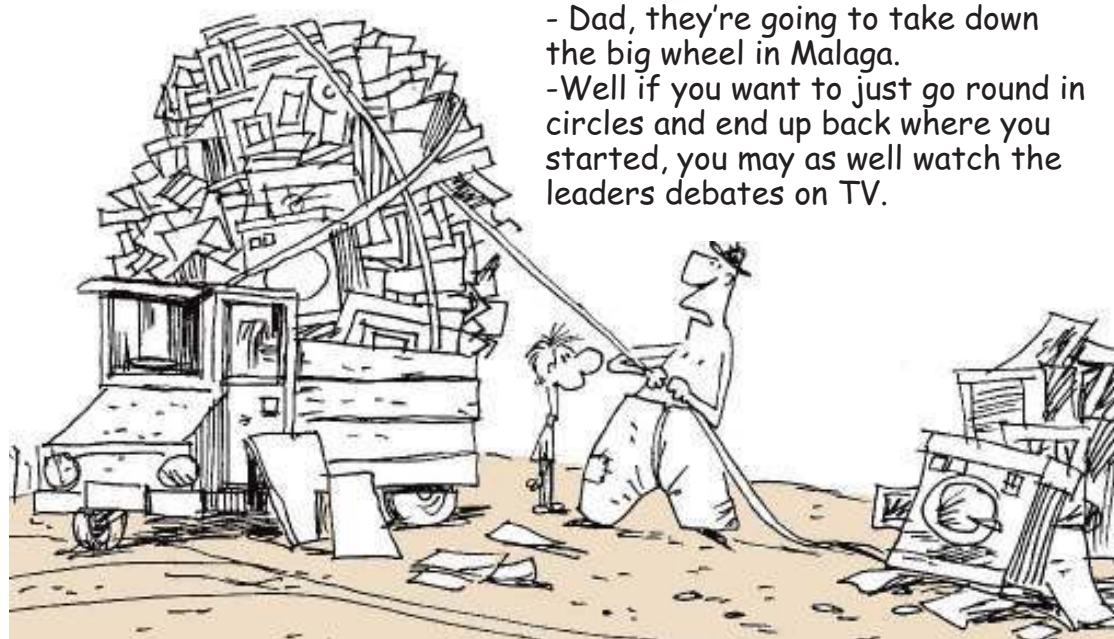
It's inconceivable to me that someone who at the start of the week had already decided who they

were going to vote for would be persuaded to change their mind by the discourse on offer. You only had to look at the skillfully edited videos that were all over TwitFaceAgram in the subsequent days to see that people were really only interested in the bits that supported their preconceived view.

This, then, is all rather scary and might account for the permanent state of pervasive anger which seems to be all the, er, rage in the current climate. If we really want to find some kind of remedy for this sorry state of affairs, we'd probably be well advised to watch a few videos we wouldn't normally dream of clicking on in order to broaden our limited perspectives a little.

So, can anyone recommend a couple of good ones about kittens tumbling base over apex? They're very popular, apparently.

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Reinventing the all-inclusive

The Caribbean is reimagining its popular resorts – think personal butlers and à la carte services, greater authenticity and more community involvement

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Using both hands, our host broke open the large, elongated pod, revealing the white flesh of the fruit inside. From the sticky pulp, he pulled out oval seeds a few centimetres in length and held them in the lined and callused palm of his hand. The humid air carried the sweet aroma of the cocoa.

The thick-skinned pods had been harvested directly from the nearby trees, where they were growing in a modest plantation, in the shade of taller tropical vegetation and banana palms. The ground was deep in fallen leaves. The place was peaceful, except for the sound of the hushed voices of a group of women chatting in the shade of a traditionally-thatched bure and the giggling of a few young kids that were inquisitive of the tourists visiting their farm.

Dominican Republic

The morning's fascinating excursion represented a microcosm of modern-day Dominican Republic – tourism and cocoa, probably the two most important sectors in the country's economy.

This was my first time visiting the Dominican Republic, one of the more than two dozen nations that make up the Caribbean archipelagos of hundreds of islands. This is a Spanish-speaking Caribbean country that together with its neighbour, the French Creole-speaking Republic of Haiti,



A plantation visit is part of the immersion experience in the Dominican Republic. :: A. FORBES



Cocoa beans from the ripe pods of nearby trees.

:: A. FORBES

shares Hispaniola – the Spanish island, so called following the arrival of navigator and colonist Christopher Columbus in 1492. It's the second biggest, and most populous island in the Caribbean.

Punta Cana

I was staying at the newly re-opened Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar hotel, one of the finest complexes in the tourist destination of Punta Cana, on the island's hugely popular Bavaro Beach – an attractive Caribbean scene of white sand, azure sea and gently swaying coconut palms.

The Dominican Republic was among the pioneers of all-inclu-

sive resorts in the Caribbean, with properties built for couples and friends and others designed for families. It's a compelling proposition – warm clear sea, beautiful beaches, balmy weather – and your water sports, entertainment, meals and drinks are all included.

Understandably the Dominican Republic is a favourite with Americans and Canadians, as well as Brits and other Europeans. Spanish family-owned Grupo Piñero is a big part of the island's tourism success story, with 14 properties on the island including the Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar and the group's very first property Grand Bahia Principe San Juan.

Just as the cruise sector goes from strength to strength, so do all-inclusive holidays. They're evolving and becoming much more sophisticated and varied.

My immersive experience, vis-

iting the cocoa plantation was one such example of changes in guests' tastes. Couples and families still want the convenience, security and fun of an all-inclusive resort, but increasingly they also want to discover a destination.

With a wide range of properties, Bahia Principe offer guests the chance to combine different locations in one holiday; maybe the luxury and liveliness of Punta Cana with the seclusion of the Samana peninsula. Trips and excursions include hiking, horseriding and experiences to discover the history of sugarcane and tobacco in the Dominican Republic – and also learn how the nation's future is being shaped by its success as the world's largest producer of sustainable, Fairtrade-certified cocoa.

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for its citizens. The tourism sector is also endeavouring to play its part in confronting the challenges faced by local communities. For example, Bahia Principe provides housing for some 3,000 people on the island and assists with education (which is not compulsory). The company is also working in communities to address the issue of waste management. There is also a strategy to reduce waste and the use of plastics on the resorts.

Mexico

Leaving the Dominican Republic, heading west across the Caribbean sea, skirting Cuba, one reaches the shores of the lush, tropical Yucatán peninsula. This part of Mexico is home to the ancient Mayan pyramids of Chichén Itzá, and the fascinating coastal ruined city of Tulum. These shores are another visitor favourite for all-inclusive Caribbean holidays, from the resorts of Playa del Carmen to Cancún's famous hotel zone that borders the mangroves lakes of the Nichupté lagoon and faces out to the Caribbean sea.

A little to the north of the province of Quintana Roo are pristine protected beaches and the island national park of Isla Contoy. It's the classic Caribbean land and sea-scape that we all dream of. Access is controlled, but guided visits are well worth it to see a pristine side of the Caribbean where there isn't a sunbed or coconut stand in sight.

Costa Mujeres

Close by is the lush vegetation and



The adults-only TRS Coral Hotel in Costa Mujeres is in a self-contained community. :: SUR

coral beaches of Costa Mujeres. Although only about half an hour's drive from the clubs and malls of Cancún, this feels worlds away, an area defined by thousands of acres of tropical vegetation reaching out to the shoreline.

Part of Costa Mujeres has recently been released for tourism development, with the construction of select properties including an exceptional all-inclusive resort by Palladium Hotels Group, founded by the

All-inclusive holidays are evolving and becoming much more sophisticated and varied

Matutes family from Ibiza. This self-contained community, including the adults-only TRS Coral Hotel and family-friendly Palladium Hotel & Spa, represents the new generation of all-inclusive Caribbean resorts defined not by just contemporary architecture, eco-responsible construction, and sustainable hospitality, but also by the sophistication of facilities and services. Dining options can

reflect the local culture and produce; and indulgence in margaritas is balanced by upscale wellness and sports facilities.

It's home to Rafa Nadal's first tennis centre outside his native Mallorca. I visited for the opening of the Rafa Nadal Tennis Centre Costa Mujeres in February and I can confirm it's truly exceptional. The collaboration of tennis champion Rafael Nadal and Palladium Hotel Group CEO Amel Matutes now means that these hotels probably have the best tennis facilities in the world. Here, specialist coaches from the Rafa Nadal Academy by Movistar in Manacor provide unique tennis programmes for all ages, which have been developed by Nadal himself and his technical team.

Outside the bubble

Yet, even with the luxe suites, fine-dining restaurants and the perfect pools of the resort, it was our Mexican hosts that made Costa Mujeres a standout destination.

Mexico is rightly renowned for its hospitality – from the professionally-trained resort staff, to the local stall-holders at Cancún's humble yet fascinating Mercado 23 produce market. One experiences genuine warmth and politeness.

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Costa Mujeres (Mexico)

TRS Coral Hotel

Costa Mujeres is a few hours south east of the bohemian coastal enclave of Holbox, and about 30 minutes drive north from Cancún on Mexico's Caribbean coast. It's a more tranquil alternative to Cancún's Hotel Zone and more contemporary than the resorts of Playa del Carmen.

Palladium Hotels has built a new, self-contained resort here including the exclusive, 469-room adults-only TRS Coral Hotel.

This 'Leading Hotels of the World' property with a Caribbean beach of white coral sand, is raising the bar for all-inclusive in the Caribbean. Guests not only have access to the hotel's exclusive à la carte bars and restaurants, but also to all the facilities, services and dining options of the Grand Palladium Resort & Spa. It's also adjacent to the new Rafa Nadal Tennis Centre which are all part of the same Costa Mujeres resort.

The hotel promises 'Infinite Indulgence' all-inclusive – if you want lobster for breakfast, just go-ahead and order!

Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort & Spa

The new 673-room family-friendly Grand Palladium is an upscale resort that is particularly well-suited to families.

The resort village has a range of leisure, dining, entertainment and shopping options – and there's even a church for destination weddings.

Come sundown, there's a little corner of Vegas in this beautiful part of Mexico too – at the impressive show dinner at the Chic



Bahia Principe Ambar Hotel.

Cabaret Restaurant.

The property features nine restaurants, four swimming pools, one of them exclusively for children.

In addition, the resort offers impressive spa facilities with the Zentropia Spa & Wellness centre. This resort includes the Rafa Nadal Tennis Centre Costa Mujeres with eight clay tennis courts, a football pitch, a padel court and gym.

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Cancún (Mexico)

Live Aqua Beach Resort Cancún



TRS Coral Hotel.

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With almost 30 kilometres of beaches, Cancún's Hotel Zone is typically the first choice for visitors looking for Caribbean resorts close to upscale boutiques, restaurants and a lively nightlife.

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designed to indulge the senses, from the aromatherapy menu in the guest rooms and the award-winning spa, to the seven different swimming pools and vast choice of cuisines in the restaurants.

There's an Aqua Club floor with premium rooms, offering access to a private lounge with upscale food and drinks throughout the day. The hotel has its own nightclub too.

The property has direct beach access and is close to designer shopping at Luxury Avenue, and leisure entertainment at the Fashion Harbour mall.

This is a resort for couples and

friends that want style, fun and superb facilities.

LiveAqua.com

Punta Cana (Dominican Republic)

Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar Hotel

The 5-star, 528-room adults-only Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar Hotel & Spa on Bavaro Beach near Punta Cana has recently undergone a make-over, restoring its status as one of the flagship properties for Bahia Principe. New for 2019 are swim-up pool suites, and the new Escape Experiences from Bahia Prin-

cipe –signature gastronomy and cocktails.

Bahia Principe also has its own excursion company offering opportunities to explore the Dominican Republic. Guests of the Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar Hotel also have access to select facilities across the seven-hotel Bahia Principe Bavaro resort complex.

Fantasia Bahia Principe

An impressive 512-room 5-star resort built in an enchanting style with fairytale castles and themed facilities. This is a superb resort for youngsters, offering water sports, three fantasy castles, and a kids club with costume workshops, crafts and even cooking.

Teenagers will be wowed by the new 'Teens Club' with a gym, private cinema, video consoles and traditional games like pool, table football, and ping-pong.

For the adults, expect six fine-dining restaurants and upscale bars – and plenty of relaxed places for families to be together.

Bahia-Principe.com

Grand Palladium Punta Cana Resort & Spa

Comprehensive family-friendly resort that includes Pirates of the Caribbean-themed kids club and the Castillo Del Pirata mini club (for kids from 4 to 12). For bigger kids, the 'Black and White' Junior Club is for teenagers and young adults from 13 to 19.

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Cap Cana (Dominican Republic)

TRS Cap Cana Hotel

TRS Cap Cana Hotel is an upscale adults-only, seafront resort on Cap Cana. Just 15 km from the better-known Punta Cana, this area is well-suited for golfers as it has one of the finest courses in the Caribbean, the Jack Nicklaus-designed Punta Espada golf course.

The TRS Cap Cana property is by Playa Juanillo beach, one of the most picturesque on the island. Guests can choose from 115 luxury suites, 39 swim-up junior suites, and nine ocean view suites. The hotel also includes the TRS signature 'Infinite Indulgence' all-inclusive with upscale dining and various bars.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD?



Some say that this is the 'City of Music' because of its musical legacy; others say that it is the 'City of Dreams' because it was home to the world's first psychoanalyst.

It will be the former that is celebrated next month (specifically from 10 May until 16 June) as the city plays host to exciting theatre productions as well as a great number of orchestra con-

certs, recitals and chamber music performances.

This is part of the city's 'festive weeks', first established in 1951, while the country was still marked by the ravages of war and

its aftermath, as a way of demonstrating its "will to survive" and that the people were still able to engage in cultural activities.

They have taken place annually ever since and have gained

in popularity with around 180,000 visitors attending every year. If you know where this is, you could win a prize.

Please send the name of the festival (in its original language) and the name of the river which runs through the city (as shown pictured in front of the 'Mexico church') to english@diariosur.es. Only entries with your full name, address and telephone number will be considered.

Last month's photo showed the junction of Reguliersgracht and Lijnbaansgracht in Amsterdam, as pointed out by Theo Hurts in Marbella. He also correctly identified the colour synonymous with King's Day as orange.

Congratulations! Your prize will be on its way to you soon.

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MOVIE LISTING From Friday 26th April to Thursday 2nd May

ORIGINAL VERSION SUBTITLED SPANISH



THE CURSE OF LA LLORONA

Director Michael Chaves
Starring Linda Cardellini, Raymond Cruz, Patricia Velázquez
HORROR - 93 min.

Ignoring the eerie warning of a troubled mother suspected of child endangerment, a social worker and her own small kids are soon drawn into a frightening supernatural realm.

Friday 26: 22:30
From Saturday 27 to Wednesday 1: 22:45
Thursday 2: 18:30



MIA AND THE WHITE LION

Director Gilles De Maistre - Starring Melanie Laurent - ADVENTURES - 98 min.

Friday 26: 18:15
Saturday 27, Sunday 28 and Wednesday 1: 16:00



SHAZAM!

Director David F. Sandberg - Starring Zachary Levi - ACTION - 132 min.

From Friday 26 to Thursday 2: 22:30



AVENGERS: ENDGAME

Director Anthony Russo, Joe Russo
Starring Brie Larson, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson
ACTION - 181 min.

With the help of remaining allies, the Avengers assemble once more in order to undo Thanos' actions and restore order to the universe.

Friday 26: 17:00, 19:15, 21:45
Saturday 27, Sunday 28 and Wednesday 1: 15:45, 17:30, 19:00, 21:45
Monday 29 and Thursday 2: 19:00, 20:30, 21:45
Tuesday 30: 19:00, 21:45



AFTER

Director Jenny Gage
Starring Hero Fiennes Tiffin, Josephine Langford, Selma Blair
DRAMA, ROMANCE - 108 min.

A young woman falls for a guy with a dark secret and the two embark on a rocky relationship. Based on the novel by Anna Todd.

Friday 26: 20:30
Saturday 27 and Wednesday 1: 19:40, 22:30
From Sunday 28 to Tuesday 30: 22:30
Thursday 2: 22:30



DUMBO Director Tim Burton - Starring Colin Farrell - FANTASY - 111 min.

Friday 26: 17:40
Saturday 27 and Wednesday 1: 15:40
Sunday 28: 11:45, 15:40
Monday 29 and Tuesday 30: 18:15 - Thursday 2: 18:00



WONDER PARK

Director Dylan Brown - Voices Sofia Mali - ANIMATION - 85 min.

Friday 26: 17:30
Saturday 27 and Wednesday 1: 15:40
Sunday 28: 12:00, 15:40





LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

26 APRIL 1903

Atlético Madrid football club is founded

Atlético Madrid are currently second in La Liga, the third most successful in Spanish football and one of the biggest clubs in the world. However, it wasn't always this way.

Founded on 26 April 1903 by three Basque students, Atlético Madrid was originally a youth branch of Bilbao-based side Athletic Club. In 1904, the newly-formed team gained some players from neighbouring Real Madrid.

The team began playing in a blue and white halved strip, which were then the colours of Athletic Bilbao. In 1911 a

change was made and the current strip was born.

There are different stories as to why the strip colour was changed. One is that the red and white kit was cheaper to make, as the same material was used for mattress ticking, and the leftovers was converted into football shirts.

Because of this, the team is now commonly known as 'Los Colchoneros' (closely related to the word mattress in Spanish). However, another story is that Atlético Madrid used to buy kits from Blackburn

Rovers in England. In 1909, Juanito Elorduy went to England



Fans at a recent Atlético Madrid match. EFE

to get the kits. The story goes that he was unable to buy them and got Southampton shirts instead. Atlético Madrid decided to keep their blue shorts and adopt the red top, leading to the kit they have today.

In 1921 Atlético Madrid became independent of parent-club Athletic Bilbao and moved into a 35,800-seater stadium, where it

remained until 1966, when the club's home became the Estadio Vicente Calderón.

Throughout the 1920s, Atlético Madrid won the Campeonato del Centro three times, while also coming second in the Copa del Rey in 1921.

Throughout the years, the team has won many Spanish titles, in-

cluding La Liga on 10 occasions. On 17 May 2014, came their most recent; it was their first since 1996.

Atlético have also been crowned winners of UEFA Europa League three times, the same number of times they came runners-up in the UEFA Champions League.

The current squad includes high-profile players such as Spaniard Diego Costa and Frenchman Antoine Griezmann.

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REF. H. E. A.

I have a 2,000 euro debt with a bank. As I cannot pay, they have sued me, and I have already collected the document instituting the proceedings. It is a *procedimiento monitorio*, and I have 20 days to answer. I want to settle the debt, but I cannot pay it all in one go. What can I do?

Once the *procedimiento moni-*

torio (payment procedure) has started, you have three options: acquiesce, that is admit the existence of the debt and pay it; oppose it, which would become a verbal proceeding; or not do anything, so the payment procedure would terminate, but the bank could ask for the seizure of your assets, and would probably apply for the payment of the court costs. As you do not deny the debt, it would be advisable to try to reach an agreement with the bank in order to settle the debt in instalments. If there is no agreement, the best option for you from a financial point of view is to acquiesce and settle the debt.

REF. T. R. E.

We bought a villa off plan, with a built area of around 200m². The house would consist of a basement and three floors, but the building company now says that the upper floor cannot be built because

the PGOU does not allow it, and they act as if this is not a problem. My question is, can they modify the contract without having a penalty? Could we sue the company, or at least have them return the money proportionally to the area that they are not going to build?

First it would be necessary to check if the contract establishes anything on this matter. If the situation is not foreseen in the contract, you could ask for the reduction of the price according to the metres that they won't build, or demand the cancellation of the contract if you are not interested in the property as a consequence of the change. The best would be to try and reach an amicable agreement with the building company, but if that is not possible, you will have to sue the company, for which you will need to be assisted by a lawyer and bailiff.

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New association to unite existing Irish organisations on the coast

The newly formed Irish Network Andaluz is based on cross cultural activities that embrace visual and performing arts

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MARBELLA. The Costa del Sol's large Irish community is well represented by various organisations and individuals that promote Celtic music, culture, sport and gastronomy. Shane O'Shea, the director of one of these associations (Project Music), has been involved in the formation of The Irish Network Andaluz, a new association that will bring together all existing organisations in order to give them a stronger voice.

The Irish Network Andaluz has been established by a group of like-minded people and it embraces all nationalities equally, with no discrimination against sex, race or religion. The newly-formed network is based on cross-cultural activities that include the visual and performing arts and the development of sports. It hopes to organise a minimum of ten events each year and these will include rounds of golf, coffee mornings, gala dinners, concerts, art exhibitions and family sporting events. There will also be special events presenting guest speakers from Ireland and these will feature sports personalities, professional musicians, historians, authors and poets.

"The Irish Network Andaluz will attempt to bring together all the positive work undertaken on the coast by the Irish community. It is

not only for Irish nationals though, as we welcome all nationalities. There will also be an emphasis on the local Spanish community," O'Shea told SUR in English.

The Irish Network Andaluz has been in its infancy for the past few months and it will be officially inaugurated at a special 'black tie' event at the Kempinski Hotel in Marbella on Saturday 27 April.

THE ROYAL FAMILY ATTEND EASTER MASS

A year ago the Easter mass celebrated in Palma cathedral was somewhat fraught. Queen Letizia and Queen Sofia had a visible 'falling out' when mother-in-law wanted to pose for photographs with her grandchildren and the daughter-in-law didn't want the girls to appear in the press. This year there was no discord as the Royal family appeared briefly for some photos.



The Irish folk group, Lena Lluna Duo, will perform at the inauguration of the Irish Network Andaluz. :: SUR

The launch will be attended by Sile Maguire, the Irish Ambassador to Spain, who will deliver the opening address.

The network will be launched in style: a piper will lead attendees

into the ballroom, where they will enjoy an evening of entertainment.

This will include performances by The Choir Andaluz, and Italian mezzo soprano Simona Mango. Irish folk music will be supplied

by the Lena Lluna Duo, and the Celtic band, The Stolen Gnomes.

i For more information: call Shane O'Shea on 693 751 857

FACTS AND FACES

Students learn from the top at Big Data Forum

MARBELLA

:: SUR. Students at the Marbella International University Centre, plus guests from businesses in Marbella, got to grips with the latest technology at the Big Data Forum held recently at the centre.

Speakers were from some of the top firms in the industry including RavenPack, TDK Electronics, Accenture, Oracle and Caterpillar.

One of the MIUC's own Business Analytics and Big Data students, Sudip Debnath, helped to open the forum, along with representatives from Marbella town hall.



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GARDENING

The rose apple

An attractive tropical plant with glossy foliage, 'powder puff' white flowers and fragrant, edible fruits

Syzygium is a genus of evergreen trees and shrubs in the myrtaceae family. There are around 1,200 to 1,800 species in this little studied genus, many of which are grown as ornamental plants. S. aromaticum is grown commercially for its harvest of unopened buds which are

dried and sold as the spice we call cloves. Most of the species are tropical or subtropical and many have edible fruit which are commonly called rose apples. In Australia they are known as lillipillies or bush cherries. The species S. Cumini has

been cultivated for over 2,500 years in India where it is venerated by Buddhists and Hindus. There, it is grown for its medicinal properties as parts of the plant are believed to lower blood-sugar levels, relieve diarrhea and treat epilepsy.

Syzygium jambas is native to south-east Asia and has fragrant, guava-shaped fruits that smell like roses. A few placed in a bowl will soon fill a room with their perfume. The skin of the fruit is very thin and the flesh crisp and juicy. They do not have a strong flavour nor are they very sweet but they are refreshing and rich in Vitamin C.

The rose apple is fast growing and can reach up to four metres high in two years. However it responds well to clipping and can be grown as a wind break or hedge. The flowers, 5-8cm in diameter, grow in terminal clusters and are white or greenish-white, with numerous long stamens; they attract lots of bees and other pollinating insects. The fruit forms at the end of the summer, the colour and shape vary according to species, and they contain few seeds in a cavity inside the fruit. The fruit is ripe when the seeds inside rattle when it is shaken.

Syzygium jambas is drought resistant once established but for thick foliage and plenty of fruit it should be irrigated regularly during hot, dry weather. It needs a sunny position and protection from cold and especially frost in the winter.

Propagation is by fresh seed or layering.



Rose apple and a close up of the flowers. :: WIKIMEDIA/FLOCKR

READER'S PHOTO



JULIA HERROD

THE PRIDE OF MADEIRA

Julia Herrod sent in photos of her beautiful garden including several of Echim candicans, commonly called Pride of Madeira. Echim is a large perennial shrub, native to Madeira and a member of the borage family. It is easily grown from seed and there is also a white form of this species.

GARDENING IN APRIL

Pot prepping for summer

The sun is out and after the recent April showers, everything (including the weeds) is galloping away. Now is the time to start planting up containers to give extra summer colour. The list of plants that you can use for containers and hanging baskets is endless but here are a few to get you thinking: Thunbergia (trailing), Bacopa, Fuchsia,

Petunia, Geranium, Lantana Zinnia, Arcotis, Heliotrope, Artemisia, Brachyscome, Calibrachea, Nemesia... Or try something a bit different this year and mix different types of succulents together. You could also plant a selection of culinary herbs in a container near the kitchen door to use to jazz up your summer salads.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

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

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





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Carlos Álvarez, returning "back home"

After 12 years, the baritone is once again making his debut in an opera at the Cervantes, this time in 'Othello'

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Tenor Jorge de León and soprano Rocío Ignacio are playing new roles in this production which will be performed in Malaga on three dates in May

MALAGA. Carlos Álvarez began in opera when opera began at the Cervantes Theatre, exactly 30 years ago. Now they will both be celebrating with music by Verdi from May 1st to 5th. The baritone from Malaga is playing Iago in 'Othello', a co-production by the Cervantes and the Teatro Principal de Palma, for which rehearsals began last weekend. It is 12 years since he played a leading role in an opera in Malaga which was with 'Andrea Chénier' in 2007. "This means being able to do at home what I would normally do in other theatres all over the world," says Álvarez, who has recently returned from Tokyo where he made his debut in 'Gianni Schicchi'.

He is back home and "with friends," say those involved in the production. With only a few days of rehearsals before the premiere, the connection between the team is crucial. The three principal soloists have often worked together, but for two of them this is their first 'Othello'. Soprano Rocío Ignacio says she is starting to become accustomed to playing a new role alongside Carlos Álvarez. "It is a great responsibility, but I feel very lucky. It is like making your debut at the side of María Calas or Plácido Domingo," says Rocío, who is playing Desdemona for the first time. It is, she says, "a very im-



The rehearsals started at the Cervantes last weekend. :: SALVADOR SALAS

portant musical and vocal work" and she is excited about it, but cautious at the same time. So much so, that she even dreams about this opera.

Jorge de León has also spent more than a year studying the arias and duos in 'Othello' because of the vocal difficulties and the amount of time his character is on stage. He has also made his debut in several important roles in Malaga. This will be his first Othello, and he also performed in 'Andrea Chénier' with Carlos Álvarez at the Cervantes in 2007.

"We are used to performing operas with little rehearsal time, but it is usually something we have sung before, not like now. However, with the knowledge we share and the close relationship between us, it won't be as difficult as it could otherwise have been," says Jorge, who travelled to Malaga from Berlin, where he had

been performing in 'Tosca'.

A large boat on stage

"It is an honour for me that they are making their debut here," says stage director Alfonso Romero. He is creating a production which respects Boito's story and Verdi's music, but with a setting which goes beyond a merely decorative element. "I wanted it to visually portray the development of the plot," he says. The main feature is a large boat which represents the character and figure of Othello: a man who wins battles and is sure of himself, but little by little his doubts grow and he becomes jealous after the interventions of his standard-bearer, Iago (Carlos Álvarez). "As this poison spreads through Othello's personality, we will see that the boat is gradually dismantled until all that remains is its skeleton, like the bones

of a whale," explains Romero.

This 'Othello' promises to be as spectacular as opera audiences expect. "It begins with a storm at sea where the audience literally sees itself immersed through video mapping in the theatre," he says.

With regard to the script, Romero likes to delve deep and explore new aspects of the characters' personalities. He does it here with Desdemona, who is usually portrayed as a weak woman and a victim of what is happening around her. "In fact, it is the opposite. She marries Othello when she is 16 or 17 behind her family's back, breaking all social rules. I want a Desdemona who responds forcibly to Othello's accusations, faces up to him without fear," he explains. With this cast, he can achieve it. "Often, the singers want to do what they have always done, because that makes

IN DETAIL

► **The opera.** 'Othello', by Giuseppe Verdi with script by A. Boito.

► **Stage director.** Alfonso Romero.

► **Musical director.** Marco Guidarini, conducting the OFM. Salvador Vázquez leads the Malaga Opera Choir.

► **Soloists.** Carlos Álvarez, Jorge de León, Rocío Ignacio, Luis Paccetti, Marifé Nogales, Francisco Tójar, Manuel de Diego, Isaac Galán.

► **Venue.** Cervantes Theatre.

► **Dates.** 1, 3 and 5 May.

► **Tickets.** From 24 to 90 euros. Only a few seats are left.

them feel secure, but not in this case. These artists are very secure about their technique and their work, and that means they are open-minded and generous about doing something differently," he says.

Marco Guidarini will be conducting the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra, whose members he knows well. He says 'Othello' is one of the most beautiful and complicated works in their repertoire. "We are talking about a Verdi who was already mature. His artistic and intellectual friendship with Arrigo Boito had a profound influence on his work. As a great writer, he enabled Verdi to develop his style in a way he had never been able to do before. It is incredible," he explains.

This performance of 'Othello' is bound to fill the Cervantes Theatre as it celebrates its 30th Opera Season. May there be many more to come.



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The 'King's Day' party attracts hundreds of Dutch residents. :: SUR

Painting the town orange for King's Day

■ TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. Dutch communities along the Costa del Sol will be celebrating Koningsdag, the national holiday of the Netherlands, on Saturday 27 April. An all-day street party will be held in La Carihueta in Torremolinos to celebrate the birthday of Willem-Alexander, the King of the Netherlands who ascended the throne following his mother's abdication in 2013.

Orange is traditionally worn on this day, also known as 'King's Day', to show respect to the country's royal family.

Starting at 3pm, the festival, which is organised by Torremolinos town hall and the Voom Voom Club, will include a street market offering hand-craft products and the traditional gastronomy of the Netherlands. There will also live entertainment, including a special performance by the Dutch singer, Jordy Carerro, at the Café Brabander at 4pm.

This is the fourth consecutive year the festival has been held in Torremolinos and it has become the most popular annual gathering of the Dutch community of the Costa del Sol.

EXHIBITIONS

Cruz Herrera Museum

La Linea. Permanent exhibition in La Linea de la Concepción.

The museum has a gallery for Hererras' works plus conference room and classroom.

The World of Science

Gibraltar. From 6 May until 17 May, The Fine Arts Gallery, The Balcony, Casemates.

Aarron Seruya is an artist and a lawyer. He will be exhibiting 84 of his oil paintings which are all in the genre pop / fan art and include works from the Marvel and DC franchises plus scenes based on the Star Wars movies. The inauguration at 6.30pm will be attended by members of the 501st Legion Stormtroopers.

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The World of Science, Gibraltar

Ice Age Europe Now

Gibraltar. Until end of May, Commonwealth Park.

An open-air photography exhibition of fascinating finds and objects that connect the past and present from over 15 locations across Europe.

Granada Mi Aire

Estepona. Until 31 August. Patio Top Garden Furniture, Carrertera A7 163- Urb El Pirata.

Andalusian landscapes focusing on light and power.

Biennial Contemporary Art

Marbella. Cultural Centre Kunsthau Berlin, Poligono Nueva Campana local 2 Nueva Andalucía. In collaboration with the Fred Friedrich Foundation, Marbella Town-Hall and the Mexican Ambassador in Spain, Don Raphael de la Madrid. Fifteen local and international artists are exhibiting their work. info@redaktionkhbm.de.

Johan Wahlstrom

San Pedro. Until 30 April. Es.Arte Gallery, Avd del Mediterráneo. The exhibition 'Hidden Figures 2' is by Swedish artist Johan Wahlstrom, a former musician whose art has been displayed alongside Andy Warhol in New York.

Anna Schellberg

Marbella. Until 30 June. Amare Beach Hotel, Plaza José Luque Manzano.

The exhibition, entitled Urban Power will be inaugurated on 21 March.

Yusto Giner

Marbella. Until 30 April. Galería Yusto Giner, C/Madera.

An exhibition entitled Hotel Ostende by Ángel Mateo Charris and Gonzalo Sicre.

Emilia Rebollo

Malaga. Until 28 April. Museo de Patrimonio Municipal.

Emilia Rebollo was a textile artist in Malaga in the nineteenth century. The museum has rescued her original designs and will be displaying twenty of them in a special exhibition

Permanent exhibition

Marbella. Museo Ralli Marbella. Recent additions to the permanent exhibition at the Museo Ralli includes works by artists such as Rufino Tamayo and Ernesto Deira.

Paco Cabello

Ronda. Until 11 May. Museo Unica Joaquín Peinado.

A series of 25 sculptures and some drawings by Paco Cabello entitled 'La Balsa de la Medusa'.

Ernst Kraft

Malaga. Botanical gardens 'La Concepción'.

A sculpture 'The Tree of Life' by Ernst Kraft will be on permanent display in the gardens on the lawns next to the pond. The minimalist structure of iron rods is five metres tall and is based on the pre-pharaonic pictogram representing the union of heaven and the underworld.

The Russian museum

Malaga. Edificio Tabacalera, Avda Sor Teresa Prat. Tues-Sun 9.30am - 10pm.

The new annual exhibition is entitled 'Santas, reinas y obreras. La imagen de la mujer en el arte ruso' and the new temporary exhibitions 'Modernas y decisivas. Artistas rusas entre tradición y vanguardia' and 'Colección Krystyna Gmurzynska'. 'La Mirada Lateral' by Emmanuel Lafonte on the staircase to the exhibition rooms will be on display until February 2020.



Mister Kaikus, Malaga

Revello de Toro

Malaga. C/Afligidos, 5.

A dozen pencil drawings by Félix Revello de Toro will be on display in a seasonal exhibition in the museum.

Ruiz de Luna

Malaga. Museo Municipal del Patrimonio (MUPAM), Paseo de Reding.



Charris, Yusto-Giner, Marbella

An exhibition dedicated to the Ruiz de Luna ceramic dynasty. Around 300 pieces are on display including ceramics, drawings, watercolours and sculptures.

Malaga Glass Museum

Malaga. Permanent exhibition.

Plazuela Santísimo Cristo de la Sangre.

The glass museum has two new glass panels on display that have been painstakingly restored. They were both made by the Spanish company Mauméjean.

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

'Neighbours IV'

Malaga. Permanent collection. Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Calle Alemania.

Works by local Malaga artists are on display in 'Neighbours IV'. Many different techniques and subjects are included.

Guitar legacy

Malaga. Museo Interactivo de Música Málaga (MIMMA).

The museum is exhibiting instruments, documents and tools belonging to the Dominguez family. The workshop of Francisco Dominguez Valderrama and then his son José Dominguez García, was the last of the Malaga school of guitar makers which was started in the seventeenth century. They carried on the legendary Casa Lorca tradition making guitars, lutes and bandurrias (a type of lute).

Filip Custic

Malaga. Until 15 May. La Térmica, Avda de Los Guindos. Free.

The Spanish/Croatian artist Filip Custic, is exhibiting a selection of his works under the title Homo-? The audio-visual display symbolises the evolution of mankind in which Custic tempers the negativity and tragedies of the past with an optimistic iconography.

We Are Here

Malaga. Until 27 April. Sala de Exposiciones, Sociedad Económica Amigos del País.

Young artists Rebeca Huerta, Silvia Lermo, Darko, María Dávila, Paloma de la Cruz, Javier Artero, María Vera, Julio Anaya, Hadaly Vilasclaras, Eugenio Rivas, Marc Montijano and Alejandro Castillo, will be exhibiting their works.

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Olga Picasso

Malaga. Until 2 June. Museo Picasso Malaga.

Olga Khokhlova was Picasso's first wife. This exhibition is based on their relationship and how it and the time of political and social change affected his art.

Y Fellini Soñó con Picasso

Malaga. Until 13 May. Museo Picasso Malaga.

The Cinémathèque française, in co-operation with Fundación Almine and Bernard Ruiz-Picasso, has produced this exhibition of drawings, photos, posters and sculpture by Picasso which he created in Paris.

Mar Garrido

Malaga. Until 26 May. Salas Mingo-rance, Archivo Municipal.

A selection of photographs and videos created by the Madrid born artist Mar Garrido will be on display.

Mister Kaikus

Malaga. Until 28 May. La Casa Amarilla.

The exhibition, Paisajes Habitados, is a series of works by Mister Kaikus produced this year.

Pedro de Mena Granatensis Malacae

Malaga. Until 14 July. Palacio Episcopal.

The exhibition will consist of 63 religious works created by sculptor Pedro de Mena y Medrano.

Matisse

Malaga. Until 9 June. Centro Pom-

pidou, Muelle Uno.

A selection of 50 works by the French artist Henri Matisse are on display at the centre.

Iliazd and Picasso

Malaga. Until 23 June. Salas de Exposiciones, Fundación Picasso, Plaza d la Merced (Casa Natal).

This is the first time that the works of Georgian artist and editor Iliazd will be displayed in Spain. The Pushkin Museum in Moscow is collaborating with the Fundación



Fellini /Picasso, Malaga

Picasso to exhibit 200 works by artists including Picasso who illustrated Iliazd's books.

Miguel Molet

Malaga. Until 28 April. Alfajar gallery, C/Císter, 1.

Anatomis de la forma is the name of this exhibition by artist Miguel Molet. The inauguration is tonight (15 March) at 8.30pm.

El Jardín Secreto

Malaga. Until 30 April. Salas de la Coracha, Museo Patrimonio de Málaga.

Over 300 pieces have been lent by private collectors for this exhibition. It includes works by Malaga artists Enrique Brikkmann and Francisco Peinado as well as internationally recognised artists such as Anish Kapoor, Per Barclay and David Hockney.

Jesús de Perceval

Antequera. Until 26 July, 5-8pm. Centro Fundación Unicaja.

Over 70 photographs by Almeria photographer, painter and sculptor Jesús de Perceval.

Modernas y Seductoras

Malaga. Until 26 May. Sala Noble, Carmen Thyssen Museum.

Modernas y seductoras. Mujeres en la Colección ABC (1900-1936) is



Jesús de Perceval, Antequera

the title of the new exhibition at the museum. It symbolises the image of the modern woman at the beginning of the 20th century and how it broke the traditional stereotype of women in the home.

Jorge Rando Varnauskas

Malaga. Until 4 May 2020. Museo Ralli Marbella.

An exhibition of works by Lithuanian artist Zenonas Varnauskas (1923 - 2010). The works cover the pre-war period, the Soviet Republic and the recuperation of independent Lithuania.

Van Gogh Alive

Malaga. Until 9 June. The marquee in Malaga port. 10am-8pm.

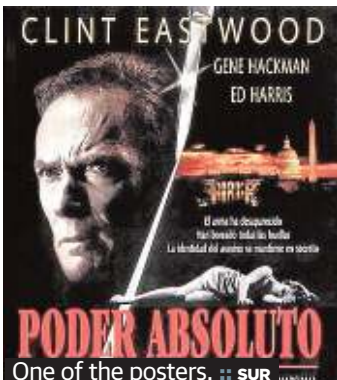
A multi-media exhibition that brings the life and paintings of the Dutch artist Van Gogh 'alive'.

Cristóbal Toral

Antequera. Until 26 April. Museo de la Ciudad de Antequera.

Internationally famous, local artist Cristóbal Toral returns to his roots with a magnificent exhibition of over fifty of his large format works. The paintings were created over the last forty years and there is also a display he has made comprising 500 suitcases and holdalls.

American thrillers at the Albéniz cinema in Malaga



MALAGA. American thrillers are being shown in their original language and in 35mm format, with Spanish subtitles, at the Albéniz theatre from 2 May until 4 July.

This new series of classic films covers the film noir genre through the eyes of some of Hollywood's most prestigious directors such as the Coen brothers, Clint Eastwood, Lynne Ramsey and Quentin Tarantino.

All the films are shown at 8pm and tickets, available from the box office or www.unientradas.es, are 4.50 euros for the general public. Club Albéniz members pay 4 euros.

FILMS

► **2 May.** Jackie Brown (Quentin Tarantino 1997).

► **9 May.** Blood Simple (Joel Coen 1984).

► **16 May.** Zero Dark Thirty (Kathryn Bigelow 2012).

► **23 May.** Ronin (John Frankenheimer 1998).

► **30 May.** Bad Lieutenant (Abel Ferrara 1992).

► **6 June.** Absolute Power (Clint Eastwood 1997).

► **13 June.** You Were Never Really Here (Lynne Ramsay 2017).

► **20 June.** Homicide (David Mamet 1991).

► **27 June.** The Limey (Steven Soderbergh 1999).

► **4 July.** The Postman Always Rings Twice (Bob Rafelson 1981).



EXHIBITIONS

Exotic Vibrations

Mijas. *Mijas Tourist Office, Mijas Pueblo.*

Seven international artists living and working on Costa del Sol will be displaying original artworks in oils, pastels, watercolours, textiles, silk paintings and acrylics. Also greeting cards and miniature art.

Picasso ceramics

Mijas. *Permanent exhibition. Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Mijas, Calle Málaga, 11am - 7pm.*

An exhibition of 44 ceramics created by Malaga artist, Pablo Ruiz Picasso.

Torremolinos Chic

Torremolinos. *Permanent exhibition, Casa de los Navajas.*

An exhibition of photographs taken in the 60s and 70s entitled Torremolinos Chic. It features around twenty photographs including one of the legendary Bridget Bardot posing on Carihuela beach in a Cordobés hat.



Galería Krabbe, Frigiliana

'30 X 30'

Torremolinos. *Until 30 April. The café in the Centro Cultural Pablo Ruiz Picasso. Free.*

Students at the Universidad Popular in Torremolinos will be displaying a selection of their works created in pastel, oils, acrylics etc. all in a 30cm by 30cm format.

Galería Krabbe

Frigiliana. *Until 22 June.*



Eva Bekier, Marachiavaya

C/Rosarico.

An exhibition with works by Luise Haugen and Vivi Linnemann. Email: galeriakrabbe@gmail.com

Photograph exhibition

Fuengirola. *Until 30 April.*

Colectivo Imagen, C/Maestra Aspiazu 21. 8.30-10.30pm Mon-Wed; 8-10pm Fri and by previous appointment Tues and Thurs 6-10pm.

A group of members of the Colectivo Imagen will be exhibiting a selection of their photos.

Happy Artists

La Cala de Mijas. *Until 30 April.*

BocArte Restaurant, C/Cómpeta. Jane Gomis and Astrid Frida Zehetner from the Happy Artists group are exhibiting a collection of paintings.

Marine collection

Vélez-Málaga. *La Sala de Mezquitilla.*

Francisco Javier Pastor Daga started collecting sea shells when he was little and went on to form a collection of shells, fossils and examples of marine life totalling over 1,500 pieces. He is also a talented wood-carver winning second prize for his work from the Universidad de Bellas Artes in Seville in 2016.

Julio López Hernández

Vélez-Málaga. *Until 26 April. Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Francisco Hernández.*

'Forma Materia y Aire' is the name of the exhibition which consists of 43 pieces by the late artist (29 sculptures and 14 sketches).

Eva Bekier

Macharaviaya. *Until 2 June. Museo de Los Gálvez.*

Un Espejo de Emociones is the title of the new exhibition by Eva Bekier.

Mi Tierra

La Herradura. *Until 30 September, 9am-3pm. Mercado Municipal.*

An exhibition of around 50 photographs taken by five photographers from the Almuñécar Foto Club.

Old and New

Órgiva, Granada. *Until 5 May. The old town hall.*

Coordinated by local photographer, Jo Chipchase, and curated by artist, Gareth Lister, the exhibition will feature numerous types of artwork from traditional painting to photographs, 3D work, light installations, and more. www.artistsnetworkalpujarra.com

Costa del Arte Collective

Almuñécar. *From 3 May until 24 May. Espacio Creativo, C/Baja del Mar*

The Costa del Sol Collective is a group of five professional international artists. They will be exhibiting small format works not larger than 25x25cm. During the exhibition there will be a series of creative workshops including making handmade paper, mixed media painting, watercolour and book making. Places are limited. www.annabelkeatley.com

Inside Outside

Gibraltar. *26 April. GEMA Gallery,*

Montagu Bastion.

A pop-up exhibition of Gibraltar of 15 city-scapes by Beatrice Garcia. The exhibition is one in a small series in an initiative by Gibraltar Cultural Services. The programme aims to provide new opportunities for artists.

CHARITY

Horizonte Marbella market

Marbella. *19 May, 4 August, 6 October, 1 December from 10am. Parque de la Alameda.*

Clothing, toys and electronics, home decor, jewellery and books etc. New and second hand. Funds go towards helping improve the lives of vulnerable people whether suffering from emotional problems or with substance addiction.

Indie Rock concert for Alzheimers charity

Estepona. *26 April, 8pm. Centro Cultural Padre Manuel. 5€.*



Costa del Arte, Almuñécar

The Clem Fandangos (Sami James, Bryan Wells, Jofre Lomez Prego and Kim de Ram) play music influenced by funk, folk, hip hop, heavy rock, punk and reggae. Award winning singer, songwriter and accomplished classical guitarist, Colm Fitzpatrick will also be performing.

AID charity auctions

Coín. *26 April, 22 May, 28 June, 26 July, from 7pm. Vivero Hoyo, Camino de Coín, opposite Venta La Morena.*

A monthly auction for the Animals in Distress charity. Call Joe: 626942427 or go to: www.animals-in-distress.eu

TAPAS St George's Day Garden Party

Cártama Estación. *27 April, from 2pm. Casa Olivia. 5€ members, 6€ guests.*

Members and guests are invited to a traditional English afternoon tea, with cakes from Betty's Salon de Tê. There will be music and entertainment. Book at TAPAS box office, call: 678932284 or www.tapasociety.com

Cocktail party

Benalmádena. *28 April, from 1pm. Smiler's Bar.*

Live entertainment, food and cocktails, raffle, stalls, dog fancy dress and dogs for adoption etc. Funds raised for Pawsawhile-dog rescue charity who need a new shelter and help to pay the vet's bills etc. www.pawsawhile-dogrescue.com

Spring fairs get under way with the Coín Fiestas de Primavera

T. BRYANT

COÍN. Residents of Coín are preparing for the Fiestas de Primavera, the annual spring fair held from Thursday 2 until Sunday 5 May.

The festivities will begin on Thursday with the traditional parade from Montesol to the Plaza Alameda at 8pm. This is followed by the official inauguration of the fairground attractions and the casetas, where live music and entertainment will continue nightly until the early hours.

The celebrations continue on Friday with the Día de la Cruz, when the streets, squares and houses of Coín are adorned with crosses decorated with flowers in honour of El Cristo de la Perdón y La Vera Cruz. The procession of the Christ of Forgiveness will leave the Iglesia de San Juan at 8pm, before embarking on its journey around the streets of Coín.

Visitors can also enjoy the traditional fruit and vegetable competition that promotes the produce grown by local farmers,



Coín's spring fair will include the Día de la Cruz Festival. :: T. B.

which is held in the Parque de San Agustín on Saturday from 12pm. This will be followed by the eighth edition of the Motos Clásicas, a gathering of enthusiasts that will exhibit a collection of vintage automobiles and motorcycles.

The spring fair will present a series of live music concerts,

which will include performances by local group D'Vuelta; DJs, Barroso and David Deseo, and a special concert by popular singer, David de María, who will perform songs from his latest album.

All concerts will take place in the municipal caseta at midnight.

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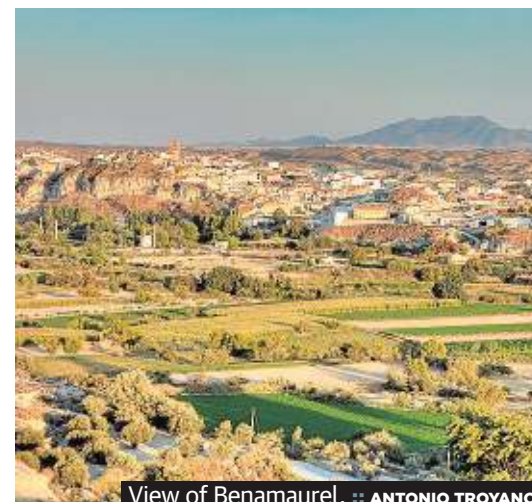
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A re-enactment of the Christians rescuing the Virgin from the Moors in Benamaurel. :: AYTO. BENAMAUREL



View of Benamaurel. :: ANTONIO TROYANO



BASIC GUIDE

What to see in Benamaurel

Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. The first church in the town, it was built on the site of an old mosque in 1520. Plaza Mayor, 11. 18817 Benamaurel.



Torre de Castril. A watchtower built by the Arabs, with a cylindrical shape, 4.25 metres in diameter. Junto a la carretera de Benamaurel a Cortes y Castril. 18817 Benamaurel.

Ermita de la Virgen de la Cabeza. A chapel originally built in the XIX century. Barrio Yeseras, 18C, 18817 Benamaurel.



Cementerio Antiguo de Benamaurel. Information centre on cave dwellers and funeral customs. Paseo Eras San Antonio, 64A, 18817 Benamaurel.

Casa del Tío Tinajas. Private cave located next the old fortress of Benamaurel. Calle San León, 1. 18817 Benamaurel.

The Christians rescue the Virgin

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2 days in Benamaurel

car and walk.
Trip duration:
2 hours and 30 minutes from Malaga.
Muslims and Christians: 4 hours.
Monuments: 3 hours.



Religious devotion, and a lot of literary content. These are the two things that make the Fiesta de los Moros y Cristianos in Benamaurel different from others that are celebrated throughout the year in Spain.

This can be confirmed by those who visit Benamaurel between today and Monday. A theatrical performance which pays tribute to the patron saint of the town the Virgen de la

Cabeza will take place. A festival which not only oozes religious fervour but also explores the traditional and unique cultural heritage in the Iberian Peninsula.

Although there was an older celebration of the event that fell into disuse, the re-enactment nowadays reflects the events that took place between the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The text used for the re-enactment is called 'Cautiverio y Rescate de Nuestra Señora de la Virgen de la Cabeza', although is better known in the town as 'Los Papeles'.

This event is considered today to be one of the most literary celebrations of any of the Moors and Christian festivals that take place in Spain.

Today and tomorrow, Benamaurel will be preparing itself for the festival which will be staged on Sunday and Monday.

From 11am on Sunday the pilgrimage of the Virgen de la Cabeza will take place, moving through the town to reach the chapel. It is there that the historical re-enactment begins.

At around 6.30pm, on the Salitres bridge, the event begins with the Moors capturing the image of the Virgin and take it to the Plaza mayor.

After this, the first chapter, the wait is on until Monday afternoon- again at 6.30pm approximately- to witness the story unfold in the second part. In this chapter a group of Christians carry out the anticipated rescue of the Virgin.

The festival end next Tuesday, 30 April with a celebratory party where the local broad beans, wine and traditional salt cod can be sampled.



Virgen de la Cabeza. :: AYTO. BENAMAUREL

MUSIC & DANCE

The Wall Bar

Malaga. Hotel Vincci Posada del Patio, 11pm, entry free.
27 April. Delirium Blues Fusion. Lourdes del Pino and Javier Esteve. Blues fusion.

International Jazz

Torremolinos. 27 April, midday. Auditorio Príncipe de Asturias. 5€. The Centro de Arte y Música Moderna de Málaga 'Maestro Puyana' is holding a concert entitled 'Un Viaje Hacia El Jazz.' Tickets: www.internationaljazzdaytorremolinos.com

TIMS concerts

Las Lagunas de Mijas. 17 May, 7pm. The Danish Church, C/Cipres. 5€. The TIMS choir meet with Ballerup Choir from Denmark to perform music by Grieg, Kai Normann Andersen, Nils Lindberg, David Foltz, César Franck, Karl Jenkins, Mozart, John Rutter, Giuseppe Verdi and more. Conducted by Denis Segond and Margaret Williams. timschoir@gmail.com



Delirium Blues, Wall Bar.

Othello

Malaga. 1, 5 May 7pm, 3 May 9pm. Teatro Cervantes. Verdi's Othello in four acts with Malaga Philharmonic orchestra and the Opera Choir of Malaga. Tickets 24-90 euros from www.unientradas.es

Youth Orchestra

La Cala de Mijas. 26 April, 8pm. Salon de Actos. The Joven Orquesta Promúsica de Málaga will be playing themes from famous movies such as Star Wars, The Force awakens; Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory; High School Musical and James Bond among others.

Música Con Encanto

Marbella. 27 April, 8pm. Buchinger Wilhelmi Clinic. 25€ Aleksandr Kliuchko, award winning pianist, will be playing pieces by Beethoven, Liszt and Mussorgsky. Info: <http://www.musicaconencanto.org> Tickets: 689 000 944

No Land Trio

Nerja. 27 April, 9pm. Hotel Plaza Cavana. 18€ a chair, 12€ a stool. The trio from the Basque country, are inspired by the great piano trios of jazz history (Bill Evans, Keith Jarrett, Fred Hersch and Brad Mehldau) play their own slant on the classics and add some of their own compositions. Bookings: 690073871 or email: ven-tana.abierta.acp@gmail.com

FESTIVALS

Día de la Haba

Villanueva de la Concepción. 27 April. A festival of 'Singularidad Turística Provincial', broad bean day is celebrated with tastings of the locally grown bean, music and dancing. There is usually a market selling other local products, crafts etc.

Día de la Morcilla

Canillas de Aceituno. 27 April. "One of the most popular gastronomic festivals in the province of Malaga" is how the black sausage festival in Canillas has been described. 5,000 portions of the local morcilla will be handed out to visitors.

Día del Esparrago

Sierra de Yeguas. 5 May. A day dedicated to asparagus, a crop which provides the main income for the area. Lots of chances to try the fresh asparagus spears cooked in various ways plus competitions, stalls and entertainment.

Feria de Mariscos

Benalmádena. 1-5 May. Puerto Marino. The 11th edition of the seafood festival is expected to attract around 25,000 visitors this year who will consume approximately 7 tonnes of seafood and 5,000 litres of beer.

LECTURES

Magpie Gallery Talks

Marbella. 26 April, 7pm. C/ Virgen



del Pilar. 200m from port. A discussion on Christophe de Landtsheer entitled 'Now and Then' by Gregor Nussner.

The Arts Society Benahavís Benahavís.

30 April, 6.30pm. Benahavís town hall. 'Philip II Spain - Creator of El Escorial and patron of Titian' Lecturer is Marie Anne Mancio. Philip II's reign heralded Spain's Golden Age in the arts, and he became the first large-scale collector of paintings among the Habsburgs. One of his greatest collaborations was with Titian who created the Poesie for him – a stunning set of mythological paintings including "Diana and Actaeon" and "Diana and Callisto." www.theartsocietybenahavis.com

EVENTS

Día de la Bicicleta y el Patín

Torremolinos. 12 May, 10am-1pm. Plaza Blas Infante. Anyone interested in taking part in the Cycling and Skating Day should register on www.pmdt.es or at the Palacio de Deportes San Miguel or on the day, before the event starts. The route is 6km long.

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MÁLAGA. While the exact moment caviar became a luxury item cannot be traced, it has been available since the thirteenth century. By the time the exiled aristocracy of the Bolshevik revolution made fish eggs fashionable to consume in Europe, it was already a scarce and expensive product.

But, beyond symbolising luxury with a price that matches, the taste of caviar can be explained by a chemical process. Adding salt to fish eggs triggers a slight fermentation, leading to higher levels of free amino acids that stimulate taste. This means that the caviar enhances and helps to link the flavours of the other ingredients together. The eggs themselves also have a very unique texture in the mouth.

Caviar Riofrio, with the backing of chef Diego Gallegos a few years



Caviar can be added to many dishes to enhance the flavour. **SUR**

ago, launched dehydrated fish eggs, presented in a grinder so that the fine powdered caviar can be sprinkled over dishes.

The company Caviar 1925 makes a caviar butter which has become very popular and in Greece, the fish

eggs are added to dips such as the famous taramasalata.

Japan is one of the main countries in love with caviar. They use it often when making sushi, as the crunchy texture adds flare and taste to the dish.

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BUYING WINE MADE EASY



Those of us who buy wine regularly have never had it so good. Not long ago, if we did not want to buy a case of wine from the usual shop on the high street or neighbourhood supermarket, we had to post a cheque to some faraway supplier, wait for it to be cashed, and then wait some more for the wine to be delivered. A fortnight was a typical turn-round time. Nowadays, if we live in almost any town on the Andalusian coast, or even inland, there is fair chance we can access at least one specialist wine shop, as well as a wholesale or trade outlet - that will usually welcome serious private customers. Even supermarket wines are getting better, and most of the big chains have respectable offerings.

Now the internet has come to be the way to access all corners of the universe, things are better in the wine department. The main turn-off at first was the high shipping charges, and ordering a mixed case was still rather more costly online than going down to the local wine store. It is difficult to pinpoint the arrival of customer-friendly wine-buying online, but these days it is normal to have the order delivered to our door within 48 hours of making that final click. As technology increases its influence on our buying habits, ordering anything online is becoming routine, and

even the habitual turn-off of having to laboriously enter our credit card details for each purchase has now become as streamlined as any in-store transaction.

Intelligently, most traditional retail suppliers have kept up with the times by developing slick websites that rival some of the big online suppliers, and if we are believers in supporting local businesses rather than sending our money off to Madrid or Barcelona, these must be our first choice. There is little point listing them here, but practically every outlet has a selection that will satisfy most needs. Of course you cannot taste wines on a website, which is why many regular aficionados prefer to shop in person and with plenty of time on hand.

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New day centre for autism association to be built in Marbella

The council has begun the process of ceding nearly 2,000 square metres of land to the west of the resort so the Ángel Rivière association can build its new facility

by NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. The Ángel Rivière Association, which was set up by a group of parents of autistic children in 2002, will be able to extend the services it provides to its members thanks to Marbella council, which has decided to provide the association with nearly 2,000 square metres of land for the construction of a day centre.

The site for the new facility is in the 'Camino del Ángel' and is part of a larger 7,880-square-metre plot which is classified as suitable for use by public facilities.

At the last council meeting, the local authority confirmed that the project had been included in the Official Bulletin of Málaga Province.

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The new facility will help people with autism and related problems and offer support to their families

ince on 11 April, and will be on public display for 20 days.

Full details of the scheme can be inspected by members of the public at the 'Patrimonio y Bienes' office at Marbella town hall in the Plaza de los Naranjos between 9am and 2pm on weekdays, and any complaints or suggestions about it may be registered there.

By ceding this land, Marbella council is once again showing its support for the Ángel Rivière association for people with autism and their families. In the past it has also provided the association with council-owned premises for therapies and support.

At present, the group offers various services to its 80 members. These include individual therapies for 30 of them, social skills guidance for another 20 and aquatic therapy for a further dozen of its members.



View of the Camino del Ángel, where the new centre will be built. by JOSELE-LANZA

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"Euthanasia isn't a question of pain, it's a question of dignity"

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The doctor from Malaga says assisted suicide should be made legal in Spain for cases when people's suffering becomes unbearable

MÁLAGA. The case of Ángel Hernández, who filmed a video in which he appeared to be helping his wife, María José Carrasco, to die as she had requested after suffering from multiple sclerosis for 30 years, has placed the euthanasia debate back in the public eye and the media. Dr Fernando Marín, president of the Derecho a Morir Dignamente (DMD) association which is calling for people to have the right to die with dignity, says assisted suicide should be made



Marín says political parties should stop reducing the debate about euthanasia to "a slogan". :: SUR

legal as an option when physical or psychological suffering is "intolerable", and he criticises political parties for reducing the debate "to nothing more than a slogan".

–It seems the debate about euthanasia only takes place intermittently, and after another case has occurred.

–That's how society works. When a case occurs and suffering has a face and a name, people become indignant and politicians notice. Then something else is in the news and euthanasia is forgotten again. It seems nobody thinks about pain or suffering unless they see it on the TV or in the newspapers.

–This latest case, when Ángel was jailed, albeit only for a few hours, caused a wave of indignation.

–The police protocol, which consists of sending teams of officers to people's homes, handcuffing and bringing out a 70 year-old-man whose wife had just died, after he had cared for her 24 hours a day for the past ten years, is absurd and unjust. He hadn't murdered anyone, but the police don't differentiate. Ángel himself says that he was treated well at the police station, but none of this should have happened. It would have been enough for him to just make a statement to the judge, because he wasn't going to run away or try to hide evidence. He handed over the video himself. There was no crime or secrecy.

–How many cases of euthanasia are there in Spain?

–There's no way of knowing. It's done secretly. We are talking about thousands of people, though. It's a minority, but their needs have to be met.

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-What do you think about ideological and religious questions being used in the debate?

-Television channels often ask us to take part in debates with fundamentalists and we decline. Our moral position is different. We respect all options. Euthanasia isn't obligatory for anybody, it's an option which people should be able to choose freely. Once it has been proven that there was no homicide, that the slippery slope (a theory also known as the domino effect) is false and there is no abuse, there are no arguments except from people who want to impose their beliefs on others. Regulating euthanasia doesn't impose anything on anybody, but under the present law people end up like Ángel if they want to help someone to die. The police will get involved, they'll treat you like a criminal, put you in jail and you'll be subject to the decision of a judge who could sentence you.

-With regard to that slippery slope: some people believe that legalising euthanasia could lead to abuse, and it would be used in cases when it isn't necessary.

-That is the argument of fear. It always has the same origin: a fundamentalism sustained by the hierarchy of the Church. It is not acceptable in a plural society. When equal marriage was regulated, the same argument of fear claimed that the fact that two men or two women could marry posed a threat to families, but nothing happened. The same thing happened with abortion and divorce. Every time there is an advance, every time more civil rights are granted,

there is a sector of society that opposes it because it wants to maintain values which for those people are essential. Nobody is being forced to marry someone of the same sex, or get divorced, or have an abortion. Nobody is being forced to die. To persecute something different as if it were a crime is absurd. The position of far-right parties like Vox bears signs of fascism.

-What challenges still face us in terms of palliative care?

-About 50 per cent of the people who need it actually receive it. In principle, palliative care is the responsibility of GPs, but there need to be specialist teams. Some people try to manipulate the subject by saying that if there were enough palliative care nobody would want euthanasia, but that isn't correct. María José, for example, was receiving palliative care. Those who helped to look after her were excellent, but palliative care is one thing and the reasons people want to die voluntarily are something different. -I imagine that those reasons are not always related to pain.

-No, indeed not. People feel their lives make no sense. They think "I can't go on living like this". It isn't because of the pain, it's because there is no dignity in their situation and they also don't want to be dependent on others. Those are the basic reasons. In any case, people who request euthanasia would be offered palliative care to see whether that helped, and if it didn't, then the person should be able to make their own decision freely.

-What method does your associa-

tion recommend?

-For assisted suicide sodium pentobarbital is used, but the problem in Spain is that you have to take it yourself, on your own, clandestinely, without the assistance of a professional. You have to buy the product over the Internet, from someone you don't know, and send the money by messenger. That isn't the way it should have to be done in 2019, but when people are in need and want the freedom to exercise their right to die when they want to, they'll do whatever it takes.

-Several politicians have talked about the case of Ángel and María José now. What would you say to them? Because they never actually reach an agreement about proposing and approving a law.

-I would tell them to take the mat-

ter seriously and enter into the debate with real data about what is happening in places where euthanasia is permitted. They should really know what they are talking about and not reduce it to a slogan or be afraid of upsetting the more conservative sections of their parties. The ideal would be for the PP to drop its opposition. Ciudadanos should keep this debate going, because it is inconceivable that a party which calls itself liberal should not accept that people should have the freedom to decide to die.

-What is the situation in the countries which have approved euthanasia?

-The ideal model, the one to which we aspire, would be like that of Canada, Belgium, Holland or Luxembourg, where the doctor takes charge of the process to the end, although just like in María José's case, you are the one who drinks it. Then there is Switzerland, where assisted suicide is not a crime as long as there are no egotistical motives, and no other conditions are imposed upon it.

-What would your association like the law to be based on?

-It must be shown that the person has taken the decision of their own free will. Unbearable suffering can have a physical cause, such as cancer or kidney or cardiac problems, for example, or a psychological origin. Dependence, especially for tetraplegics, can also be a reason, such as in the case of Ramón Sampedro, but also in cases of multiple sclerosis like María José. But we would like to look at the more difficult reasons too: psychological suffering because of severe

mental disorders, and mature children, for example. These are exceptions, but the most complicated cases have to be taken into account. It's the only way to give security to people so they know that, if their lives become unbearable, we will help them to die.

-How can you check that freedom of will? It seems complicated.

-It isn't. You talk to them. The PSOE party proposes talking to them again after two weeks. We think that is a long time. Health professionals are accustomed to finding out what the patient's wishes are, whether something is a genuine expression of their will or just a moment of anger or tiredness. This doesn't come from nowhere. It progresses bit by bit until one day you say it and then you keep saying it. The doctor can tell when this is a serious decision. That doctor should advise another who, without knowing the patient beforehand, certifies that freedom of will. Finally, the death is authorised.

-But some people who want to die because of physical difficulties or psychological problems, change their mind after a while. What would happen in those cases?

-Several psychiatrists would be involved in the process and would decide whether to authorise the death or not. In Holland and Belgium, a third of cases are rejected initially because doctors feel the criteria are not being met. Some psychiatrists say they will not authorise euthanasia unless social services and occupational therapists are also in agreement.



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"We chase after new possessions as if they were golden calves"

Enrique Moya Yogi

A pioneer in teaching yoga in Malaga, he has been running his school in La Malagueta for the past 40 years

MALAGA. He was studying Economics at the Complutense University in Madrid when yoga crossed his path unexpectedly. It turned out to be a calling, a discovery that changed his plans for life. Since then, for the past 40 years, he has been teaching people that opening their minds and being attentive are magic tools which awaken the essence of being human. He is a pioneer in teaching yoga in Malaga and several generations of local people have attended his school, the Centro Yoga Yantra in La Malagueta district of the city. To coincide with this anniversary he has taken on a new responsibility, as honorary president of the Andalusian Yoga Institute, which was created to train good yoga teachers and prevent people falling for fakes, because "all that glitters is not yoga".

–In an interview 17 years ago you told me that yoga means union. We live in a society, and on a planet, which is becoming increasingly less united. Does yoga still have a long way to go?

–Yoga is a system, a collection of principles, practices and attitudes. The first principle is that the yogi has to be an ethical, empathetic and supportive person. The fundamentals of yoga talk about ethics,

feeling for other people, collaborating with others. In that sense, yoga has a great deal to offer to human beings. In the times in which we are living, when everything is so accelerated, yoga says that within that speed you mustn't lose your ethics, your empathy, your solidarity. That is a relational life. We often forget that without contact with the air, with light, with gravity, we wouldn't be able to survive. The whole universe is related. Yoga, especially at the level of principles and attitudes, is not just about practise. It has a great deal

"Yoga is fashionable these days, but that is a double-edged weapon because it detracts from the essence"

to do with what it means to be a human being.

–We also live at a time when we have been taught that it is important to possess things, but even so many people aren't happy.

–In yoga we say that having doesn't mean being. And even knowing things or experimenting with things doesn't mean being. The being is what you recognise in yourself. You don't need lots of things or lots of experiences or so much erudition. Getting close to oneself, to one's own being, doesn't have to be at all complex.

–Is it very difficult for us to realise that our mind is more important than our car?

–Often, giving so much importance to the car, clothes or brands is the product of our mental activity. The mind gets excited searching for the object which in some way is going to bring you happiness or peace. You might think it is a journey, or a car. You never consider that there is greater happiness much closer to you, resting within you, rather than running after a new object. We chase after new possessions as if they were golden calves.

–We live in a digital world. Friendship, shopping, partners, everything can be found on a website. Are we moving further away from our bodies and our spirits?

–That digital world is a virtual world, a world that substitutes for the world as we have known it. The new technologies, in theory, are there to help us. I'm one of those who think that the problem isn't what technology brings us, but the way we use it. Sometimes a person confuses being informed with



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being accompanied. Or confuses a huge group on social media with having a group of real friends who know how to support you when times are good, mediocre or bad. **-Of all the commandments, teachings and principles that this consumer society has inculcated in us, which does us the most damage?**

-The lack of solidarity. Believing that life only happens to you. Sometimes, when someone has a headache or relationship problems or financial difficulties, they forget that unfortunately these happen to everybody. Losing the sense of forming part of humanity is the worst damage which is being done to human beings. Excessive individualism or egocentrism.

Balance and information

-Do we know too much about technology and not enough about ourselves?

-Yes. The information comes at us

tremendously fast. Everyone has access to information, but how do they use that information? That has to do with each person's emotional intelligence. There are people who receive the information and pass it straight on to others, sometimes without having read it. A person with more emotional balance considers the information intellectually or emotionally and then, if they feel they want to share it with someone, they do so.

-Roosevelt said that men are not prisoners of their destiny, but of

their own minds. Do you agree with that?

-Totally. If you don't listen to what your interior tells you, what normally happens is that your past conditions your life. If you're not capable of shedding light on your past or accessing your interior - those are two ways, one is more therapeutic and the other more spiritual - it is normal for you to be conditioned by the impulses learned at an early age.

-Is yoga the best medicine for those who feel lost in this acce-

lerated age?

-I don't like to say "the best", but yoga is always a help. Everyone who enters a yoga centre - and I mean an open yoga centre, because unfortunately today the word yoga has become misused - and

wants to, can feel their body, know themselves better, feel their emotions, feel the relationship between the emotions and breathing, learn to relax and be alert. What that does is help the person to feel better. It is not the

KEY POINTS

Digital world

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The power of the mind

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From left to right, Diana, Enrique Moya and Cristina, in a room at the Yoga Yantra centre. :: GERMÁN POZO

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> only place, there are other ways that people can start to move forward, like a good profound psychologist or contact with nature. Yoga, as a broad way of being human, is always going to help. **-You have been teaching yoga for 40 years. In that time, yoga has moved on from being something for a few people to being something for many.**

-Yes. When I started giving yoga classes, I had to explain what yoga was, because people thought it was a new martial art or something like that. Now, it is associated with practices which enable you to develop better in your life. There are yoga classes in the best universities. The best hospitals and hotels provide yoga classes. What is happening? Today yoga is available everywhere, because demand has risen not on an arithmetical level but geometrically. Nowadays there are unregulated classes,

"The first thing I do is teach people to stop. Everyone arrives wrapped up in their own mental activity"

which have not passed through a series of filters.

-What is the first thing you teach your students?

-To stop. Everyone arrives with an identification, with their own mental activity. Some come in a hurry because they haven't finished doing other things. Others come and they are worried about what it going to happen to them. And I say to them: let's look at our body, let's feel our body, let's see it. And through the body, the yogi enters a state of conscious attention and presence. He or she isn't so involved in their mental activity, they don't feel like a person so wrapped up in their mental activity.

-Do we have a long way to go?

-One principal road to follow: we human beings have to stop gazing at our navels and make a world in which people care about each other.

Combining yoga and psychology "because they are complementary"

Diana and Cristina Moya have joined the team at their father's yoga centre to continue the work he began 40 years ago

■ M. E. M.

MÁLAGA. The Centro Yoga Yantra now has two new teachers, as Cristina and Diana Moya, Enrique's daughters, have joined the team. They are combining psychology and yoga "to help people, because they are complementary disciplines," they say.

Diana has just returned from India. She has been practising yoga for many years and has a degree in Psychology from the Complutense University in Madrid. She specialised at the Spanish Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (SEYPNA).

"My role now is to continue what my father began 40 years ago. I studied psychology and at first I didn't consider teaching yoga," she says, but it has always been part of her life.

"Eventually it captivated me as

it has captivated so many other people. I realised how powerful yoga is and how much good my father was doing. I want to continue with that now," she says.

Cristina Moya is a psychologist specialising in psychoanalysis. She teaches the Feldenkrais method, graduated in Florence with Ruthy Alon (a pupil of Moshe Feldenkrais), and trained in yoga in recent years with Enrique Moya and Danilo Hernández.

Awareness of the body

Cristina explains that the Feldenkrais method "is a method of body re-education, creating awareness of the body through movement. You explore movements, from very simple ones to more complex ones, and gain coordination and fluidity. You are always looking to create awareness of the body and work towards wellbeing".

"If someone comes with back pain, for example" she adds, "we never work by forcing that area. It is a method which anyone can do.

The people who are attracted to this method have often experienced pain in some part of their body

and it has helped them as a complement to other exercises they do. "But people who love dance or theatre have also come, to work on body fluidity and awareness. It isn't just for people who have problems," says Cristina.

There is no doubt that yoga is fashionable these days. "On TV they show an advert for a mobile phone and there is a person doing an asana. They want to sell you a toaster or a trip so they use yoga. It is associated with health and wellbeing. A lot of models, actresses and actors use it in their everyday life and the whole world wants to do it," says Cristina. However, she warns that this fashion is a double-edged weapon, because it also detracts from the essence.

"What fascinates me about yoga is the attitude and way of life it develops, beyond the physical effects," she says.

Diana and Cristina insist that good training is essential to teach yoga. "Some people say they have done a yoga course online. That is actually totally impossible, because yoga is sheer experience," they say.



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María Torres won bronze in the competition. :: SUR

More medal success for Damián Quintero and María Torres

The local karateka put in a great performance in the karate Premier League in Rabat, with Quintero winning silver

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MALAGA. Excellent results were achieved by local karatekas, María Torres and Damián Quintero, in the karate Premier League held this week in Rabat. Both athletes brought home medals, Quintero adding a silver to his collection, and 22-year-old Torres gaining a bronze. This is the first time María Torres has won a medal in this prestigious competition.



Damián Quintero. :: RFEKARATE

Damián Quintero reached the final on Sunday with the best score of the competition. His final opponent on his road to a gold medal was Japanese athlete Kiyuna Ryo, who is number one in the world.

Quintero lost 28.2 to 26.8.

Despite not achieving gold, Quintero earned his twenty-fourth medal in the Premier League in Rabat.

For the Torremolinos karateka, it is important that he continues to add medals to his repertoire as he tries to guarantee his place at the 2020 Tokyo games.

The competition also served as a protest against the fact that karate is only now being recognised as an Olympic sport in 2020.

EN BREVE

Menéndez loses final of Challenger in Mexico

MALAGA.

:: SUR. Adrián Menéndez (137th ranking) lost to the Swiss Marc-Andrea Huesler in the San Luis Potosí Challenger final in Mexico on Sunday. After one hour and 50 minutes of game play, Menéndez was finally beaten. Huesler had beaten him previously in November in Italy as well.

The other 'malagueño' in action, Alejandro Davidovich, lost to Alberto Ramos in qualifying for the ATP 500 in Barcelona. In a game that spanned across more than two hours, he lost both sets 5-7. The second set consisted of 11 games, one of which lasted more than a quarter of an hour.

Brownlee to compete in Marbella Ironman

MALAGA.

:: J. CALDERÓN. The Ironman 70.3 will be held in Marbella on Saturday. The high level of the event is shown by the participation of the two-time Olympic champion Alistair Brownlee. Athletes will undertake a 1.9 kilometre swim, followed by a 90km bike ride and a half-marathon-length run.

The swim will take place in Puerto Banús. Competitors will then cycle from Puerto Banús to Cártama and back, passing through towns such as Ojén and Coín.

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Renato (right) congratulates Adrián after he scores Malaga's second against Alcorcón on Friday night. :: AGENCIA LOF

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Lugo - Granada 1-2	MALAGA - Mallorca
Albacete - Las Palmas 4-2	Osasuna - Albacete
Gimnàstic - Sporting 0-0	Almería - Oviedo
Mallorca-Majadahonda 2-0	Extremadura - Tenerife
Cádiz - Numancia 2-1	R. Majadahonda - Cádiz
Deportivo-Extremadura 1-2	Sporting - Elche
Oviedo - Córdoba 3-3	Granada - Gimnàstic
Tenerife - Almería 1-3	Las Palmas - Lugo
Elche - Osasuna 1-2	Córdoba - Zaragoza

Table	TEAM	PT	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
★	1.Osasuna	70	35	21	7	7	50	33
★	2.Albacete	64	35	17	13	5	48	28
■	3.Granada	64	35	18	10	7	42	23
■	4.Cádiz	59	35	16	11	8	49	30
■	5.Mallorca	58	35	16	10	9	47	32
■	6. MALAGA	58	35	16	10	9	38	27
	7.Deportivo	54	35	13	15	7	43	29
	8.Sporting	53	35	14	11	10	37	29
	9.Oviedo	53	35	14	11	10	40	38
	10. Almería	52	35	13	13	9	41	30
	11. Alcorcón	47	35	13	8	14	34	36
	12. Elche	46	35	11	13	11	37	39
	13. Las Palmas	43	35	9	16	10	38	42
	14. Zaragoza	41	35	10	11	14	38	44
	15. Tenerife	40	35	8	16	11	34	42
	16. R. Majadahonda	40	35	11	7	17	36	48
	17. Numancia	40	35	9	13	13	39	46
	18. Extremadura	39	35	10	9	16	39	44
▼	19. Lugo	37	35	8	13	14	36	44
▼	20. Gimnàstic	28	35	7	7	21	20	51
▼	21. Córdoba	27	35	5	12	18	41	67
▼	22. Reus	0	35	5	6	24	16	41

The new era at Malaga gets off to a flying start

A 4-1 victory away to Alcorcón on Friday night was Malaga's first since the end of March

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Gustavo Blanco Leschuk), favoured by his predecessor Juan Ramón Muñoz. However, the major change came in central defence where David Lombán made just his third start of the season in place of Luis Hernández.

In the wide areas, Javi Ontiveros and Renato Santos were favoured from the start (a rarity this season) and they repaid the faith shown with three goals between them.

The first came as early as the 12th minute when Ontiveros set off on a mazy run from the left before nestling his low shot across goal and into the side netting, striking the ball early before keeper Daniel Jiménez could get his bearings.

The second came soon after

but from the same source. Ontiveros again, but this time going on the outside, pulled the ball back for Blanco Leschuk to tee up Adrián who from ten yards out made no mistake, bagging his eighth goal of an impressive campaign.

The visitors continued relentlessly on the offensive and Renato, enjoying his time on the opposite flank, whipped the ball across the face of goal, finding Ontiveros completely unmarked, only for the youngster to be denied by a fine save from Jiménez who stood tall to block the audacious chip.

However, despite being on the back foot for much of the half, Alcorcón

1-4

ALCORCÓN-MALAGA

Alcorcón: Dani Jiménez; Laure, Héctor Rodas, David Fernández, Bellvis; Sangalli, Boateng, Toribio (Elgezabal, 18'), Borja Galán (Jonathan Pereira, 78'); Víctor Casadesús (Fran Sandaza, 64'), Juan Muñoz. Unused substitutes: Lizoain, Felipe, Burgos, Aly.

Malaga: Munir; Cifu, Lombán, Pau Torres, Ricca; Keidi (Lacen, 75'), N'Diaye; Renato (Iván Alejo, 71'), Adrián (Mula, 86'), Ontiveros; Blanco Leschuk. Unused substitutes: Kieszek, Miguel Torres, Luis Hernández, Harper.

Goals: 0-1 Ontiveros (12'), 0-2 Adrián (28'); 1-2 Juan Muñoz (45') [pen]; 1-3 Renato (52'), 1-4 Ontiveros (71').

Referee: Ais Reig. Yellow cards for Sangalli, N'Diaye, Laure, Boateng and Elgezabal.

Ground: Santo Domingo (1,607 spectators).

were thrown a lifeline just before half time when Alfred N'Diaye's heavy-handed marking of Héctor Rodas saw the hosts awarded a penalty kick. Juan Muñoz stepped up and sent his kick high and straight down the middle as Munir committed himself early and threw himself to his right.

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MALLORCA (H)

After last Friday's 4-1 win lifted spirits among the fans, Malaga launched a promotion through which season ticket holders could purchase up to four extra tickets for the modest price of five euros for tomorrow's visit of Mallorca.

As a result, a season-high attendance is expected at La Rosaleda for the first match of the Víctor Sánchez era in which the new coach could welcome back a number of injury absentees.

Keidi Bare, who picked up a knock in Alcorcón, missed training on Monday but is available for selection, while full-back Juankar and forward Mamadou Koné are nearing a first-team return.

The visitors, who sit a place above Malaga, have been steadily climbing the table and have put themselves in the picture for promotion after a run of six wins from their last ten, including Saturday's 2-0 victory over Rayo Majadahonda.

This goal, however, did little to hamper Malaga's ambitions in the second half. Just seven minutes after the restart, Gustavo Blanco Leschuk's excellent hold-up play resulted in Renato being sent through with the goal at his mercy and executed a delicate chip in off the far post to perfection, restoring the visitors' two-goal lead - his first in a Malaga shirt.

The icing on the cake was still to come, though. With twenty minutes still to go Ontiveros bagged his second of the game with a swerving freekick which Jiménez will be disappointed to have conceded, given how close to the centre it went in.

However, the Malaga players didn't care. This was only their second win by a three-goal margin this year and the first time the side scored four in a single game.

"I've congratulated them [the team] because in a short amount of time, we've managed to change a lot," said Víctor Sánchez following the game. "We've been working on more high-risk scenarios and [today] we had good results and saw how effective the team can be in attack and defence."

Draw lifts Femenino off bottom spot

Malaga's women's side moved a step closer to safety but could have won if not for a last-minute equaliser

MÁLAGA 1 SPORTING DE HUELVA 1

■ MARINA RIVAS

MÁLAGA. Malaga Femenino are trapped in a three-way tie at the bottom of the Liga Iberdrola after a 1-1 draw at home to Sporting de Huelva on Sunday lifted them off the bottom by virtue of their superior head-to-head record.

However, it could have been much better for Antonio Contreras' side who surrendered a one-goal lead deep into stoppage time to leave their top flight future in the balance.

The coach went for the same eleven that tasted victory against Fundación Albacete last time out (4-2), in a 4-4-2 with María Ruiz and Leticia on the wings.

However, the same deluge of goals didn't follow. In fact, the hosts



The Malaga players dejected after the full-time whistle. ■ GERMÁN POZO

only had two attempts on target, one of which resulted in a goal.

It came in the 22nd minute when Paula Fernández's freekick from the left landed at the feet of Marta Cazalla who had time to tee up what was just her second goal in a blue and white shirt.

Fortunately for Malaga, their Andalusian counterparts were equally shot shy and only really caused problems in the closing ten minutes.

However, just when it appeared that Chelsea had made the match-winning save in the 93rd minute, Huelva's Bernal bagged the equal-

iser from the resulting corner to leave the Malaga players, and their around 900 supporters, deflated.

A win would have gone some way to securing their status in the big league, but as it stands, Malaga still have their fate in the own hands going into the final two games.



■ GERMÁN POZO

DRUBBING LEAVES MALAGUEÑO STARING RELEGATION IN THE FACE

Relegation to Tercera is all-but certain for Atlético Malagueño, Malaga's reserve side, after they suffered a 4-2 defeat at home at the hands of Villanovense on Saturday. The visitors were 3-0 up at half time before David Grande reduced the deficit in the 49th minute. However, the fifth goal of the game went to Villanovense, meaning Grande's second was a mere consolation. With just four games left to go, Malagueño are 12 points from safety.



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An impossible task

Unai Emery and Marcelino will face off in the Europa League having similarly failed to convince during their times in the Valencia hotseat

It would be great TV if they could boost the volume when Unai Emery and Marcelino exchange pre-match pleasantries before the Arsenal versus Valencia Europa League semi-final.

Emery was the man who guided Valencia to three successive third place finishes, yet he was told that wasn't good enough.

Marcelino is the current boss who has turned the club around, guided them into the Champions League where they beat Manchester United, reached the Europa League semis and Copa de Rey final - yet he's still not enjoying job security.

Valencia remind me of Everton back home. There has been a seem-

ingly eternal promise of a new stadium, the fans are passionate, ambitious and the expectations are possibly a little unrealistic.

Emery is one of several eminent managers to be told he hadn't reached the standards expected. Ronald Koeman won the last silverware but was dismissed less than a week after celebrating the 2008 Copa del Rey final victory.

Ernesto Valverde who has masterminded a Barcelona treble this season was given just a few months, Nuno Espírito Santo managed a top-four finish yet it all became too much the following season. Then came the ill-considered appointments of Gary Nev-

ille, Pako Ayestarán and the former Italian coach Cesare Prandelli. Expectation evaporated.

Marcelino marched in and brought some discipline and drive to the club. They did enough last season to qualify for the Champions League where they lost only to Juventus in the group stages. Like so many clubs, their domestic form suffered as a consequence of qualifying for Europe. Valencia won only one of the opening eleven Liga games.

It has become more manageable in the Europa League. Marcelino has discovered a balance since the turn of the year. They have a domestic cup final date in the diary, still stand a chance of the top four and Arsenal will be fearful.

His record signing Gonçalo Guedes ended his 294 days without a goal and now looks like a 40-million-euro footballer with eight goals and two assists since the season's



Marcelino has found the right balance in the Europa League. :: REUTERS

break. The manager is maximising what can be achieved with a limited squad of players.

It's not unlike the experience of Emery who was cruelly judged by the Valencia hierarchy. Finishing behind only Real Madrid and Barcelona wasn't enough so he headed to Sevilla where he was more appreciated. He won the Europa League three times with the Andalusians and was head-hunted by Paris Saint-Germain.

Emery is intent on claiming a fourth Europa League success although the Arsenal fans and own-

ers may still be yearning for Champions League football. It's a similar story in Valencia where the club finds itself a couple points below the sensation of the season, Getafe, who sit in fourth place.

To the neutrals both Arsenal and Valencia are enjoying reasonable seasons yet Emery and Marcelino still have to win over their detractors.

As they cover their mouths from lip-reading TV viewers I'm guessing they are agreeing with each other "...there's just no pleasing them".

Clean sheet secures Marbella's longest ever unbeaten run

A goalless draw in Granada means it is now six goals without conceding and 15 without suffering defeat

GRANADA 0 MARBELLA 0

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. A clean sheet was all that was needed for Marbella to set

a new record on Saturday. A 0-0 draw away to Recreativo Granada meant that David Cubillo's side secured the longest unbeaten streak in the club's history - fifteen.

The visitors started the quickest and kept keeper Lejárraga warm with a close-range effort from Mustafá, which was blocked low, and a long-range strike from Paulo Victor which needed to be tipped over the bar.

Juanma then found himself free



Marbella goalkeeper, Godino, claims a high ball. :: OPTA

in the area but lacked the conviction to give his side what would have been a well-deserved half-time lead.

Things changed after the break, with Granada's reserve side stepping up their game, albeit without creating many chances.

The nearest they came was then Rafa Muñoz tangled with Juancho in the area, leaving the home fans were appealing for a penalty. However, the referee was unmoved.

Play then became much more direct, but Marbella keeper Godino proved to be in control whenever a high ball came into his area and it ended 0-0.

During this run, Marbella have conceded just three goals. This latest result means it is now six clean sheets from the last six games.

Next up, Marbella welcome Don Benito to the Estadio Lorenzo Cuevas on Saturday (kick off 6pm).

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THE STARS




Aquarius
January 21 - February 19
We tend to drift into situations and decisions when we are not paying proper attention. Be critical. Look again at what you are being asked to do and decide if it is the best thing for you.




Pisces
February 20th - March 20th
Getting a balance at home and work is easier if you are honest about the time you have. Trust in your past experiences and instincts.




Aries
March 21st - April 20th
There is a need to be flexible when it comes to finances. Sudden expenses need to be balanced with what is coming into the pot!




Taurus
April 21st - May 21st
With some emotions running high this week you need to keep a rein on any outbursts. There is the danger of getting some facts mixed up.




Gemini
May 22nd - June 21st
There could be bit of disappointment this week when someone does not make you feel appreciated. Please consider that they may be stressed or unwell.



Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
The chance to be a bit of a matchmaker at the weekend causes some smiles. Don't wait for anxieties to go away. Tackle them head on. Actions really speak.



Leo
July 24th - August 23rd
Making someone feel important to you this week really makes a difference to their mood and confidence. Forget giving attention to those who shout loudest.




Virgo
August 24th - September 23rd
This is a good time for showing a more caring side and, if you appear genuine, it can end in smiles. Has not speaking your mind led to some awkward misunderstandings?



Libra
September 24th - October 23rd
Where there is a leadership gap this week you would do well to take it. Others don't see you as the bossy type but you make up for that with charm and maturity.



Scorpio
October 24th - November 22nd
This week is full of goods and bads, ups and downs. Relax and make the most of the ups as this will give you the energy to deal with the downs.

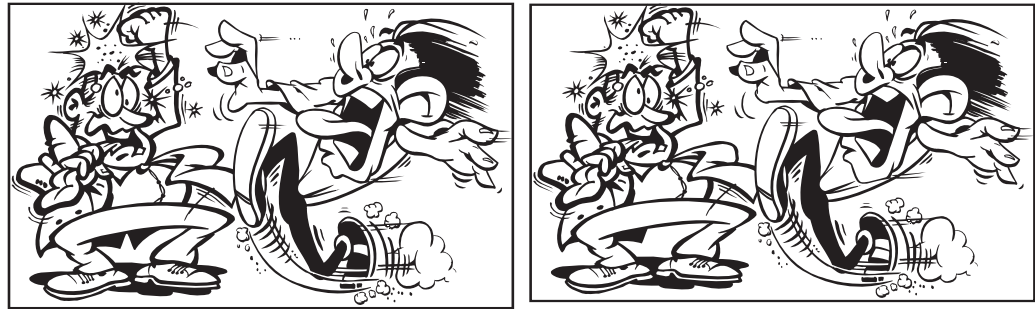


Sagittarius
How long is it since something exciting happened? A bit of faith in the future is needed now. Something that should have happened a long time ago could now come for a second visit.

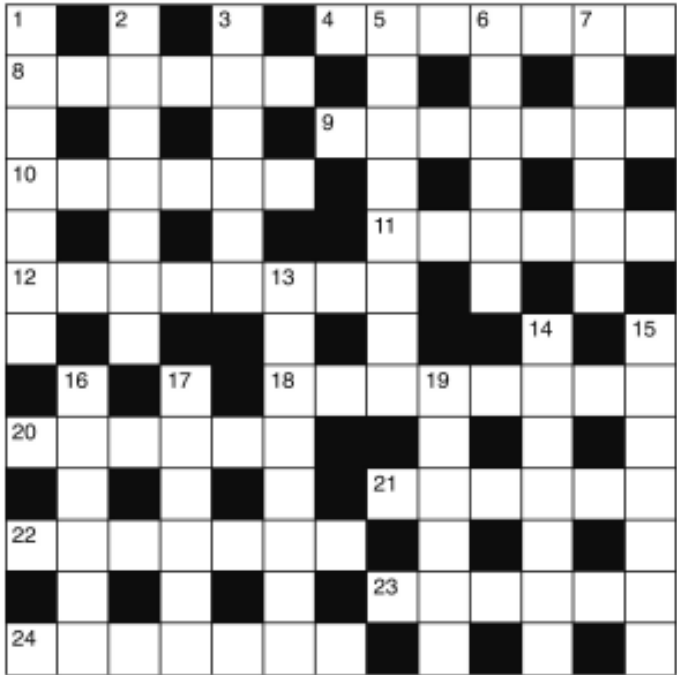


Capricorn
December 22nd - January 20th
Cut no corners at work or home and do your best whatever comes along. A chance remark midweek could slip past you unnoticed, which is why I am mentioning it.

THE SEVEN DIFFERENCES



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11354



- Across

 - 4 Set of dishes the waiter gives you (7)
 - 8 Type inclined to be emphatic (6)
 - 9 Not straight (7)
 - 10 Very much the opposite (6)
 - 11 Not a bit of it (6)
 - 12 A water colour? (3-5)
 - 18 More than father I had, though not worth it apparently (8)
 - 20 Don't go and clip them in wet weather! (6)
 - 21 Cover remover, perhaps, in action at the start of the cricket match (6)
 - 22 Strangest men fail to get excited (7)
 - 23 Ensures one has a nap standing up (6)
 - 24 Housing row (7)
- Down

 - 1 Still without music (7)
 - 2 Not wholly biased (7)
 - 3 Stern guide (6)
 - 5 A rise for the cardinal (8)
 - 6 Springs, often underground (6)
 - 7 Gives encouragement to drink (6)
 - 13 In distribution of income the company is thrifty (8)
 - 14 Dress for dinner, perhaps (7)
 - 15 Speech and attire of modern times (7)
 - 16 Spirited comeback can cause a scene (6)
 - 17 Sea salt (6)
 - 19 Produced the rent (6)

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

		5	2			4		
8			7					3
7			8		4			6
	6			9	2			
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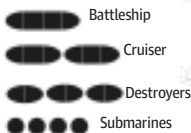
THE WORDPUZZLER

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I	M	I	N	T	E	A	I	V	A
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E	V	I	T	V	A	V	N	A	M
N	E	T	A	N	I	M	A	G	E
T	N	E	V	A	T	E	T	E	N

- Can you identify the words that may be formed from the letters of **IMAGINATIVE** from the clues listed below?
- 1. Picture
 - 2. Ask over
 - 3. Titan
 - 4. Sweet
 - 5. Call
 - 6. Donate
 - 7. Side
 - 8. Representative
 - 9. Flying insect
 - 10. Entrance

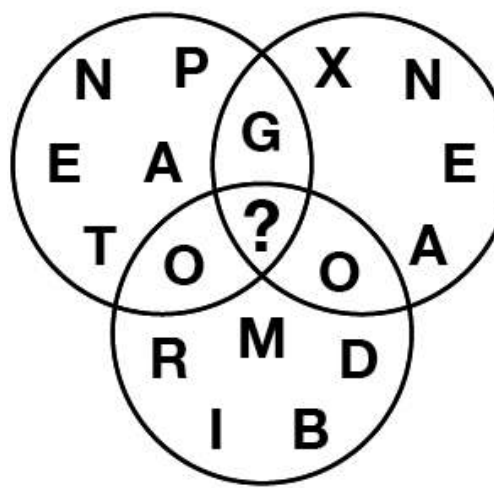
BATTLESHIPS

Instructions Find where the fleet of ships (1 battleship, 2 cruisers, 3 destroyers, 4 submarines) are hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some have been filled in to start you off.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A											4
B											2
C											3
D											1
E											1
F											2
G											1
H											2
I											3
J											1
	2	2	1	4	1	1	3	2	3	1	

CIRCLEGRAM

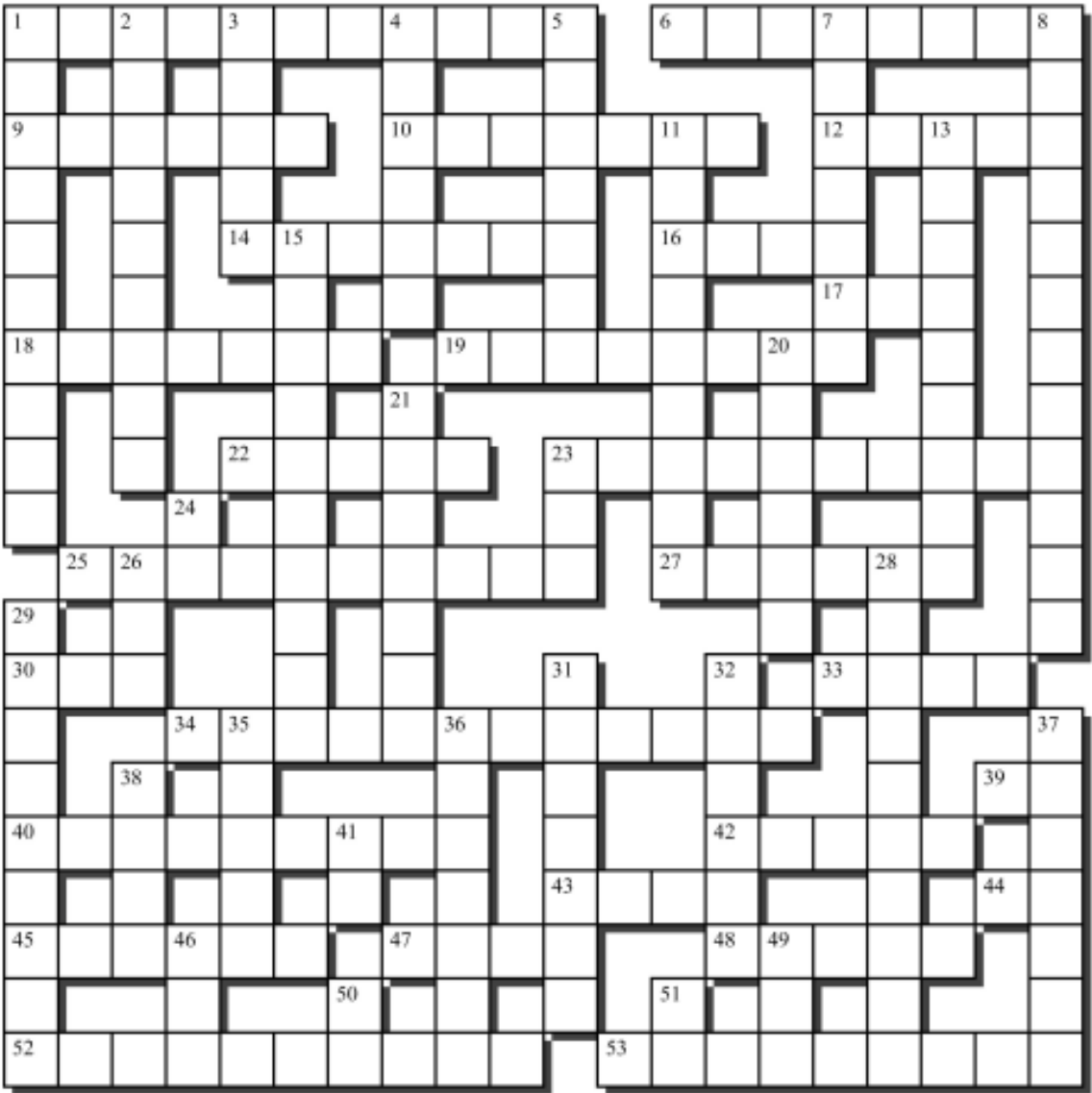


Instructions
Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters in each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

- Across
- 1) Scientists (11)
 - 6) Nations (8)
 - 9) To call (6)
 - 10) To use (7)
 - 12) Crazy (pl) (5)
 - 14) Reform (7)
 - 16) Years (4)
 - 17) Gone (3)
 - 18) Old (7)
 - 19) Creative (f) (8)
 - 22) Unique (5)
 - 23) Midnight (10)
 - 25) Faulty (10)
 - 27) Soft (pl) (6)
 - 30) Is (subj) (3)
 - 33) Atheist (4)
 - 34) Protestants (12)
 - 39) Former partner (2)
 - 40) Obsolete (pl) (9)
 - 42) Bone (5)
 - 43) Pope (4)
 - 44) It is (2)
 - 45) Swell (6)
 - 47) Crane (4)
 - 48) They know (5)
 - 52) They observed (10)
 - 53) To adapt (9)

- Down
- 1) Calendar (10)
 - 2) Accuracy (9)
 - 3) To bring (5)
 - 4) We will go (6)
 - 5) I will skip (7)
 - 7) Church (7)
 - 8) They replaced (12)
 - 11) Adapted (pl) (9)
 - 13) Catholics (9)
 - 15) Equinox (10)
 - 20) To travel (6)
 - 21) October (7)
 - 23) Mine (3)
 - 24) Phew! (2)
 - 26) That (3)
 - 28) I grew sad (10)
 - 29) Astronomer (9)
 - 31) Marzipan (7)
 - 32) Dates (6)
 - 35) Clock (5)
 - 36) Whisper (7)
 - 37) To exist (7)
 - 38) East (4)
 - 41) You (2)
 - 46) Bird (3)
 - 49) Like that (3)
 - 50) The (f) (2)
 - 51) I (2)



ANSWERS

Quiz answers

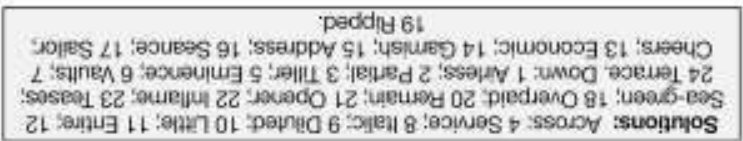
Answer: Brazil
Of interest: Brazil has been the highest global producer of coffee beans for over 150 years with coffee plantations covering about 27,000 square kilometres. Vietnam is the second largest producer.

Answer: Greenland
Of interest: Greenland originally planned to have their own currency, the Greenland krone, which would be used alongside the Danish currency. However this idea was put on the back burner in 2009 and the country continues to use the Danish krone.

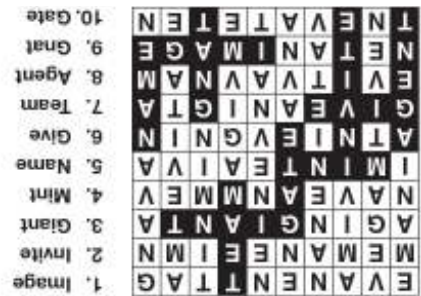
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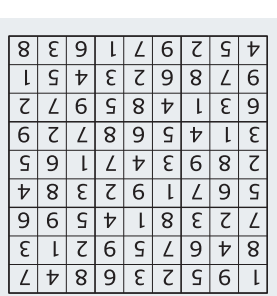
Cryptic Crossword



Wordpuzzler solution



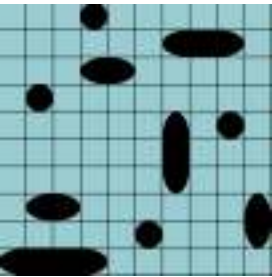
Sudoku solution



Circlegram

The letter represented by the question mark is H.
Heptagon, Hexagon, Rhomboid, all geometric shapes.

Battleships



WHERE IS THIS?



In recognition of the police

Last week:
Fuengirola

This fountain with bronze birds is located in the sunny pedestrian area where Calle Emancipación meets with Frasquita Jaime alleyway, opposite the Salon Variedades theatre.



MALAGA PORT INFORMATION

CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENTS (SOURCE: MALAGA PORT AUTHORITY)

Ship	Date	From	Next port	Docks	Sails
Royal Clipper	27/04	Motril	Ibiza	07.00	22.00
Seadream I	27/04	Funchal	Motril	08.00	18.00
Wind Surf	27/04	Gibraltar	Almeria	08.00	22.00
Mein Schiff I	27/04	Palma	Gibraltar	08.00	23.00
Prinsendam	27/04	Alicante	Gibraltar	09.00	23.00
Viking Jupiter	28/04	Cartagena	Leixoes	07.00	18.00
Aidastella	28/04	Cadiz	-	08.00	18.00
Costa Favolosa	28/04	Marseille	Lisbon	08.00	19.00
Boudicca	29/04	A Coruña	Mahon	00.00	00.00
Le Ponant	29/04	Cadiz	Alicante	07.00	12.30
Seabourn Odyssey	29/04	-	-	08.00	18.00
Costa Pacifica	01/05	Funchal	Civitavecchia	07.00	13.00
Marina	01/05	Tangier	Barcelona	07.00	19.00
Berlin	01/05	Seville	Motril	11.30	14.00
Seven Seas Navigator	03/05	Barcelona	Ponta Delgada	08.00	18.00
Vision Of The Seas	03/05	Ponta Delgada	Alicante	08.00	17.00
Corinthian	03-04/05	Cartagena	Tangier	08.00	23.00
Celebrity Infinity	04/05	Cadiz	Alicante	07.00	17.00



Images of a forgotten Nerja

British photographer Regina Kenmore visited the Axarquía town in 1959 and has published a book of her photos

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MÁLAGA. British artist and photographer Regina Kenmore has recently published a book of the black and white photographs she took in and around Nerja during her trip to the south of Spain in 1959. Kenmore says that she has decided to publish the book, *Journey to the Unknown Nerja*, now “to remind Nerja of its lost identity”.

Regina, then a student at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, drove, along with a university friend, down to the south of Spain in the artist’s car from London, through France and via Ávila, Madrid and Granada. They arrived in the village at almost exactly the same time that five boys, who were playing in the Mina area of Nerja, came across a hole which turned out to be the entrance to the Nerja Caves: it was January 1959.

Regina says, though, that she “never knew anything about the discovery” during her stay. “There were lots of caves in the area with people living in them,” she adds. It wasn’t until 20 years later when the news reached her that “Franco had opened some caves for tourists in Nerja”, that she recalls hearing about them.

Franco had just opened the borders and Regina recalls that there was “a lot of interest” among students about Spain and in particu-

lar the Costa del Sol because of its proximity to Gibraltar. “Lots of former British colonials retired to the Costa del Sol so it was already popular,” she explains, although Nerja itself had not begun to experience the tourism boom which followed the discovery of the caves.

The friends stayed in Nerja until April and found accommodation in one of the two inns that existed in the village at the time – a far cry from the dozens of hotels and holiday apartments that the popular destination offers today.

In the book’s preface, Regina mentions Rosario, the landlady of the inn, who was “short and stout in black, sleek black hair in a bun, always in an apron”.

Regina spent her time in Nerja and Frigiliana, which she would walk up to along the dry river bed. She says that her car, along with one that belonged to Colonel Marsh, an ex-colonial who according to her book “had coffee plantations in Africa between the wars” and who drove down from Hampstead each winter, were the only ones in Nerja at the time.

Regina and her friend travelled to Málaga on a few occasions because they were “hungry” in Nerja. “There was no food,” she recalls. Some of the photographs depict half-naked, malnourished children with swollen bellies of and most without shoes on their feet.

This rare collection of photographs also acts as a reminder of the importance of sugar cane to Málaga province and the hard work involved in collecting it.

While the men were harvest-



Regina Kenmore on the Balcón de Europa in January 1959. :: R. K.



A view of Nerja's beaches. :: REGINA KENMORE



A man rides his mule and leads another. :: REGINA KENMORE

ing, says Regina, “the children would steal sugar cane so that they at least had something to eat.” One photo shows a wall with the words “Viva Franco” written on it and others capture simple religious processions through the streets of Nerja.

The photographer remembers that while she and her friend didn’t really attract that much attention in Nerja, as the locals “had seen a few foreigners by then”, in Frigiliana it was a completely different story.

A self-confessed bohemian, Regina says the trip to Nerja wasn’t the first that she had made to Spain. At the age of 15 she hitch-

hiked to San Sebastián and also spent time living in Paris.

She has since made her home near to the village of Peñíscola, in Valencia. It was a place a friend suggested visiting

as part of the 1959 trip and that is when she fell in love with the place.

It wasn’t until 1972 that she built her house on a plot of land just outside the village and she has more recently published books of colour photography of the area. Regina says she returned to Nerja in 2000 and found it “completely unrecognisable” from the agricultural village she’d stayed in exactly 60 years ago.

Journey to the Unknown Nerja is published by Onada Ediciones and is available on Amazon and in bookshops.

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