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High-profile sales set the ball rolling

Malaga CF's preparations can now begin in earnest after the departures of Ontiveros and Santos **P46**



One killed and dozens hospitalised by deadly bacteria

Most cases of the listeriosis outbreak, caused by a pork dish, are in Seville

Spain is going through its worst ever outbreak of listeriosis, and the bulk of the cases are in Andalucía. The government announced this week that the World Health Organiza-

tion had been informed, turning the outbreak into an international incident.

The Listeria bacteria found in patients, 82 of whom were still in hospital on Thursday, can cause severe illness, including sepsis, meningitis, or encephalitis, or can be fatal in vulnerable patients.

Tests have traced it back to a pork meat, now withdrawn, called 'carne mechada', made by a Seville-based company La Mechá. **P14**

Three of Spain's most expensive streets to buy property are on the Costa

A new study carried out by real estate portal Idealista has found the Costa del Sol to be home to three of Spain's most expensive streets to buy property on.

Topping the list is the exclusive

Coto Zagaleta development in Benahavís, near Marbella, with its six-million-euro average. Two other Marbella roads in the Sierra Blanca also make the top ten. Others are in Madrid, Barcelona and Mallorca. **P18**

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avoided as near-normal schedule is maintained during UK pilot action this week **P17**

Last days of the Malaga fair

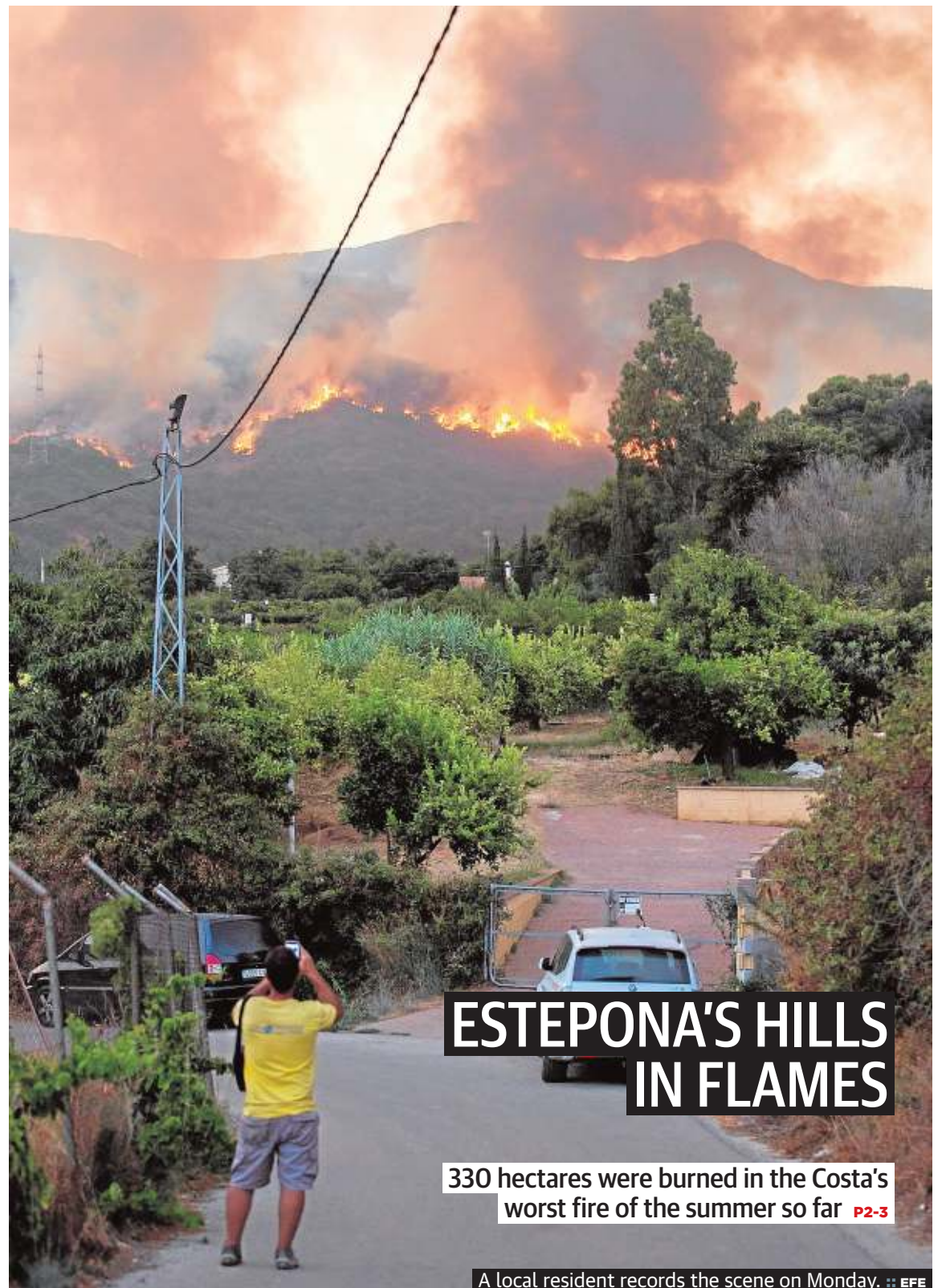
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with more than seven thousand born this season - three times as many as last year **P6**

Macabre religious rituals

could be behind spate of sacrificed animals discovered by passersby around Malaga **P7**



ESTEPONA'S HILLS IN FLAMES

330 hectares were burned in the Costa's worst fire of the summer so far **P2-3**

A local resident records the scene on Monday. :: EFE

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Man behind Estepona fire that destroyed 330 hectares bailed with charges

Emergency services used 240 staff and 22 aircraft in this Level 1 emergency, which threatened a protected natural area of the Sierra Bermeja



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ESTEPONA. A French national who is resident in Estepona left a local court on Wednesday in tears over the magnitude of what had happened to him.

The unnamed man had been arrested then bailed with charges by a judge after starting the biggest forest fire on the Costa del Sol so far this summer through "carelessness".

At one point Infoca, the wild fire emergency service, had 240 people on the ground, 22 aircraft and had declared a Level 1 emergency in the highly-sensitive environmental area of the Sierra Bermeja mountains, behind Estepona.

The fire broke out in the Peñas Blancas area on Monday morning and forced hundreds of people, many on holiday, to evacuate their homes for a time, watching on, powerless to do anything.

The man charged, who has admitted being behind the fire, explained that he had tried to burn a wasp's nest on the rural home he rents and shares with his 13-year-old daughter, but the fire had quickly "got out of control". His lawyer explained

that the wasps had been bothering and stinging them and he had decided to take action.

The man was bailed by the judge without any preconditions, on the understanding that he has lived in the area for a while and was, therefore, unlikely to disappear. His lawyer says, he is "devastated" by the damage caused and that he had "broken down" several times before the judge.

Lighting fires is strictly prohibited in the area in summer as usual, due to the dry conditions. Estepona council has said that it will launch a private prosecution as well and asked for the French resident to be kept in jail.

By Wednesday morning at 7am, the fire was officially under control. In total, 330 hectares (3.3 square kilometres) of hillside were damaged.

The main obstacles for the fire-



A countryside warden surveys fire damage in the mountains.

✉ ÁLVARO FRÍAS

fighters and air crews were the steep and inaccessible terrain and three high-voltage lines that cross the area. Alejandro García, one of those leading this Infoca operation, explained that water couldn't be discharged on them.

Eventually these were switched off, and with a favourable change in weather conditions, the operation was brought under control.

"There is less wind, milder temperatures and a higher level of hu-

midity," said regional government minister, Elías Bendodo, who was visiting the scene on Tuesday.

As a result, on Tuesday afternoon, some residents of the lower part of

The main obstacles to extinguishing the fire are the steep terrain and high-voltage lines

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The arrested man (l) leaves court. :: C.M.



Firefighters at work. :: INFOCA



Flames swept the area. :: REUTERS



Locals could do little but wait and hope. :: REUTERS

the Forest Hills development were allowed to return to their homes. This came after 146 people from that development, as well as La Albergina-Las Abejeras, were forced

to spend the night in a sports centre. Their homes and land did not suffer any damage.

The area, made up principally of scrub and pine trees, is of immense

ecological importance and borders the Sierra Bermeja natural park.

Now environmental experts and countryside wardens are assessing the extent of the damage.



Elliott first worked as a diplomat in Spain in the 90s. :: SUR

New UK Ambassador to Spain gets behind his office desk in Madrid

Brexit was in the spotlight in Hugh Elliott's first address, as he anticipated a new phase in the historic bond between Britain and Spain

CHARLOTTE WAY

MADRID. Hugh Elliott made his first address as British Ambassador to Spain and Andorra on Wednesday, having succeeded Simon Manley this month.

Markedly topical, Brexit was a repeated theme throughout the speech over social media; Elliott acknowledged the fast-approaching 31 October deadline and, in diplomatic style, expressed his anticipation of a new phase of the "vibrant bilateral relationship" between Spain and Britain, upon the UK leaving the European Union.

Emphasising the entrenched bonds between the two nations, the British Ambassador cited the "extraordinary" wealth of cultural, commercial and personal links.

Elliott's first address adopted a notably personal touch, as the ambassador explained how Spain was his first destination as a young diplomat in the 90s. Elliott's individual ties to Spain extend further, having met his Spanish wife, Maria Antonia, while working at the University of Salamanca as an English professor, before his two children were born in Madrid.

Elliott expressed his pride in representing Britain and Queen Elizabeth II, concluding that he looked forward to "strengthening the links between two great countries".

Elliott will shortly present his credentials to King Felipe VI.



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"It seems the fair will never end; you've got to make the most of it"

It's been a full house in Malaga so far, as the extended 2019 fair enters its final couple of days

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MALAGA. It's not too late to take part in Malaga's feria, the biggest summer fair in the south of Spain, which has two days to run at full throttle on its two sites, before winding up late on Saturday night.

Organisers and tourism and catering businesses have praised the turn-out for this year's event, which started on the evening of 14 August and will have run for a record ten days. City hotels have said that they are at 95 per cent occupancy, while bars and restaurants hope to see a four per cent increase in takings, reflecting the longer duration.

The good numbers come on top of what tourism bosses hope will be a bumper summer for Malaga and an increase of five per cent in business. However some have been worried by the large numbers and antisocial behaviour in the centre of the city.

Carlos Pérez-Lanzac, president

of the Andalucía holiday-letting association called for "better security and cleaning" and hoped that the city council "would fine behaviour such as drunken tourism", so the quality level of the fair would improve.

Some bar owners in the central Plaza de la Merced have complained that they have been stopped from selling takeaway alcohol while the council lets people bring their own drink onto the pavement nearby.

By Thursday, one week into the celebrations, there were signs of 'feria fatigue'. Crowds were starting to get smaller both for the city centre activities until 6pm and the out-of-town Real fairground, open from lunchtime into the early hours.

"This year, it feels like the feria will never end, but, hey, you've got to make the most of it," said Malaga-resident, Javier, as he waited for his friends in the centre of the city.

After the lights go out on the Real fairground on Saturday night, the final event will be the more sedate reenactment on Sunday, 25 August, of the entry of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabel into Malaga in 1487, starting on Plaza de la Aduana at 8pm.



Standing room only in Malaga this week for feria, which runs two days longer than usual. ■ SALVADOR SALAS



Millions of lights at the nighttime fair. ■ FÉLIX PALACIOS



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Bumper year for pink flamingo chicks

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FUENTE DE PIEDRA

More than seven thousand flamingo chicks have been born this season, three times more than last year

Almost everyone in Fuente de Piedra is asleep with just a few people gathered in the bars in the main street with coffees in hand, before an early morning start. However, in the heart of the natural landscape, there is some rather more frenetic activity going on. Over 500 people saw the sun come up as a team brought a group of the thousands of pink flamenco chicks that have been born during this breeding season into the enclosure.

The practice of ringing the birds, which this year marks 35 years, is much more than an act of conservation: the passion of the volunteers and the ringers keeps alive this essential tradition sponsored by Unicaja Foundation for the scientific community around the world and also for the province of Malaga.

Last Saturday began in the dark and around five o'clock in the morning the different groups advanced in silence, scaring off the adult flamingos and leaving the chicks be-



This year the reproduction rate of the pink flamingo has being especially high in Fuente de Piedra. :: F. TORRES

hind - they still cannot fly more than slightly off the ground. Little by little, a thousand, grey-feathered young flamingos entered the enclosure, one by one joining the ringing queue.

First the measurements of each bird were taken, from the weight to the length and width of the beak. Then two rings were placed, one made of PVC and the other of steel, which can be seen from a long distance and allows scientists and ornithologists of the international community to know the origin of each bird, its characteristics and the date it was born.

Some of the chicks went on to a



A volunteer carries a chick to have blood extracted. :: F. TORRES

second area in which other physiological data were extracted by means of a blood test that takes a few days to be processed in a laboratory. When it's all over (volunteers work tirelessly to keep stress to a minimum), it's time for release. With great care and after having been instructed in a meeting held the previous day in the Fuente de Piedra sports centre, the participants took each chick to the release area. "This moment is very important", explains Gustavo Terol, member of the organisation and veteran flamingo ringer. "We have to let them go facing us, so that they feel obliged to go in the opposite direction and take the first steps

backwards". This reduces the impact on the limbs of the animal, which has spent several minutes restrained while being ringed. "If they run directly, they can break a leg, so it is very important that they first walk backwards until they turn around," he explains.

Among the 500 volunteers there are all kinds of stories. Many of them come each year as a family tradition. Some are linked to the scientific world, others are not, but it doesn't matter. Qualified hands are in charge of the most delicate procedures, as well as vets who treat the offspring that were already injured when they arrived at the enclosure or those that suffer some kind of injury during the process.

Carlos and Paula participated in the day for the first time, although her family regularly visits the lagoon. "I've been wondering all day about how we can have this amazing virgin space surrounded by roads and near the town," says Paula. Carlos had never been to the spot, so it was double the surprise. "I didn't know this place, so the mere fact of having been able to spend the night here and watch the sunrise surrounded by flamingos has been an unforgettable experience, we'll come again next year". Both agree that the feeling of being part of a team is overwhelming. "You are in the dark, walking blindly following the instructions of those responsible, and when the sun rises a little you see the silhouettes of all the others who have come from different angles to encircle the chicks, it's amazing".

An exemplary year

This breeding season 7,472 pink flamingo chicks have been born - the largest variety of the species - from 9,000 breeding pairs. The minister of the Environment for the Junta de Andalucía, Carmen Crespo, explained that despite the fact that the hydrological year had not been the most abundant, circumstances for breeding in the lagoon were very good, resulting in a high survival rate. "You have to remember that last year 2,410 were recorded," added Crespo, who also confirmed the commitment of the Andalusian administration to ensure the conservation of the site and birds.

This is the third year in which the births have been counted by using drones. "In the past you had to get in an airplane, take photographs and count one by one," director of the conservation of the site, Manuel Rendón explains to SUR.

Once the ringing of the 600 flamingo chicks that are censured each year was finished, the rest of the captured ones were released, in one of the most emotional moments of the day. The volunteers arranged themselves in two rows encircling the release zone and said a silent goodbye to the offspring as they raced towards the zone in which their parents were waiting for them.



Religious ritual could be behind headless cocks left in river mouth

The lifeless birds were found by an early-morning walker at the Guadalhorce estuary and he says it is not the first time he has seen similar things

ALVARO FRÍAS

MALAGA. A local resident out on his early-morning walk has made a macabre discovery in one of the channels of water at the mouth of the Guadalhorce river in Malaga.

Around a dozen recently decapitated cocks were floating in the water, with traces of blood in the sand and on stones. The remains of the heads were nearby.

All the evidence points to the animals being brought to the shore early in the morning and slaughtered in a ritual sacrifice, possibly as part of a religious belief.

"It's very unsavoury to come across a scene like that," said Sergio, who had passed by on his walk the night before and seen nothing.

It's not the first time Sergio has come across something similar. "Once my dog was rummaging in some bushes and when I got closer there was a crucified cat." He added he has also seen chickens and rings



Picture of the dead birds in the Guadalhorce estuary. :: SUR

of candles.

The La Protectora animal charity in Malaga has harshly criticised these types of sacrifice. The association's president, Carmen Manzano, speaking to SUR, pointed out that they are classified as mistreating animals and police action should be taken.

"For the time being we have no knowledge that this type of ritual is being carried out in the Guadalhorce estuary, but we want to let

you know that we will be reporting it," she said. She added that if anyone has any information about what has happened, they can get in touch with the charity.

Manzano added that a few years ago similar evidence of ritual killings was found on Malaga's Gibralfaro hill, in the centre of the city.

Walkers have also recently found evidence of possible ritualistic statues while out walking on the Gibralfaro.



GIRL IN ESTEPONA POOL RESCUE DRAMA

Firefighters in Estepona recently carried out the spectacular rescue of a girl in a swimming pool. The six-year-old had trapped her arm in the tube of the pool's filter system at her home in Villas de Santa María. The pool edge had to be broken to release the girl who was still stuck with the tube around her arm. The tube was taken off afterwards with a radial saw.

Fuengirola pet shop used to store protected species in international smuggling ring

EFE

MALAGA. A pet shop in Fuengirola and a house in Ronda were the two places used by an international protected-animal smuggling gang that has recently been broken up,

police said on Thursday.

Ten people have been held under suspicion of being involved in the network, and 200 rare animals seized, including birds, mammals and reptiles.

A Spanish bird conservation charity, SEO Birdlife, first reported the alleged activity to investigators, and soon the operation was uncovered, which involved acquiring the animals in Spain from suppliers, storing them in the Costa del Sol area, before shipping to Morocco. A vet is alleged to have helped fill in false paperwork.

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Patrol car blocks the way. :: SUR

Police shoot at stolen car in Banús that goes on to crash on A-7 at La Cala as occupants flee

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MARBELLA. Early-morning revellers in Puerto Banús were shocked to witness Local Police shooting at a stolen car whose occupants were trying to get away on Thursday, 15

August. The incident started at 6.30am when it was spotted skidding at a roundabout and was stopped on Avenida Julio Iglesias. The driver then accelerated away, trying to run over a police officer. A chase then began along the A-7 motorway eastbound. Police were almost able to stop the car in the Rio Real area but it kept going at high speed. The vehicle finally crashed after losing control on the bends near La Cala de Mijas and the occupants fled. Police have forensically examined the car to try and identify its occupants.



The illegal tip in San Julián with accumulated rubbish and debris. :: SUR

Man caught dumping illegally at notorious spot by airport

Recently several sites have become blackspots for fly tipping and police have launched a surveillance operation

:: FRANCISCO JIMÉNEZ
MALAGA. He isn't the only culprit, but police have caught a man in the act of dumping construction debris at a blackspot for illegal fly tipping close to Malaga Airport.

Recently several locations in the area of San Julián, near the end of the runaway, behind Plaza Mayor shopping centre, have become favoured places for the unsightly activity. After local residents' complaints, the police started a surveillance operation. The man caught is a freelance builder and could be fined between 750 and 1,500 euros. He has claimed he had found out about the site on the recommendation of a friend.

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Image of the shipment destined for the Marbella area. :: SUR

Police halt 400kg hashish boat on San Pedro beach

MARBELLA
:: SUR. Early on Tuesday morning an air and sea operation organised by Customs detected a semi-rigid powerboat without lights speeding towards San Pedro beach. Police were able to stop the operation

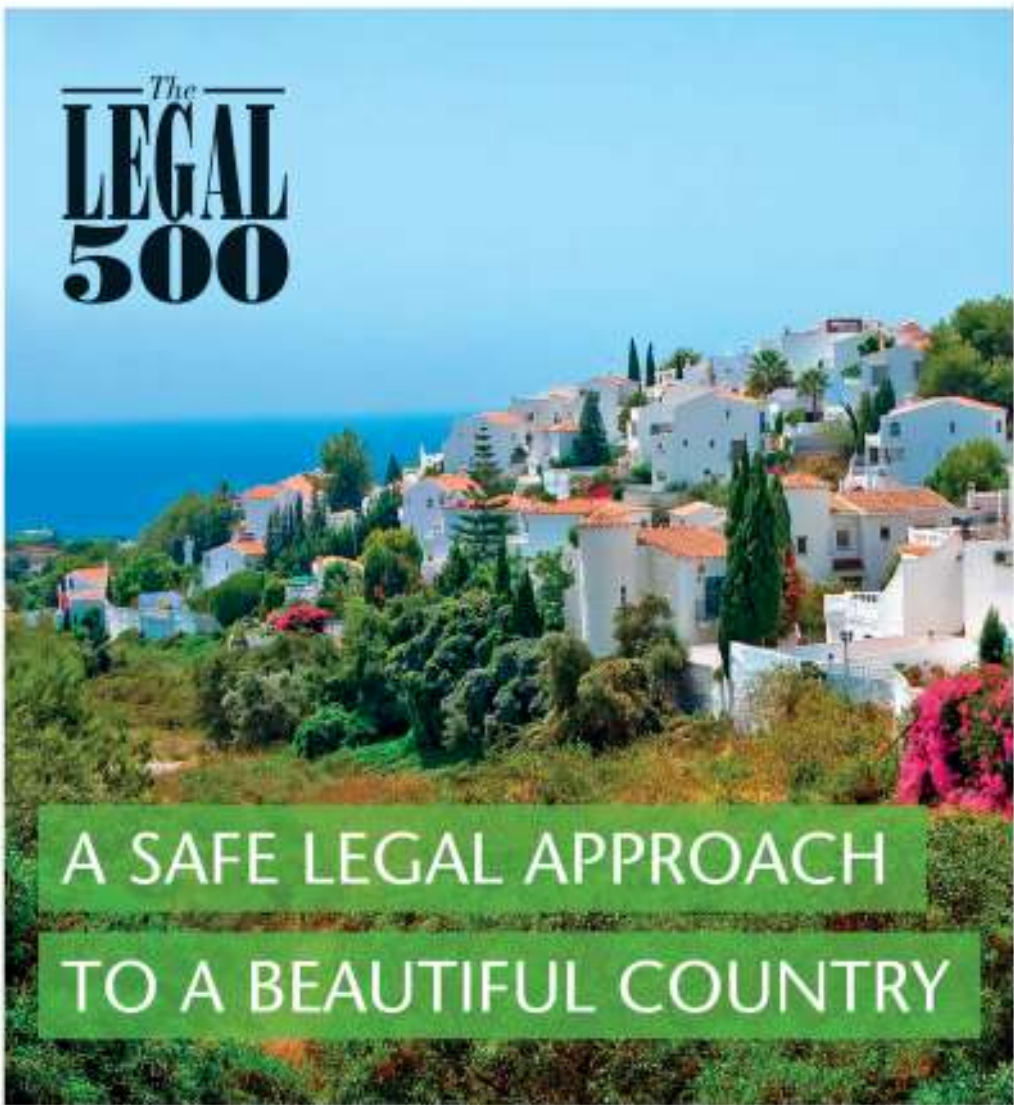
to unload drugs on the beach. Eleven large packages of hashish, weighing about 400 kilos were seized, as well as the seven-metre vessel itself. In addition, a four-wheel-drive vehicle waiting to receive the goods was found. Those responsible for the shipment fled into the darkness, and investigations continue into their current whereabouts.

British boy dies after fall from sixth-floor balcony

FUENGIROLA
:: EFE. A 13-year-old British boy died on Tuesday after he fell from the sixth floor of a building in Fuengirola, sources said. The emergency services hotline received multiple calls at around 1.30pm, informing that a child had fallen, apparently accidentally, from a terrace in the building located on Calle Alberto Morgenstern.

Marijuana roof terrace found in central Marbella

MARBELLA
:: C. MÁRQUEZ. National Police have uncovered a roof terrace used for growing marijuana in the centre of Marbella, near the seafront and old town. The terrace was on Calle Notario Luis Oliver and 22 plants in various stages of growth were seized. Police had received a tip-off and a young man, who lives at the property with family, was charged.



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The emotional Twitter thread calling for a "dignified death" for Guillermina

Astrid Jurado went public about her mother's situation and paid tribute to this businesswoman who is part of the recent history of Torremolinos

:: ÁNGEL DE LOS RÍOS / FRANCISCO JIMÉNEZ

MÁLAGA. Alzheimer's struck early in the case of Guillermina Freniche. She was 64 years old, and about to retire. Guillermina is 79 now and still with us, although she can do nothing for herself and her daughter Astrid Jurado and son Ricardo have been fighting for her right to a dignified death. An emotional thread posted by Astrid on Twitter went viral and the hashtag #FreeGuille became a trending topic.

Guillermina Freniche was one of the first female entrepreneurs on the Costa del Sol at a time when business was deemed a masculine field. She founded Gala Decoración and

was the secretary to the first democratic council in Torremolinos, with Miguel Escalona. "She always had a Ducados cigarette in her lips, she drove a red Mini when women in Spain didn't drive and she divorced when women didn't divorce," says

Astrid. She left Spain and the misery of the post-war years at the age of 19 and went to Britain, and also lived for a while in Switzerland, where she studied in the evenings.

Guillermina was always a fighter. She can't fight any more, but Astrid and Ricardo are battling the justice system on her behalf. "She was refused palliative care, because her brain has been destroyed by a neurodegenerative illness and not by cancer. She can't complain, but we can," say Astrid, who lives in Madrid and visits as often as she can, and Ricardo, who is running the family business. They appealed against the decision but it was turned down and the court ordered that Guillermina be fed through a nasal-gastric tube to keep her alive. Astrid is angry that "a judge and forensic specialist who don't know my mother, have never spoken to her, can make decisions about her life". In the past fortnight, Guillermina has had to be taken four times from the care home to the Emergency Department to have the



Guillermina Freniche. :: SUR



A photo of Guillermina with her daughter Astrid. :: SUR

naso-gastric tube which was "forced on her by a court" put back in place.

The thread and hashtag on Twitter have received huge messages of support. "I realise I can't answer them all, but we are so grateful," says Astrid. Meanwhile, there are one million signatures on a petition to the government demanding "a law for dignified death, in which no religion can interfere".

There has been some good news. Guillermina has just been moved out of the home and into the palliative care unit at Cudeca, as the family had

been requesting for so long. It is one step forward, they say, because at least she is where she wanted to be. She is still being forcibly fed through the tube, but administered by the Cudeca palliative staff, "so at least she is not suffering", says Ricardo, who is critical of the attitude of the care home towards him because he refused to sign the release form for his mother, excluding the home from all responsibility, before his lawyer had a chance to see it. "But at least she is out of there, which is what we wanted," he says.

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Marbella steps up operation to remove invasive seaweed

The rapid spread of *Rugulopterix okamurae* is preventing almost 30 boats, crucial for the support of 70 families in Marbella and Estepona, from leaving the port

MARBELLA. The *Rugulopterix okamurae* seaweed which has been colonising the fishing grounds of Marbella and Estepona, is seriously affecting not only the fishing sector in both towns, but also the land itself.

In the midst of high tourist season, Marbella town council has been forced to deploy a special early-morning service to remove the seaweed, which is Asian in origin, from the town's beaches by both hand and machine.

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This is part of an attempt to ensure that the beaches are in the best possible state for the thousands of swimmers who enjoy the waters in the month of August.

Last month, this scheme removed 750,000 kilos of seaweed, much of which was from the coastline of San Pedro Alcántara, where the situation was particularly bad.

This work, managed by the town council offices responsible for Sanitation and Beaches, has so far come at a cost of 35,000 euros, including the money spent on the means used and the transport of the collected seaweed to the Casares

waste treatment plant.

The town councillor in charge, Diego López, confirmed that the beach which was most affected by this natural phenomenon in July was La Salida, in San Pedro Alcántara, where the vast majority of the seaweed was collected, whereas the situation in Marbella centre and Puerto Banús was not as serious. Here the removal process could be done by hand or with tractors equipped with fine mesh.

The removal process involves heavy machinery and 20 operators. Four tractors with trailers and loaders work alongside special lorries which are able to travel across the sand.

Minimal disruption

The majority of the clean-up process is carried out in the early hours of the morning, from approximately 4 to 11am, so as to not coincide with



A tractor, equipped with a fine mesh, collects seaweed next to the beach



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Estepona will remodel 11 more town streets partly with EU funds

The resort wants to continue its development model of being The Garden of the Costa del Sol, with more plants and greenery

✉ CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. The council in Estepona has put out to tender the contract to draw up the plan to remodel eleven streets in the town as part of the Estepona, Garden of the Costa del Sol project.

The improvements are expected to cost almost 1.5 million euros and 80 per cent of funds will be provided by the EU's Regional Development Fund, with the town hall paying the rest. The planning stage contract itself is for 45,000 euros and should take two months to deliver before the work itself goes out to contract.

The project envisages replacing



One of the Estepona streets already benefiting from a new look. ✉ C.M.

the surfaces and street furniture, changing signage and bringing in new planting. At the same time, the rain drains and utility cabling and piping will be improved.

Councillor for Infrastructure, Development and Tourism, Ana Velasco, referring to the strategy of us-

ing greenery to beautify the streets, said that the aim of the initiative is to "further advance with a town model that began in 2012 and has created a real identity, which has made Estepona into a more competitive tourist and business destination."

New Estepona hospital should be open by the end of the year, says Junta

The town council has paid for the building as part of a deal with the regional health service, who now need to start operating it

✉ CHARO MÁRQUEZ

ESTEPONA. The Junta de Andalucía's Health service has said that it plans to have Estepona's new local hospital up and running by the end of the year.

The date comes after the town hall finished the building work on the long-awaited complex in December last year. The Partido Popular (PP) mayor, José María García Urbano, agreed to put up the money, even though it wasn't municipal responsibility.

The initial building cost was set at 15 million euros, but in January

the council approved an extra 1.2 million in expenditure to correct a series of unexpected flaws.

The regional health service has already put out to tender the purchase of the X-ray, surgical and clinical equipment and furniture at a cost of some four million euros. However bosses have had to ask suppliers not to deliver yet as modifications to the building are required.

The announcement of the new opening date came at a PP conservative party meeting in the town. The hospital was built by the mayor when the PSOE Socialist administration was in power at the Junta de Andalucía, before the PP and Ciudadanos took control in Seville.

Malaga PP president Elias Bendodo said that García Urbano had taken "the right decision" to fund the hospital when "he got no response from the previous Socialist [regional] government".



promenade. :: SUR

INVESTMENT

35,000

euros is what the seaweed removal has cost Marbella so far, including the money spent on the means used and the transport of the collected seaweed to the Casares waste treatment plant.

The seaweed removal process involves heavy machinery and 20 operators

when the beaches are most popular with swimmers. "We shall continue working day after day, with all the resources available to us, in order to ensure that our coastline is in the best condition possible for it to be enjoyed by all the community," the councillor said, underlining the effort of the town council

to respond rapidly to the challenge presented by the arrival of this natural species.

Seventy families affected

Last week the head of Marbella's fishing community, Manuel Haro, stated that, for the moment, the proliferation of seaweed is preventing almost 30 boats, crucial for the support of 70 families in Marbella, from leaving the port. "They are not fishing and we have exhausted all possible options. The seaweed was in the San Pedro area but now it has even reached Cabopino," he said.

In Marbella and Estepona, a total of 40 boats are currently still held in port as a result of the accumulation of *Rugulopterix okamurae*.

Central government has started the process for the urgent official designation of the seaweed as an invasive species with the aim of achieving this by the end of the year at the latest.

This official declaration would be crucial in taking corrective and compensatory measures, and has been demanded by scientists who analyse the presence of seaweed and by the sectors that have been affected by the seaweed's accumulation.

Council aims to get ahead and start 2020 with annual budget in place

The head of the Hacienda revenue department has also said that Marbella is one of the better councils for paying its invoices

Romero said that his aim was to go the same way "as other [conservative] PP councils" and have everything ready for 1 January.

It is not unusual for council executives, whatever the political party they belong to, to still be discussing annual budgets well into the next calendar year.

"Good at paying its bills"

Romero also stressed on Monday that Marbella is among the best local councils in terms of the average length of time it takes to pay an invoice to a supplier.

He said that currently the council pays its bills between 19 and 23 days from the date of issue, comfortably below the 30-day maximum stated by law.

This figure, however, is higher than other years, which the councillor put down to differences in the phasing of the invoice payments.

:: NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. The department in charge of running Marbella town hall's annual finances, Hacienda, has, for the first time, issued a planning schedule for compiling the municipality's planned expenditure for next year.

According to the dates, approved on Monday, councillors have until October to get initial approval to the 2020 budgets from opposition members of the council, before a final vote in December.

Councillor for Hacienda, Félix

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Town hall probes why refuse staff were putting rubbish in stream bed

Locals in the La Ermita industrial estate of Marbella recorded the activity, after the council supposedly failed to react to complaints

:: NIEVES CASTRO

MARBELLA. A residents' campaigning group appears to have lifted the lid on the dumping of rubbish bags in a dry river bed in Marbella by the council's very own refuse collection workers.

Impulsa Ciudad posted 90 seconds

of video on Facebook that had been received from locals in the La Ermita industrial estate area, to the east of the centre of Marbella.

Sources at the town hall said that the staff in the video had been identified and that an inquiry had started into what had happened and if there will be any consequences for those allegedly involved.

Not the first time

However, locals have claimed that this isn't the first time that the dumping by council workers has happened and, when the council supposedly failed to react to complaints, the hidden recording was made.

Impulsa Marbella, the campaigning group, said, "We recognise the professionalism of the vast majority of the workers from the refuse collection service, and for this reason, it's important to clarify this lamentable occurrence."



Council workers caught on camera dumping the bags. :: SUR



The mayor, right, and García Terol spoke from the beach. :: JOSELE

PP asks Madrid to stop erosion of Marbella beaches

:: ANDREA JIMÉNEZ

MARBELLA. The Partido Popular (PP) has said that it will take action via the national parliament this autumn in support of projects to stop sand being eroded from Marbella's beaches.

The political party that runs Marbella council says that the acting PSOE government has not done enough to put sand back when cur-

rents and storms wash it away, meaning the beaches are getting narrower in the resort.

The PP's national head of local and regional government policy, Antonio García Terol, was with town mayor, Ángeles Muñoz, at a press conference on the beach on Tuesday. They claim that Madrid has stopped previously agreed plans to stabilise the beaches.

Listeriosis outbreak in Andalucía hospitalises dozens and affects many more as authorities squabble

The outbreak, Spain's worst ever, has caused one death so far and is being blamed on a type of pork meat prepared by a company in Seville

■ SUR

SEVILLE. Different public authorities have been swapping accusations this week over who could have done

more to avoid and contain an outbreak of listeriosis in Andalucía that has turned into Spain's worst.

One 90-year-old woman died in hospital in Seville on Tuesday, and on Thursday, 82 were in hospital, including 28 pregnant women. In total, 161 cases had been identified in Andalucía, mostly in Seville, and several more elsewhere in Spain.

Listeriosis is a bacteria particularly dangerous for more vulnerable people, such as the elderly and

children.

The outbreak has been traced to a type of processed pork known as 'carne mechada' made under the La Mechá brand of a Seville-based company. All that company's products have now been withdrawn from sale.

The Junta regional government's health department has criticised Seville council's laboratory for delays in analysing samples that prevented the alert going out sooner. In turn, Seville has blamed the



Virgen del Rocío hospital in Seville where one person died. ■ EP

Junta's staff for failing to properly label the samples sent to it.

The acting minister for Health nationally also entered the argument by appearing to question how well procedures had been followed and officially informed the World Health

Organization of the outbreak.

On Thursday, as the outbreak appeared to be stabilising, inspectors were ordering all shops that had stocked the meat to check their cutting machines on their counters for fear of secondary contamination.

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Ferry spills 8,000 litres of diesel into Malaga port

Quick thinking port officials were able to contain the slick in the inner dock and a badly closed valve on the vessel could be to blame

■ IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. It may have been a badly closed valve in the fuel tanks on a ferry that caused the spillage of 8,000 litres of fuel into the waters of Malaga's port early on Friday morning last week (15 August).

The spillage happened while refuelling was taking place on the Sicilia, belonging to the Baleària line that operates from Malaga to Melilla, the Spanish city on the north African

coast. The slick was contained using floating anti-pollution barriers and a source said that it was lucky that it was diesel and not heavier, and potentially more damaging, fuel oil. The quick action meant that the slick was contained on Heredia quay, the inner harbour area of the city's port.

The following day skimming machines were used to take the pollutant off the top of the water as the port's emergency plan was activated.

Port authorities said no other vessels' operations had been affected and the Baleària line is carrying out an investigation into the cause. "The operation is going ahead without incident," it stated.

The ferry carried out its scheduled departure for Melilla as planned.



The floating barrier holding in the slick last week. ■ SUR

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IN BRIEF

Mobile blood-donor unit in Nerja today, Friday**NERJA**

• **J. RHODES.** A blood donation unit will be operating at the El Salvador church on Plaza de Cavana, near the Balcón de Europa in Nerja today, Friday, and donors are wanted. It will be open from 10am until 2pm and from 5.30 to 9.30pm.

Organisers advise donors to wear loose clothing and eat something

light beforehand. Further advice includes drinking plenty of water and allowing 30 minutes after donating blood before driving or doing any type of physical activity. They also advise against drinking alcohol or smoking immediately before or after donating. For further information visit: www.donantesmalaga.org.

People who lived in the UK for a year or more from 1980 to 1996 are not allowed to give blood in Spain due to a lingering fear over possible mad cow disease.



El Salvador church, Nerja. :: SUR

Solution found for Vélez-Málaga feria location**VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA**

• **E. C.** Vélez-Málaga town hall announced on Wednesday that this year's day feria will take place in the Paseo de Andalucía, instead of the area around La Carmelitas square and the town hall, due to the ongoing pedestrianisation works. The night feria will be situated on the fairground next to the El Ingenio shopping centre, as in previous years. The fair will take place from 25 to 29 September.

Town hall to promote caves around Malaga**RINCÓN DE LA VICTORIA**

• **E. C.** Rincón de la Victoria town hall has announced that it is launching a 12-month promotional campaign of the town's Cueva del Tesoro. Following record visitor numbers last week, the town hall has signed a contract with Go Go Cards to distribute promotional material to a number of places in Malaga and the Axarquía, including shopping malls and tourist information centres.

Environmental checks carried out ahead of Brick Beach project

The two parties that make up Vélez-Málaga's coalition disagree on the best site for the treatment plant which will turn rubble into sand

• EUGENIO CABEZAS

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA. Vélez-Málaga's councillor responsible for the Brick Beach project, María José Roberto, accompanied technicians from Malaga's Aula del Mar on a site visit to Mezquitilla, the beach where the project will be carried out, earlier this week.

Spokespersons from the Aula del Mar said that they were carrying out "regular environmental checks" of the beach and coastal area of Mezquitilla, which belongs to Vélez-Málaga, ahead of the European Union-funded project, which aims to regenerate the beach using treated building rubble.

The Aula del Mar has been running tests at different times of year to look into seasonal changes in the ecosystem of the area, so that when the project starts, the environmental impact will be "minimum on the habitats and coastal systems."



A technician from the Aula del Mar with María José Roberto. :: E. C.

The project, which is waiting for the go ahead from the regional Junta de Andalucía, is set to receive four million euros from the EU.

There is no agreement between the two parties that make up the coalition formation at Vélez-Málaga town hall over the location of the rubble treatment plant, which will turn the building waste into sand to be used on the beach.

The Socialist PSOE party want to

situate it in the Taramillas areas of Torre del Mar. However, Torre del Mar's GIPMTM independent party argue that the site is too close to a residential area in the town and that the plant would cause noise pollution as well as create high levels of dust, which they say would have a negative impact on residents' health. The GIPMTM party wants the plant to be built next to Vélez-Málaga's existing sewage treatment plant instead.



A scene from Verano Azul with Chanquete (3rd left). :: SUR

Nerja joins in with 40th anniversary celebrations of cult Spanish TV series

A giant outdoor screen was erected in Plaza del Cangrejo this week to air six of the nineteen episodes of Verano Azul

• E. CABEZAS

NERJA. Visitors and residents in Nerja may have seen fans of the 1980s cult Spanish children's TV series, Verano Azul, flock to Plaza del Cangrejo on Wednesday and Thursday. This is because the town hall

was showing six of the 19 episodes on a giant screen in the square, to mark 40 years since the programme was filmed in Nerja. Filming took place on Burriana beach, the Balcón de Europa and Cala Chica, among other locations, between August 1979 and December 1980, and it was first aired in October 1981. In May, a sculpture of Chanquete, one of the leading characters, was erected on the Balcón and RTVE, Spain's public TV channel, has been showing a digitally remastered version of the show throughout August.

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Gran Canaria residents return to their homes after being hit by an even larger forest fire

Fears that the sensitive Tamadaba Natural Park would be destroyed receded but important environmental damage has been done

■ SUR

MADRID. Little by little the flames that have once again swept through the mountains and forests of Gran Canaria since last weekend have been going out. If the forest fire two weeks ago was a shock to island communities, destroying 1,500 hectares, the effect on their lives of this week's blaze, covering around 10,000 hectares (100 square kilometres) was much more devastating.

A true disaster that has affected

many homes, although the some 10,000 people evacuated have slowly been returning to their properties as the fire has been brought under control. "We've gone from evacuating people to returning them. When residents go back to their homes, it means we are beating the fire," said regional president of the Canaries, Ángel Víctor Torres, on Wednesday.

On Thursday, there were still several roads in the interior of the island closed because of the fire, which started on Saturday 17 August and affected a big part of the north-west of the island, especially the Tejeda, Agaete and Guayedra valleys, near the villages of Tejeda and Valleseco. Various areas of important environmental interest were hit, including the Tamadaba Natu-

ral Park, with many delicate native species of flora and fauna. Fortunately only some 2,000 hectares of the park's 7,500 hectares were affected and only superficially.

"We've had three fires in a little more than a week and the Guardia Civil is investigating," explained Torres. The main fire a week earlier had been caused by a man soldering outside his rural home but this latest, much bigger one, is still unexplained.

Sources said that this is one of the worst forest fires to hit Spain in six years, and the acting prime minister, Pedro Sánchez, was due to visit the scene on Thursday.

Very hot weather and strong summer winds have created a dangerous situation for the spread of forest fire throughout the Canary Islands, meteorologists said.



A firefighter looks over charred forest to the sea in Gran Canaria. ■ EFE



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UK Ryanair strike has little effect but flyers brace for Spanish action

Flights ran normally on Thursday in the first half of the two-day action by pilots

■ NEIL HESKETH

MALAGA. Despite some of its British pilots striking on Thursday and Friday this week (22 and 23 August), Ryanair said on Thursday afternoon that it was managing to operate its flight schedule normally. It said that other pilots had given up time off to come in to help and the only delays were from air traffic control.

The airline had launched a last-minute legal bid to halt the action on Wednesday, but in the end the strike went ahead. Hundreds of thousands of passengers had been expecting the worst. Bosses hit out at the striking pilots earlier in the day, saying that some wanted to



Flights operated normally. ■ EFE

double their 170,000 pound annual salaries (188,000 euros).

Ryanair passengers have another strike threat looming. The company's flights to or from Spain can be run by either Spanish-based crews or overseas-based crews. Spanish-based crews have said they will stop work for 10 days in September over the closure of bases on the Canaries and possibly in Girona. The dates planned are: 1, 2, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 28 September. The airline continues to negotiate with unions.

King Emeritus Juan Carlos to have a heart operation this Saturday

■ MARÍA EUGENIA ALONSO

MADRID. The retired king, Juan Carlos I, is to have a heart operation this Saturday in Madrid. The decision was made following the results of a routine health check in June.

The 81-year-old former



King Juan Carlos.

head of State retired from public duty this year after abdicating in favour of his son in 2014.

This will be the sixteenth operation that the king has undergone. The last time was in 2018 in connection with a problem with a knee replacement.

US embassy warns travellers to take extra care over "increase in violent crime" in Barcelona

■ SUR

BARCELONA. The US Consulate in Barcelona warned American citizens on Wednesday via its website about the increase in robberies and violent crime in Barcelona so far

this summer. It advised people to take extra care when visiting the most popular tourist areas of the Catalan capital, where thefts of watches, jewellery and wallets have become more common. It added that Catalan authorities have "indicated that they are seeking to address these issues".

Police data shows that since 2016 robbery with violence or intimidation has increased 58 per cent in Barcelona and patrols have been stepped up. Foreign media are also starting to report on the city's rise in crime, worrying tourist bosses.

Spanish-registered Open Arms lands in Italy and Madrid threatens it with a 900,000 euro fine

■ ANDER ASPIROZ

MADRID. The Open Arms rescue ship was finally able to disembark the almost 100 migrants still remaining on board on Tuesday, after Italy gave permission for it to reach Lampedusa.

However the Spanish-registered vessel is in trouble with Madrid for its rescue activities. The acting deputy prime minister, Carmen Calvo, said on Wednesday that the charity vessel didn't have permission from the government to carry out rescue work and could face a fine of up to 900,000 euros. Calvo said it was only allowed to do humanitarian relief but not rescue. "The captain knows that," she added.

A further boat, Ocean Viking, with 356 immigrants on board is now awaiting permission to land in Europe after a two-weeks wait.

Europe's latest immigration crisis was resolved this week, with the Open Arms rescue boat docking on the Italian island of Lampedusa after twenty days at sea. Italy's public prosecutor, Luigi Patronaggio, finally overrode the country's interior minister and deputy prime minister Matteo Salvini, who had refused to accept the some 100 immigrants despite worsening conditions on board.

In accordance with his somewhat relaxed stance on immigration, Spain's acting prime minister, Pedro Sánchez had already ordered a Spanish navy boat to sail out to Open Arms and accompany it to Mallorca - a decision criticised by his right-wing adversaries for sending out the wrong message about Spain. The whole debacle demonstrates, yet again, that

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immigration has become one of the most contentious issues in Spanish politics.

The fiercest criticism of both Sánchez and Proactiva Open Arms - a Barcelona-based NGO whose latest missions have raised complex questions about EU immigration policies - has unsurprisingly come from Vox leader Santiago Abascal. Abascal also expressed his support for Salvini's hardline stance: a member of the populist

Northern League party (in many ways Vox's Italian counterpart), Italy's deputy prime minister has repeatedly called for an eradication of illegal immigration into the country.

Like other right-wing parties throughout Europe, Vox is usually branded as "anti-immigration", a label that's not necessarily inaccurate, but one that nevertheless flattens out the nuances of its position. Vox wants greater control

over the influx of legal immigrants into Spain, proposing to regulate numbers depending on the country's economic needs. It's a sensible position to adopt, especially given the recent spike in the number of arrivals on the Andalusian coast (around half of all undocumented immigrants who crossed the Mediterranean last year ended up on Spanish shores). On the other hand, Abascal sounds depressingly like Donald Trump when he talks of deporting, without exception, all illegal immigrants, or of building massive walls around the Spanish enclaves of Melilla and Ceuta in Morocco.

Sánchez's approach to the issue is perhaps too laid-back, as praiseworthy as his humanitarian efforts to aid previous Open Arms missions have been. The Socialist leader seems unwilling to ask hard questions about the extent

that Spain's welfare system can cope with steadily rising immigration levels. For this reason, his plan to eradicate a minimum residency period for undocumented immigrants' access to healthcare was heavily criticised when it was announced last summer.

How to deal with immigration has become one of the EU's toughest challenges. And as the Lampedusa incident demonstrates, it's necessary to grapple with difficult questions about the levels of immigrants that European countries - especially those in the Mediterranean - can or ought to accept, rather than simply branding governments, parties or policies as "pro" or "anti" immigration. For Spain, perhaps the solution lies somewhere between the opposed stances of Abascal's Vox and Sánchez's Socialists.

Three of the most expensive streets to home buy in Spain on are on the Costa del Sol



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The Coto Zagaleta development in Benahavís tops the list with an average price of 6.7 million euros for a luxury property

MALAGA. Luxury villas with a swimming pool, garden, very spacious living area and something which millionaires appreciate even more than that: privacy. These are the homes in the Coto Zagaleta residential development in Benahavís, which can boast of being the address with the most expensive houses for sale in Spain. The owners of this exclusive development want an average

of 6,758,961 euros from those who want to buy one of these ostentatious properties, according to a survey by the Idealista real estate portal.

However, the Costa del Sol's presence on this elite list of the most expensive streets in Spain is not limited to just that example. Marbella is also in the top ten, and for two reasons: Calle Mozart and Calle Rossina, both in the Sierra Blanca urbanisation, are in seventh and eighth place with average prices of 4,754,944 and 4,715,026 euros, respectively. Just a week earlier, another study from the same company revealed that the most expensive house for sale in Spain is also in Marbella, for 55 million euros.

The silver medal in the ranking of the most expensive houses in the country goes to Avenida del Tibidabo in Barcelona, with an average price of 5,858,750 euros, slightly higher than Paseo Marquesa Viuda de Aldama in La Moraleja (Alcobendas), which takes third place with 5,700,000 euros. There are two other streets where properties cost more than five million euros in the

same development in Madrid: Camino del Sur (5,485,192 euros) and Camino Ancho (5,146,875 euros). The next most expensive address is Avenida Pedralbes in Barcelona (4,884,286 euros). After the two streets in Marbella mentioned above, the list ends with Avenida Rocaferra in Sant Andreu de Llavaneres, near Barcelona (4,700,000 euros) and Avenida Portals Vells in Calvià (Mallorca), (4,690,009 euros).

The Idealista study also shows the most exclusive streets in each of the 17 different regions of Spain. As well as the regions with streets in the top ten positions, four others have addresses where properties cost over a million euros: Comunidad Valenciana (2,377,667 euros), Basque Country (2,012,545 euros), Canary Islands (1,208,545 euros) and Cantabria (1,119,127 euros).

The cheapest region is Extremadura, where the most expensive address costs on average 345,345 euros, followed by La Rioja (421,716 euros) and Castilla-La Mancha (428,067 euros).



An aerial view of La Zagaleta. :: JOSELE-LANZA

THE MOST EXPENSIVE ADDRESSES

Calle	Municipality (Province)	Price
1. Urbanización Coto Zagaleta	Benahavís (Malaga)	6,758,961
2. Avda. Tibidabo	Barcelona	5,858,750
3. Pº Marquesa Viuda Aldama	Alcobendas	5,700,000
4. Camino del Sur	Alcobendas	5,485,192
5. Camino Ancho	Alcobendas	5,146,875
6. Avda. Pedralbes	Barcelona	4,884,286
7. Calle Mozart	Marbella	4,754,944
8. Calle Rossini	Marbella	4,715,026
9. Avda. Rocaferrera	S. Andreu Llavan.	4,700,000
10. Avda. Portal Vells	Calvià	4,690,909

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Gibraltar government calms fears after Yellowhammer report

Picardo says the potential issues arising from a no-deal Brexit were identified by Gibraltar some time ago and have been resolved

DEBBIE BARTLETT

GIBRALTAR. Following the publication by the Sunday Times of a leaked UK government report into the consequences of a no-deal Brexit, the Gibraltar government quickly issued a statement saying that it wasn't what it seemed.

The report, part of Operation Yellowhammer contingency plans for a civil emergency, referred to problems arising such as four-hour queues to cross the border, a shortage of food and medicines in Gibraltar and problems with waste disposal. It caused considerable alarm, but the government insisted that it was "out of date" and "wrong".

In the statement, and also during interviews with local and international media, chief minister Fabian Picardo pointed out that these were worst-case scenarios which the Gibraltar authorities had themselves identified some time ago and



The leaked report caused concern about crossing the border. :: SUR

notified to the UK government, and had then worked on to resolve them. That had now been done, he insisted, saying that Gibraltar does not want a no-deal Brexit, but is prepared for it if it happens.

However, he also made the point during one interview that it is quite possible, with regard to the UK's Brexit planning, that there are things nobody has foreseen or even realised were associated with Britain's membership of the EU, and if that

is the case then there could be a few surprises in store in general on 1 November.

With regard to concerns about potential delays at the border, Picardo said in a later statement that Gibraltar has been working with the UK and Spain to address a no-deal situation, especially given how those issues would affect frontier flow, using the Memoranda of Understanding as a non-legally binding basis if there is no Withdrawal Agreement.

IN BRIEF



The official presentation of the National Games. :: SUR

Special Olympics National Games

GIBRALTAR

D.B. The Special Olympics Gibraltar group is preparing to stage the 34th Gibraltar National Games from 18-20 September, and these promise to be the biggest and best games yet. Teams

have been invited from various countries to participate in the different sports including athletics, swimming, ten-pin bowling and five-a-side-football.

This year golf will be included for the first time, in a 9-hole competition and skills event at San Roque Golf Club. The Games will begin at 6pm on 18 September, at the Victoria Stadium.

Spinal surgery now available in Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR

D.B. Patients with a painful spine condition caused by osteoporosis can now be treated in Gibraltar, thanks to a new surgical service launched by the Gibraltar Health Authority. Previously, patients and their families had to travel to the UK for the procedure, which is called percutaneous vertebroplasty.

Grace 1 supertanker left on Sunday night

GIBRALTAR

D.B. The Adrian Darya supertanker, formerly called Grace 1, finally left Gibraltar waters on Sunday evening with a new captain and crew. The ship, which was detained for contravening EU sanctions on Syria on 4 July, was released by the Gibraltar court on Thursday last week. It is believed she was heading for Greece.

HIGH-END *furniture*



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Hiking in hot weather

As a hiker, I was saddened to read of the recent death of the British hiker in Marbella.

Every summer, lots of hikers need to be rescued from the mountains after having accidents or becoming injured. Though rewarding, solo hiking can be risky and extremely dangerous at this time of the year, which is why I avoid hiking in Málaga during the summer at all costs. It is just not worth the risk.

It may sound pretty obvious for many that you must find shade and try to cool down if you feel ill when hiking in hot weather, but there are other hid-

den dangers that people sometimes ignore.

On many occasions, headache, confusion or dizziness may lead to bad decisions and, ultimately, accidents.

If you still venture off alone in the summer, remember to cover yourself, put on sunscreen and take plenty of water. Let someone know exactly where you are going and where you are likely to be at any given time so a rescue team can find you if you get into trouble.

ANDRES MORALES RUEDA
BY EMAIL

Beautiful Estepona

As a third-time visitor to the region I wish to express my appreciation to the gardeners responsible for creating such a glorious showing of colour in the streets of Estepona.

The colour combinations are such a breath of fresh air and really lift my spirits.

We also thoroughly appreciated the beautiful orchids in the Orchidarium.

Congratulations to all concerned for making the town beautiful and we look forward to returning.

JUNE CAMPBELL-TONG

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Beach behaviour

The ten points mentioned in your article ('Ten things you can get fined for doing on Costa del Sol beaches', SUR in English August 16-23) are constructive and correct. However, it is not always possible to follow them.

I live in the Costa Natura urbanisation and every autumn and spring lots of rubbish is washed up on the beach. Like others, I try to collect this rubbish and put it into a bin but there isn't one!

During the low season, the bins were removed. I tried to get at least one reinstalled during this period - to no avail - although I contacted the Tourist Office in Estepona who advised me to send GP coordinates where the bin should be in-

stalled - but nothing happened (this is the responsibility of the Coasts department).

The other unpleasant experience came yesterday. It's nice when the beach cleaning machines come along, but doing so after 10 in the morning when many people are at the beach is annoying. It was after 11am when the tractor came and I had to rush out of the water in order to save my sun glasses and flip-flops - and I was not the only one.

The problem of dogs at the beach is difficult to solve as long as there is no supervision. The same applies to cigarette butts. Taking care of public spaces is something which many people still have to learn.

CHRISTIAN HORIG
ESTEPONA

Dancing

In response to Lynn Hopkins' reply to my letter about sitting or standing at concerts I would like to add that presumably Ms Hopkins could still hear the music with people standing in front of her, and the TV screens at Marenostrum are about 60 foot high and impossible for standing people to block. Rod Stewart looked about 4 inches high from where I was and 40 foot high on the screens, so it was actually better to watch him on the screens.

TOM KIRBY
FUENGIROLA

Guilt edged opportunities

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Bumpety bump, bumpety bump. Wherever you go in the world, trains sound more or less the same. Well, except for Japan, probably, where they almost certainly make a swooshing noise before delivering you to your destination half an hour before you left.

Anyway, up here in Barcelona, it's the old classic bumpety bump rhythm as we hurtle towards the airport in a train fairly plastered in graffiti. My, they do love their graffiti in these parts; opening a spray paint can business must be a sure fire winner. Bumpety bump, bumpety bump.

Once we reach the airport, I do hope I won't be pulled aside at security as I was on the way in. It's always rather nerve-racking although you know you've got nothing to hide. Sometimes, when I've been travelling with a guitar, I've received the dreaded beckoning

finger signal and spent the next five minutes beaded with sweat, recalling random scenes from Midnight Express, as a customs or security official grabs my guitar in precisely the way you're not supposed to, before studying the tuner, plectrums, spare strings, capos and other attendant paraphernalia in minute detail with the puzzled expression of a labradoodle staring at its own reflection in the patio glass door window.

The worst thing is, despite your certainty that all will be well, a small yet persistent voice begins to whisper in your ear.

"What about that hippie on the bus who brushed past your guitar case? His pants looked like they were woven from hemp weed and cocaine."

"What if this is the bag your wife lent to your next door neighbour Joss Stick Jack or whatever his name was for his weekend trip to Bogotá?"

It's the same when the police stop you in your car and you begin to wonder if you should have cleaned it since that weird rock festival in 1978. Eventually the officer waves you off curtly but your smooth withdrawal from the scene is hampered by your nervous right leg shaking like Elvis Presley's during the Hound Dog years. So you bounce absurdly away in the manner of The Ant Hill Mob in The Wacky Races.

Even in supermarkets we're not immune, when that beeper thing goes off at the till and you sport your best it-wasn't-me-ref expression, vaguely worried that a tin of pilchards might have fallen down the back of your pants earlier in aisle six.

Maybe it's because I went to a Catholic school but, frankly, I just can't help feeling guilty even when I'm not.

Bumpety bu... oh no, we've arrived. Gulp!

IDÍGORAS



Traditions or torment?

DEBBIE BARTLETT

Ferias are a bit like Marmite - you either love them or hate them, and in my case I have gone from one extreme to another. In my younger days I'd have been there, dancing the night away and sipping sherry as if there were a lagoon of it that had to be emptied, but nowadays I prefer a quieter life. And that's the problem. With modern electronic music equipment, fairs are noisier now and I need my sleep.

I live in a small village and the concerts are held in the main square,

800 metres from my house. Quite a distance, right? But they keep me awake, literally all night. There is a fairground, but people prefer the ambience of the square. That's fine and I am certainly not opposed to anyone enjoying themselves, but when the decibel level is frequently so high that hearing can be affected, when there are elderly and unwell people living around the square and in nearby streets and when the music goes on until 6.30am for four consecutive nights, I believe we have a right to complain.

"Ah, but you're a foreigner," say other foreigners who don't know or don't care that I have been in Spain for 31 years, 15 of them in this village, and have applied for Spanish nationality. They also ignore the fact that many Spanish residents are also up in arms about the noise. "You have no right to criticise your host country."

"Local businesses are raking in the money," I am admonished. As if they wouldn't earn as much if the decibel level were turned down a few notches.

"Respect local customs and culture," is my favourite, usually from Brits who drink and dance for a while and then return to homes where they can't hear a manic DJ blasting out headbanging rhythms as loudly as if he were standing at the foot of the bed. Dangerously loud music is not a local tradition. Running a bull through a streets with a ring of fire round its neck used to be; would these people respect that custom, if it were brought back, I wonder?

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Art show aims to raise awareness of excessive plastic use

La Mar de Plásticos looks to highlight the invasion of this material in the sea and its abusive use

EARTH MATTERS

by **ANDREA JIMÉNEZ**

MARBELLA. Hundreds of plastic bottles inundate the ground. Beside them are fish of all sizes and colours. Although it could be the bottom of the sea, this is not the case. It is La Mar de Plásticos (the sea of plastics), an installation on the patio of the Cortijo Miraflores Cultural Centre which is looking to reawaken awareness about the abusive use of plastics and its invasion of the sea.

The creator of this idea, which combines art and social criticism, is José Luis Delgado, a man from Malaga who has dedicated the last year to creating, one by one, all the fish and marine animals that make up the exhibition. "I have always loved the sea, and some years ago I realised that I collected more plastic than shells, so I started to think about the idea of creating something like this," recalls the artist, who has put together his creations with plastic bottles, newspapers and adhesive tape.

Although the first idea was to create a human figure, eventually

EXHIBITION

► **Dates.** Until 31 August.

► **Place.** Cortijo Miraflores Cultural Centre (Calle San Pedro Alcántara, 10).

► **Hours.** Monday to Sunday, from 9am to 8.30pm.

► **Price.** Free entry.

► **Complementary activities.** 'DesplastificArte', which will involve an informal chat and fish making activity. The will take place on 30 and 31 August and will both be free. Those interested can email tallereslaola@gmail.com.



Creator of the installations, José Luis Delgado. :: **JOSELE**

he settled on fish. "I realised that the structure of a plastic bottle was very similar to that of a fish," said this finance professional who has discovered a passion for art. "I wanted to reinvent myself, and although it took a long time, I like it a lot."

Each one of the animals has its own style and colours, which the artist has clearly detailed. "It took several days to do some of the pieces. They all have a message," he said. Among them, a big turtle, made from paper and plastic. Its shell comes with a surprise: open it, and inside there is the message 'Stop plastic'. "It is the figure that took the most time, but I couldn't have done the exhibition without it."

Also not lacking is a tuna fish, created from a plastic container, appearing to be in motion. Although they all have a story behind them, the artist's favourite is the Morse fish, which has the famous code in its pigmentation, in



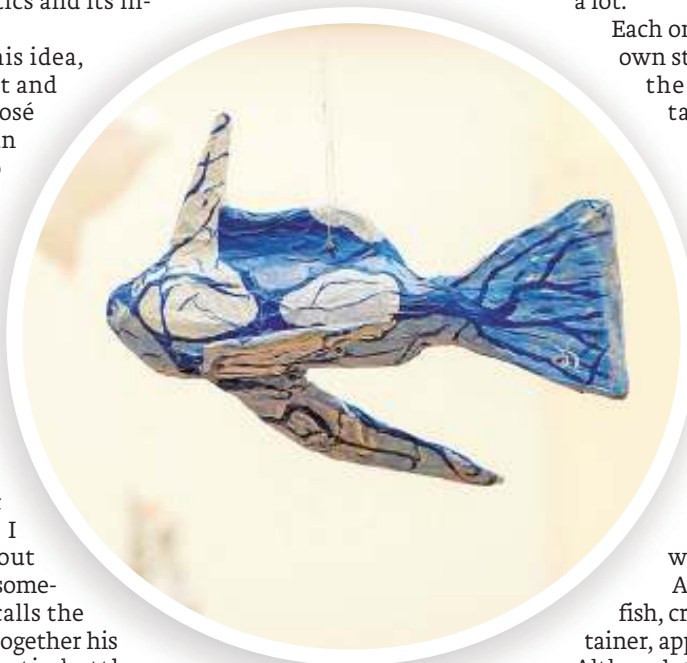
One of the pieces, created with paper and plastic. :: **JOSELE**

order to give a message which is read all over its body: SOS. "For me, it is the essence of this exhibition, putting across the messages we want to emphasise," explains Delgado.

Another curiosity of the exhibition is a botijo, a traditional Spanish clay container designed to contain water. "People must look for alternatives to plastic, and it is something which is often for-

gotten nowadays."

The exhibition will be open for visitors until 31 August, and also has free workshops to learn about these colourful fish. "Despite the toughness of the message, the exhibition has a lot of colour, because we forget hard things," he says, not ruling out collaborating with associations and foundations to spread his message.



A fish created with a plastic bottle. :: **JOSELE**

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The Roman Oasis returns

Following its closure last summer, one of the Costa del Sol's most iconic restaurants is re-opening for two charity events

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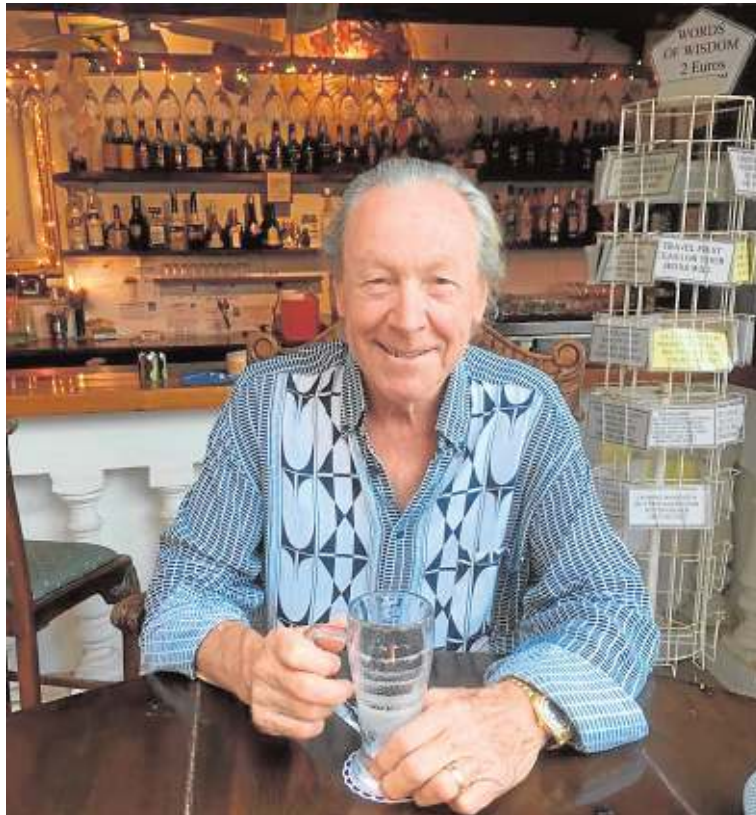
MANILVA. A popular expat restaurant that shut down last summer after 36 years is to re-open for two charity fundraisers.

The Roman Oasis in Sabinillas will be raising money for both Cudeca and the Asociación Gatos de Manilva (AGDM).

More than 100 people are expected at each event and it's hoped thousands of euros will be raised for both charities.

Englishman Paul Hickling, 74, who first opened the restaurant in 1983 after visiting the Roman Baths in Sabinillas, told SUR in English: "I've come out of retirement for two very worthy charity nights."

The closure of the restaurant, which in recent years only opened during July and August, was an-



Paul Hickling at the Roman Oasis in Sabinillas. :: A.BOLTON

FUNDRAISERS

► **When.** In aid of Cudeca Hospice, Friday 30 August, 8pm. For AGDM, Monday 9 September, 8pm.

► **Where.** Roman Oasis restaurant, Camino Sabinillas a Casares, 29692 Manilva.

► **Tickets.** Email Paul at romanoasis@outlook.com

nounced in May.

"My wife Kaat suggested we do a couple of events for charity as it would be a nice thing to do.

"We are hoping for a full house and to raise a lot of money.

"We've now got to decorate, paint and get everything set up as if we were opening for the summer again.

"But after these two events that will definitely be it, 36 years is long enough," he joked.

Paul added that donated items are still needed for a 'Wheel of For-

tune' and they can be dropped off at Miel restaurant in Sabinillas, owned by his wife Kaat Buelens.

The first fundraiser will be held on Friday 30 August at 8pm for Cudeca, while the AGDM event will be held on Monday 9 September from 8pm.

Both events cost 50 euros per person and will include drinks, dinner and live music.

Paul, who wrote a book about running the restaurant and was friends with the late English chef Keith Floyd, a regular at the eatery, added: "Book quickly, we will definitely be full both nights."

The AGDM helps to look after the street cats of Manilva and the money raised will help feed and care for the local cats that are rescued.

The Cudeca Cancer Hospice is based in Benalmádena and was founded in 1992 by British expat Joan Hunt MBE.

The hospice, which has been operating on the Costa del Sol since 1991, helps take care of terminally ill patients and their families.

For more information on the charities, visit www.facebook.com/gatosdemanilva or www.cudeca.org.

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On 23 August 1991, Tim Berners-Lee, famously the inventor of the World Wide Web, opened the very first website to the public. It was the first time a web page was accessible to the whole world.

Developed in Switzerland, the professor was in charge of establishing, for the first time, communication between client and server using HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol), which at its most basic level forms the basis for how web pages are communicated from the web server to the user's browser.

Despite doubts around the official date of the internet's launch, CERN (the European Organisation for Nuclear Research) rec-

ognises 23 August, at the very least, as a day of celebration of the internet.

As the web was originally invented as an information-sharing tool for universities and institutions around the world, the first page was actually created on 6 August, but only available for members of the CERN. Still found today at <http://info.cern.ch>, almost thirty years after its creation, the first ever public web page gave users basic instructions

on how the web worked, including how to access documents, set up their own server and a Frequently Asked Questions page.

Over the past thirty years, the internet has grown to become one of the most important and significant inventions of our so-



Tim Berners-Lee, the creator of the World Wide Web. :: CERN

ciety, enabling everyday citizens to connect with the rest of the world, share data and find information at the drop of a hat.

A 2017 survey by Nominalia found that more than 31 million people in Spain connect daily to the internet, with 40 per cent spending more than three hours

on it each day and 14 per cent spending more than five hours a day online. According to data carried out by the AIMC (Association for the Investigation of Social Media), 45 per cent of Spaniards said they could not live without the internet.

The current global leader in

terms of web page visits is unsurprisingly Google which on average receives over 40,000 searches a second, followed by fellow internet giants YouTube and Facebook in second and third place, respectively.

In an age where the internet dominates society, and it is increasingly difficult to decipher truth from fiction online with the growth of so-called fake news, it is hard to imagine Berners-Lee ever envisioning his tiny web page being the start of the internet we know today, and the first of more than 130 trillion individual web pages that are now in existence.

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Conectar	To connect
Redes sociales	Social media
Navegar	To surf
Utilizar	To use
Crecimiento	Growth
Usuarios	Users
Descargar	To download
Sitio web	Web site
Internautas	Internet users
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GARDENING

The moonflower

***Ipomoea alba*, also known as *Calonyction aculeatum*, is a perennial flowering vine or liana related to the sweet potato**

The majority of the plants in the *Ipomoea* genus are commonly called morning glory and *I. alba* is also known as the white morning glory, the moonflower and evening glory.

This tropical or sub-tropical twining vine is native to South and Central America and to Florida. It has

large white or pink fragrant flowers eight to 14 cm across which open around dusk releasing their perfume as the sun goes down. The flowering period is usually late summer, as temperatures dip a little, although

it may bloom occasionally throughout the season. The vine is a vigorous grower and in rich soils will climb up to 30 metres with support from a trellis or other structure. It produces abundant foliage especially in high nitrogen soils; the large leaves are heart-shaped or sometimes have three lobes.

The moonflower needs a position in full or partial sun. It is not fussy and will grow in even poor, dry soils. However, it is not entirely drought resistant although it will survive short periods without irrigation (once established). In temperate regions the moonflower should be grown as an annual but in other areas with no frosts, it will probably die back in the winter and re-shoot in spring provided the base of the plant is adequately protected with a thick layer of mulch.

The moonflower can be given a high phosphorous fertiliser during the flowering period but avoid giving it a high nitrogen feed which will only encourage more leaves and not more blooms. All parts of the plants are mildly toxic and should not be ingested by humans or animals.

Propagation is usually by seed, the hard brown capsules need to be soaked overnight before planting in a warm spot in early spring. It can also be propagated by root division but will take a while to recover as it does not like root disturbance.

The moonflower will grow in a large container; it flowers best when its roots are slightly 'cramped for space'. This makes it ideal for a patio although it will need a support to climb up. The overall height can be restricted by pinching out the growing tips.



A mass of *Ipomoea alba* and a bloom (inset). :: WIKIMEDIA

READERS' PHOTOS



:: ANN PENNINGTON

A BLAZE OF BOUGAINVILLEA

Ann Pennington sent in this photo of a bougainvillea and says that the petals flying into the pool are a bit of a nuisance but the stunning display is well worth the extra pool cleaning.

THE COCKSPUR CORAL TREE

Caroline Sellers sent in this photo of a rather exotic-looking tree she saw in a park in Motril. It is *Erythrina* or cocksaur coral tree (pico de gallo in Spanish), the national flower of Argentina and Uruguay. It forms a small tree five to eight metres tall but can be grown in a large container which will make it easier to protect from the cold in inland regions. However it is quite hardy and I have seen one flourishing in the centre of Barcelona.




:: CAROLINE SELLERS

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

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The children spent three hours at the rescue centre. :: SUR

ARCH welcomes children and educates them on caring for horses

Children visited the horse rescue centre as part of a summer camp initiative by Alhaurín el Grande town hall

:: SUR IN ENGLISH

ALHAURÍN EL GRANDE. Around 40 children, aged between seven and nine years old, visited ARCH, the Andalusian Rescue Centre for Horses and Donkeys recently. The visit was arranged by Alhaurín town hall as part of a summer camp initiative.

The children spent almost three

hours at the centre, meeting and learning about the animals in their care.

After a talk by the charity's president Jill Newman Rogers, they watched vets cleaning a donkey's teeth and learnt how to look after horses and donkeys properly. They then played games (like Pin the Tail on the Donkey) or drew pictures of their favourite horse. Each child was given a certificate at the end of the morning and Alhaurín TV was there to film for the local news.

The centre is open every Sunday morning from 9am until noon. www.horserescuespain.org

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REF. E. C. R.

Last weekend, my ex-wife told me that she had reported me for stealing 35,000 euros. According to her, she gave me that money six months ago to deposit it in the bank, but I never did, and kept the money. I never received the money and she can't have any proof because it is a lie. She cannot bear that I broke up

with her, and she is always doing this sort of thing, with the sole objective of getting revenge, especially since she has found out I now am in a new relationship. Bearing in mind that everything is a lie, am I still obliged to go to court?

In such cases, it is advisable to try to avoid a trial, precisely by claiming that there is no rational indication that the complaint may be true. However, the normal procedure would be that you were summoned, at least once, by the court, to hear your statement. However, it is possible that even if we tried to avoid it, there may be a trial. If the court calls you, you have no choice but to go and try to clarify the issue.

REF. N. I. V.

The president of our community has suggested installing solar panels on the rooftop terrace of the building in order to

produce hot water. It seems that all the owners agree with this, but the problem is that the panels are huge and totally destroy the look of the building. We have been told that in order to approve that proposal all the owners have to unanimously agree and I want to vote against. The problem is that I am not sure if I will be able to attend the meeting yet. Therefore, I would like to know what happens if some of the owners do not attend the meeting when the unanimity is required.

The meeting would be held anyway and the proposal would be voted with the people present. Just one person voting against will get the proposal rejected. If no one votes against, the absent owners could challenge the decision during a period of three months after the meeting. If no one challenges it during that period, the decision would be approved.

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Cristina Guerrero, with one of the fans sold in Ceylan Málaga. :: SALVADOR SALAS

Fans are as fashionable as ever

This accessory is most popular during the summer, and not only because of its ability to alleviate the heat, but because it never goes out of fashion

:: ALEJANDRO DÍAZ

Cristina Guerrero's aunt used to manage a traditional shop in Malaga's his-

toric centre, selling fans on Calle Nueva. The shop was opened in 1958, and upon her aunt retiring, Cristina

decided to continue with the tradition, which holds on to its significance even today, especially in the months from April to September.

The fan is many things at the same time; it is used to battle the heat, it is an accessory, and it is also a symbol. Despite also working on other business lines these days, the fan continues to be special for Cristina. The owner of Ceylan Málaga is insistent that the fan is not an accessory of bygone days, and she herself makes sure to customise the fans in order to ensure that they keep with the fashion trends of today. Cristina redesigns the aesthetics of the fans according to world trends each year.

"The retirement of my aunt resulted in the loss of a business which allowed you to choose the

fan you wanted and to ask for advice. Prices ranged from six euros to whatever you were willing to pay," explains Cristina, who saw an opportunity to continue the artisan trade which remains popular generation to generation.

Cristina has had to face several challenges along the way. Owning a

"We sell more fans during the summer, not only because of the heat, but also because of the weddings"

shop in the historic centre which has forgotten the importance of supporting local trade has not always been easy. Nevertheless, Cristina remains steadfast in her defence of such businesses, claiming that they give a city its identity and the attention given to customers in such shops cannot be beaten. Cristina is thankful to customers who have remained loyal to her business for decades. "At times, we are like a family. Customer treatment is personalised and we end up talking about everything. It is important that customers trust in you and your ability to advise them and choose the right accessory for them," Cristina continues.

"Fans are used a lot in Malaga, just like in any other place with a hot climate," she explains. And there does not seem to be a set target market; as many younger people as older people enter the shop in search of a fan. In the case of Ceylan Málaga, customers are often looking for something more than just a fan: an accessory for an important day, perhaps a wedding celebration or a communion.

"It's because of this that we sell more fans during the high season. Not only is it a question of temperature, but summer is also the season for celebrations, especially weddings," says Cristina, "Customers ask me for advice, since the fan has to go with the outfit they have chosen."

Ceylan Málaga had to migrate to 3 Calle Marqués, a street close to the San Juan church. This is one of the few areas in Malaga's historic centre which still supports traditional businesses. Cristina enjoys contact with the customer most about her job: the ability to advise customers and the satisfaction they get when they see the final result. "People have more confidence in you than in a larger shop. It is another way of understanding business, and one that should be protected and not lost."

In keeping with her defence of traditional trade, Cristina entrusts Malaga's artisans with the production of the fans sold in her shop. "They bring us a collection of samples in September or October and we choose the ones we like the most and sometimes ask for a few design changes to be made," Cristina explains. "We adapt them according to fashion trends. For example, this year has been the year of nude pink and International Klein Blue."

Those are the latest trends, but Cristina also sells the classic shades which never fail. "Our business is very exclusive; not many shops that sell fans exist. Our shop comes with more than 3,000 fans. If you're looking for a specific colour, you will find it here. It's this, alongside our close relationship with the customer, which differentiates us from competitors, allowing us to survive as a traditional business in the historic centre," says Cristina.

She recognises that the change of address from Calle Nueva to Calle Marqués meant starting from scratch, but emphasises the power of word of mouth, something which has "solved the problems of this type of trade".

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EXHIBITIONS

Rooted in Gibraltar

Gibraltar. Until 30 August. John Mackintosh Hall.

Tamara Shaw opens her exhibition in Gibraltar. The abstract realism exhibition features large canvas pieces, oil paintings and collage rope works, with sailing as the underlying theme.

Victorian Spain

Ronda. Until 31 August. El Museo Unicaja Joaquín Peinado.

'A vision of Victorian Spain' is the theme for this exhibition which consists of around 75 works by 20 British artists (including John Philip, Edwin Long, John Bagnold Burgess, John Haynes Williams, Robert Kemm and Edwin Roberts) who painted romantic landscapes of Spain in Victorian times.

Granada Mi Aire

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

Andalusian landscapes focusing on light and power.

Museo Ralli

Marbella. Until 22 May, 2021. Urbanisation Coral beach, N340,



Luis Seoane, Marbella



Photography, Mijas

km176. Free entry.

The current exhibition consists of a selection of works by Argentinian artist Luis Seoane.

Joint photographic exhibition

Mijas. Until 23 September. Centro Cultural La Cala de Mijas.

Cordoba photographer María Cabrero Murillo will be exhibiting a selection of her work alongside that of Alozaina artist Antonio Sepúlveda Merino.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Lunar Landings

Mijas Pueblo. Until 30 September. Mijas tourist office.

An exhibition to commemorate the landing on the moon in 1969.

The Beatles and the Rolling Stones

Mijas. Until 1 September. Casa Museo de Mijas.

The exhibition captures the magic of the bands when they were still young and relatively unknown. The pieces in the exhibition come from the private collections of Erry O'Neill and Gered Mankowitz as well as some photographs by the great photographer Baron Wolman.

Intrinsic Journey

Malaga. Until 8 September. Edificio Tabacalera, Avda Sor Teresa Prat.

'Intrinsic Journey' is a photographic exhibition by Dmitry Lookianov.

Libras y Decisivas

Malaga. Until 8 September. Edificio Tabacalera, Avda Sor Teresa Prat.

'Libras y Decisivas. Artistas Rusas Entre Tradición and Vanguardia'. A look at the rapid modernisation of Russian society at the beginning of the 20th century and its consequences in society.

The Russian museum

Malaga. Until 8 September. Edificio Tabacalera, Avda Sor Teresa Prat.

'Colección Gmurzynka' is a collection of the work of Polish-born artist Antonina Gmurzynska who showed a profound interest in Russian art of the early 20th century.

Fundación Unicaja

Malaga. Until 29 August. Sociedad Económica Amigos del País.

The exhibition is called 'Tesoros Ocultos. Una muestra de la colección de Francisco Martín Sáenz e Hijos' and is a collection of 28 distinct pieces by artists such as Denis Belgrano and Enrique Simonet, among others.

Centre Pompidou

Malaga. Until 15 September.

¡Con Ojo! is an interactive installation for children.

Bruce Nauman

Malaga. Until 1 September. Museo Picasso Málaga.

Rooms, Bodies, Words is the title of the exhibition of around 100 works by contemporary artist and sculptor Bruce Nauman.

Carmen Thyssen Museum

Malaga. Until 8 September.

'Perversidad. Mujeres fatales en el arte moderno' features women artists who invaded spaces that were previously out of bounds to them or restricted.

Banksy The Art of Protest

Malaga. Until 15 September. La Térmica.

The exhibition is La Térmica's most ambitious to date and includes iconic series such as the portrait of Kate Moss in the style of Warhol's Marilyn, The Bulldog and serigraph of the series Girl with Balloon.



Russian museum, Malaga

Trinidad Rosillo

Torremolinos. Until 20 September.

Centro Cultural Pablo Ruiz Picasso. Around 51 watercolour and oil paintings make up the exhibition by the Malaga artist Trinidad Rosillo.

Summerjoy/Alegría de verano

Frigiliana. Until 31 August. Calle Real 98.

The Spanish artist Alberto Tarsicio

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and Dutch artist Lieuwke Loth exhibit their art.

Artists Network Alpujarra

Órgiva. Until 31 August. Town Hall. The exhibition 'Tierra Frágil' is composed of works that highlight the climate crisis including traditional paintings, photographs, 3D work, light installations, and films related to the climate on flat screen TVs.

CHARITY

Charity Music Festival

Puente Don Manuel. 25 August, from 1.30pm. Scirocco, C/ Venta baja. 10€.

Some of Andalucía's hottest musicians will be performing at the festival of live music. This colourful event will also include side stalls, children's entertainment, a well being zone, plus a choice of refreshments and street food ranging from BBQ to vegan and vegetarian options. 100€ of the proceeds will go to Axarquía Animal Rescue (AAR) and Refuge Dar Hamoosh (RDH) charities. Tickets: Scirocco, La Tasca bar and Kick Off bar in Torre del Mar, Currencies Direct, Nerja; AAR's and Sam Pearson's stall at Trapiche market. Call: 650193777 or email: axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com

Zarzuela Recital for Cudeca

Malaga. 26 August, 9.30pm. La Concepción Botanical Gardens. 15€.



Trinidad Rosillo, Torremolinos.

With sopranos Sonia García and Lourdes Martín: mezzo-soprano Carmen Ariza; tenors Luis Pacetti and Diego Morales, baritone José Antonio Ariza and pianist José M. Padilla. Tickets: www.entradium.com

Picnic In The Park

Benahavís. 31 August, from 9pm (doors open 7.45pm). Parque Torre Leonera. Donation 15€.

In memory of much loved entertainer Mel Williams who died last year, Ricky Lavazza, Mark T Connor and Ron Howells and Karen Danzig will be in concert. Musicians are performing free and all entry donations will go to Cudeca and Hogar Betania.

Antonio Lizana

Marbella. 6 September, 8.45pm. Clínica Buchinger Wilhelmi. 20€ The Antonio Lizana Quinteto will be playing Flamenco Fusion in this concert to raise funds for Pozos Sin Fronteras (Wells Without Borders). www.musicaconencanto.org

Lions charity lunch

La Cala de Mijas. 8 September, 12.30pm. Restaurante Valparaíso. 35€.

A three-course meal including wine, beer, soft drinks liqueurs or coffee plus canapes and an aperitif on arrival. Entertainment from Laura Elen. Tickets from the Lions Shop or tel: 637185533 / 952485975

Cudeca Pop Rock Tribute

Benalmádena. 6 September, 9pm. Municipal Auditorium. 10€.

The festival will feature performances by bands The Soaks, a 60s and 70s music tribute band; The Silver Beats tribute to The Beatles and Los Remolones tribute to The Ramones. Tickets 10€ in advance or 12€ on the door, available from www.entradium.com/es/events/musicstory or the Cudeca shop in Arroyo de la Miel or Cudeca Centre in Benalmádena.

Animals In Distress auctions

Alhaurín el Grande. 13 September, 11 October viewing from 6pm. Peña Asfahal.

Fifteen per cent commission from each sale goes to AID. Sellers need to advise AID (Joe: 626942427) at least 3-4 weeks before the auction and bring the items for logging in between 5 and 6pm. www.animals-in-distress.eu/

Domino Golf tournament

Mijas Costa. 14 September, 8.45am. Club de Golf La Siesta,

Calahonda. Members 20€, non members 36€. To sponsor a hole 50€.

A golf tournament in aid of Dogs Of Malaga In Need. Four player Texas Scramble. Breakfast roll with coffee, juice and water after nine holes. Prize giving at 1.30pm followed by lunch. Call Petra: 620651365

Southern Impact for AID

Mijas. 15 September from 1pm.

Valparaíso Restaurant. 25€.

Boogie the afternoon away with classics such as Car Wash, Disco Inferno and Young Hearts with Southern Impact and DJ Mad Rich at this fundraising event for animal charity AID which includes cava and canapés, a three course meal with half a bottle of wine followed by coffee. Adnace bookings only at the restaurant, the AID second-hand warehouse in Alhaurín el Grande and IBEX insurance in Fuengirola.



Antonio Lizana, Marbella

Pawsawhile Golf Party

Alhaurín el Grande. 22 September from 10am. Alhaurín Golf Club. 25€.

A 9 hole shotgun round to raise funds for Pawsawhile Dog Rescue. Cost 25 euros per player which includes paella, a drink and live entertainment. Non players are welcome to enjoy the lunch and entertainment for 15 euros. There will be a raffle too. Reservation email: reservas@alhaurin-golf.com or call: 952 595 800

MUSIC & DANCE

Festival del Carnaval

Torremolinos. 23 August, doors open at 9pm. Plaza del Toros. Tickets from 25€.

Three comparsa bands and performances by De la Prida 'Daddy Cadi' and La Brigada Amarilla cuartet from Cadiz Carnival. Tickets: www.masterentradas.com

Louie Louie Rock Bar

Estepona. Avda Luis Braille.

30 August, midnight. The Buzz Lovers tribute to Nirvana.

14 September, 11.45pm. Rob Sas. Rock tribute band playing music from Free, Whitesnake, Deep Purple, Jimi Hendrix, Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin and AC/DC.

The Wall Bar

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

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MUSIC & DANCE

Sierra Nevada Todo Lo Alto Granada. 23, 24 August 9.30pm. The ski station. Free (entry and parking).

The mountain summer festival includes concerts by Art Brut, Apartamentos, Acapulco, Elemento Deserto (23 August); Morgan, Texx-coco, Número Primo (24 August). There are also workshops for drums, guitar and piano organised by the Escuela de Rock Gabba Hey in the Plaza de Anadalucia and concerts for children with one especially for babies. A full programme www.sierranevada.es

Kuko Morales saxophonist Villanueva del Trabuco. 23 August, from 1am. Terraza Bar La Plaza. As part of the Feria de Agosto celebrations in the village, the Terraza Bar la Plaza will be hosting a concert by accomplished sax player Kuko Morales.

Green Covers 80s tribute Benalmádena. 30 August, 9pm. La Paloma Park. 20€ on door, 14€ in advance.

The Valencia based tribute band Green Covers will be performing some of the best loved hits of the 80s by artists such as U2, Depeche Mode and The Cure. Tickets: www.costadeldisco.com



Green Covers, Benalmádena

Age Concern Summer Concert Mijas. 7 September, from 1-6pm. Restaurant Valparaíso. 25€. Age Concern Fuengirola and Mijas annual event. Price includes lunch and a concert by the Jersey Boys. There will also be a raffle. Tickets

Bagpipes, bands and battles keep the legend alive in Teba

:: C. WAY / SUR IN ENGLISH

TEBA. Tartan has come to Teba, as the town's annual Scottish Douglas Days Festival is already under way. From now until 25 August, Teba expects to welcome up to 8,000 visitors, excited to revel in the 15th year of festivities.

Legendary Sir James Douglas takes to the spotlight throughout the duration of the festival, as visitors recall the Scottish knight's quest to take the embalmed heart of King Robert the Bruce to the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem almost 700 years ago. It was not meant to be, and Black Douglas, as he is now revered, succumbed to wounds suffered at Teba castle in a valiant battle between the Christian army of King Alfonso XI of Castile and the Moors.

Teba commemorates this heroic tale with an equally epic programme of events. The celebrations got off to a stimulating start, as last night's festival-goers were treated to a screening of Outlaw King, followed by a thought-provoking discussion. From today (Friday) until 25 August, visitors will be whisked away on a trip back in time, and



Celtic festivities under way in Teba. :: SUR

neither the medieval market or adrenaline fuelled jousting tournaments for children will be attractions to miss.

Both Scottish and Moorish gastronomy stalls will whet the appetite, and Celtic music performances showcasing the talent of the Turas Ceilidh Band, Los Rodríguez Celtic Band and others are set to be crowd-pleasers. A special mention goes to collaborators The Strathleven Artisans, who, once again, have travelled all the way from Scotland just to attend.



Medieval knights. :: SUR

from: Age Concern Charity shop /club in Los Boliches; Age Concern club in La Cala and Ibex Insurance, Fuengirola.

Rob Sas Estepona. 7 September, 9.30pm. La Cabana, El Padrón (formerly The Eden Bar).

The Rob Sas band will perform classic rock songs from a wealth of artists such as Free, Whitesnake, Deep Purple, Jimi Hendrix, Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin, AC/DC and many more at the Sabi Street Party.

They will be supported by The Silver Dollar Forgers. www.therobsasband.com

V Jazz Festival Nerja. Hotel Paraíso del Mar. 10pm.

4 September. Eva Jiménez Quartet

Music in the open-air La Cala de Mijas. 10, 16, 23 August, 9pm. Plaza Torreón. Free.

23 August. Bohío Flamenco with Adriana la Pimienta.

Gibraltar National Celebrations Gibraltar. 3 September, 8pm. St Michael's Cave. £20

The European Symphony Orchestra conducted by Denis Vlasenko will be playing Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4; Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture and the 1812 Festival Overture. Tickets: Sacarello's Coffee Shop or the Silver Shop or online: www.buytickets.gi. Some discounted tickets available for pensioners and students from John Mackintosh Hall. Call: 20072134 or www.philharmonic.gi



Gibraltar Calling

Gibraltar. 7 September. Enrique Iglesias will be headlining the programme of concerts planned for the Gibraltar Calling Festival. Tickets and information: www.gibraltarcalling.com.

FLAMENCO

Mi Mundo

Torremolinos. 24 August, 10pm. Plaza del Toros. From 20€. Seville singer and soloist Paco Candela will be performing in the bull ring in Torremolinos on Saturday night as part of his 'Mi Mundo' tour. Tickets: www.masterentradas.com

Casa de los Navajas

Torremolinos. 28 August, 4 September, 10pm. Calle del Bajondillo. 15€. Flamenco shows by Manuel Roldán. Tickets: www.eventbrite.es or from the box office.

FESTIVALS

Ferias de agosto

Antequera. Until 25 August. The Real Feria de Agosto includes competitions (Flamenco outfits 24th), gastronomy, children's activities, DJs and concerts bullfighting in Goyesque style, horsemanship (25th) and on the last day, a firework display at midnight. www.el-soldeantequera.com
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Fiesta de Los Tres Culturas Frigiliana. Until 25 August.

The festival celebrates the three cultures, Islamic, Jewish and Christianity with a medieval market, stalls, workshops etc.

Festival of India

Churriana. 23 August, from 7pm. Hare Krishna temple. Free.

The stage performances will start at 9pm with Vedic mantras, Kirtan, lectures, drama and dance. There will also be a classical musical player with sitar, tabla and flute. There will also be stalls with traditional Indian food such as dosas, idlis and Mumbai chaats. There will be opportunities to have henna tattoos and wear a sari, try yoga and mantra chanting and for



India Festival, Churriana.

the little ones, there will be painting and magic shows. Some tables will be selling books, natural incense sticks, traditional jewellery, Indian clothes, etc. www.harekrishna.es

Corrida Goyesca

Ronda. 31 August, bull ring.

First celebrated in 1954, the Corrida Goyesca celebrates the famous Ronda bullfighter, Pedro Romero. For the first time, the hugely popular event, which is attended by many famous Spanish personalities, has been separated from the main Feria de Pedro Romero which will take place from 3-8 September.

Moors and Christians

Benadali. 26 August.

To celebrate the Fiestas Patronales, the village holds a traditional recreation of the battle between the Moors and the Christians in the fifteenth century with many of the villagers taking part.

EVENTS

Horse races on the beach

Sanlúcar de Barrameda. 25, 27 August.

A tradition that has been running for 174 years takes place again today with over 80 horses participating in the races that start in the early evening, when the tide has retreated to its furthest point. Other activities running parallel include a classical music concert.

A weekend of international music stars at Gibraltar Calling

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GIBRALTAR. The Gibraltar Calling Festival takes place over the weekend 7-8 September this year. It promises two nights of exciting live music performed by international award-winning musicians who include Spanish heartthrob Enrique Iglesias, Take That, Liam Gallagher, Rick Astley, Peter Dinklage, Sigala, Tom Walker and King Calaway among others on the Main Stage.

On the Classic Stage will be 10CC, Lighthouse Family, David Essex, Nazareth, Slade, Steve Harley & Cockney Rebel, Uriah Heep and Killer Queen, among other acts which are still to be confirmed. There will also be performances by well-known and up-and-coming local bands.

Spice Girl Melanie C will be performing a DJ set at the Club MTV Afterparty following the headliners and Goldierocks.

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Uriah Heep will be performing at the festival. ■ FLICKR

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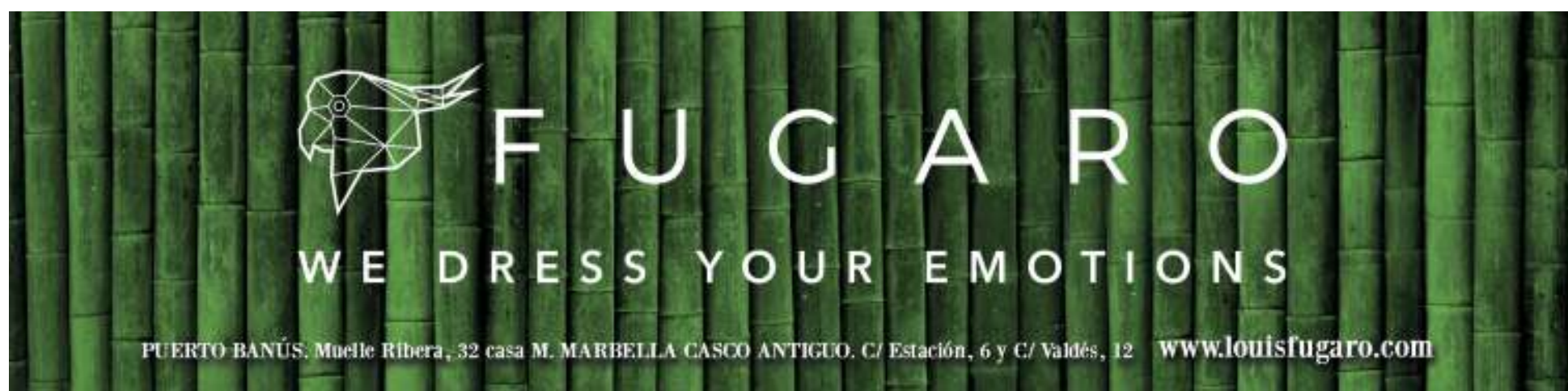
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EVENTS

The Concepción botanica gardens theatre**Malaga.** 24, 25, 27, 28 August.

The Onbeat theatre company will be present an adaptation of The Jungle Book on 24, 25 August followed by The Lion King on 27, 28. There are two shows each night at 8 and 10pm. Tickets: entradasonbeat.com

Trip to Gibraltar**Torre del Mar.** 19 September. Various departure points. 13€.

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The Silver Beats. :: SUR

Cudeca charity punk, rock and The Beatles concert

BENALMÁDENA. The Cudeca Care Hospice will present its Pop/Rock Music Story Tribute Festival to raise funds towards caring for people with cancer and other advanced illnesses.

It will take place in Benalmádena's municipal auditorium and will feature performances by The Soaks, a 60s and 70s tribute band; The Silver Beats, a tribute to The Beatles; and Los Remolones, a tribute to The Ramones.

The Soaks play covers from the 60s and 70s including songs made hits by David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Queen, The Who, Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, Chuck Berry, Credence Clearwater Revival, The Byrds, Fleetwood Mac and more.

The Silver Beats are a rock 'n' roll group from Malaga who per-

INFORMATION

► **When.** 6 September from 9pm.

► **What.** Tribute acts to 60s and 70s, The Beatles and The Ramones.

► **More information.** Tickets in advance costs 10€ from: www.entradium.com/es/events/musicstory or from the Cudeca shop in Arroyo de la Miel and the Cudeca Centre in Benalmádena. Tickets cost 12€ on the door.

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El Camino cycle in fight against cancer

Two neighbours will ride 1,400 kilometres in September from Nerja to Santiago de Compostela to raise funds for the illness which has affected them both

NERJA

EE EUGENIO CABEZAS. Bernardo Cortés and Francisco Bueno are united by something more than a great friendship. The pair's passion for sport, and for some time now, their first-hand experience with cancer. In Bernardo's case, he has successfully beaten a tumour in his colon. And in Francisco's case, his wife suffered from breast cancer which was operated on, also with successful results. The two men from Nerja, who are 57 and 54 years old, now want to give back some of the luck they have had in the form of a challenge for charity, raising funds for the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC).

The pair have planned to cycle the 1,400 kilometres which separates the Balcón de Europa, the well-known viewpoint in Nerja, from which they intend to set off on 6 September, and the Plaza del Obra-



Bernardo and Francisco, cycling from Lisbon to Santiago in 2017. :: SUR

doiro in Santiago de Compostela, which will take around 13 days, travelling on average 120 kilometres a day. They are both already experts in the various routes leading to the Galician cathedral, following some of the most famous pilgrims paths.

In fact, Cortés has done the route eight times in the last eight years, "from León, from France, from Logroño, from Portugal," the Local Policeman explains with more than three decades in the profession under his belt. In the case of Bueno, he

Local Police officer Bernardo Cortés beat colon cancer, and Francisco Bueno's wife breast cancer

is already a veteran, with even more experience on these well-known routes, in which "you find yourself," says Cortés. Bueno, a publicist in his professional life, has arrived in Santiago on more than twenty occasions in his life. "It is a discovery of yourself, it is the solitude of the route, the shrines, the time you spend thinking about all that you have done, what has happened to you, it is a very healthy way to reflect," Cortés explains. In November 2017, they both completed the 600 kilometre ride from Lisbon to the Galician capital, "we had atrocious weather, it rained a lot, but we did it," Cortés proudly recalls, while showing some photos that were taken of the trip.

Now that they have decided to tackle the challenge in September, they expect "much better weather". "When I had my operation on 1 October 2015, I had already begun my recovery and fight against this dis-

ease, because I realised that not a second should be wasted on regrets. The knowledgeable hands of the professionals, luck, a little bit from the patient and the family, it's now four years since then," says Cortés.

More than 15,000 euros

"From the very first day after my surgery, I thought that once I had recovered I would have to do a challenge for charity in order to raise money for the Spanish Association Against Cancer, an organisation to which I have belonged for a year, being the secretary of the local headquarters in Nerja," the police officer continues. His father and 29-year-old nephew died from cancer and his sister is currently in treatment, circumstances which have also pushed him to complete this challenge.

With the volunteers of the AECC they are looking for sponsors of one euro for every kilometre they cycle. "We know that the people of Nerja are very generous, so we are sure that we will surpass the 1,400 kilometres," the cyclists adds. At the moment, in barely a month, they have managed to reach 15,000 euros. "We are completely taken aback by people's response," they confess.

Cortés and Bueno are looking for sponsoring firms, so people that want to can put their advertisements on the shirts that they will wear on their charity adventure. "We want to make clear that all of the funds raised, such as the sponsors that we'll wear, will be completely for the AECC," they state.



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"Radiotherapy can expect to cure 40 per cent of cancer patients"

Jorge Contreras President of the Spanish Radiation Oncology Society

This specialist's top priority is to ensure that every patient in Spain who needs radiotherapy treatment is able to have it

ÁNGEL ESCALERA

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MÁLAGA. The new president of the Sociedad Española de Oncología Radioterápica (SEOR) is Jorge Contreras, a doctor from Málaga. He says his top priority is to give greater visibility to radiotherapy and ensure that every patient who needs this type of treatment receives it. Radiotherapy is becoming increasingly more effective and can aspire to cure up to 40 per cent of cancers, says Dr Contreras, who is a radiation oncologist at the Regional Hospital (previously called the Carlos Haya) and coordinator of the GenesisCare Málaga medical centre.

–What has it meant to you, being appointed president of SEOR?

–For me it is an honour, a challenge and an opportunity for professional development. Heading a scientific

society is a great responsibility. I'll be the elected president for two years, and then president advisor for another two.

–A National Plan against Cancer is currently being drawn up. What do you believe needs to be done to improve your speciality?

–One of the top objectives of the project, which I want to develop during my presidency, is to give visibility to radiotherapy treatment, because it is one of the most effective and efficient weapons we have to beat cancer. It can aspire to cure 40 per cent of oncology patients. However, there is still a large percentage of patients who don't benefit from the treatment or aren't offered it. That fits in with what you have said about the national cancer strategy. One of my missions is for there to be equal-

ity in the offer of radiotherapy, in the whole country.

–Does the situation in Spain vary much, depending on where you live?

–In Spain there has been a delay and a critical situation with regard to resources and radiotherapy treatments because of a lack of means. Thanks to the efforts made by the Administration, donations and actions within the private health sector, in recent months Spain has almost reached the same level as other countries in Europe. What we need to do now is give visibility to radiotherapy so that the whole of society can benefit from it. I am calling on all professionals who treat cancer patients to find out about the latest advances and everything that radiotherapy can do.

–You're saying there are patients who should have radiotherapy but aren't given it?

–There is a work carried out jointly by the SEOR foundation and the Francisco University of Vitoria, to see how many cancer patients are diagnosed in a year and how many

are given radiotherapy. It was found that one-third of patients for whom radiotherapy was indicated in this country are not receiving it.

–And why does that happen?

–Because Spain doesn't have enough technical resources or accessibility to radiotherapy treatments. That has meant that many professionals in the oncology sector don't offer it because it isn't available for their patients. We can say there is an inequality and a lack of homogeneity when it comes to radiotherapy in Spain. That is what I want to change, so that every patient, no matter where they live, has access to these resources.

–So we can definitely say that one-third of patients in Spain who should have radiotherapy are not given the treatment?

–I would say they are patients who are suitable for or could benefit from radiotherapy treatment. Radiotherapy has developed so much in terms of technology and quality that the treatments are much more efficient and effective now, from the point of view of the re-

sults, and they are much less toxic. For me, what is most important is that although we have a very effective weapon against cancer, a third of patients are not receiving it or do not have access to it.

–Is that also the situation in Málaga, that patients do not have access to this type of treatment?

–In Málaga there is a before and after situation, because of the donation of electron accelerators from the Amancio Ortega Foundation. We can say with satisfaction that we are not in a worse situation than other regions. In radiotherapy there is a large margin for improvement, because many specialists who could apply or recommend the treatment have still not entered into the dynamic of being able to prescribe it for patients. In Málaga the message is one of tranquility: we have enough resources and sufficient professionals to attend to patients who need radiotherapy.

–Which tumors is radiotherapy most used to treat?

–With the technological development, and because we now have a much more precise radiotherapy, we are treating tumors which five or ten years ago we would not have been able to. Any tumor situated in an organ can be treated with radiotherapy as an alternative option to surgery. And we do it with greater precision and in fewer sessions. But to answer your question, we treat cancers of the prostate, lung, brain, larynx etc.

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Jorge Contreras, in the oncological radiotherapy department at the Regional Hospital in Malaga. :: MIGUEL FERNÁNDEZ

–Radiotherapy is an alternative for tumors which are localised. Surgery is still an excellent weapon in fighting cancer. There is also complementary radiotherapy, for cases where the surgeon has not been able to remove the whole tumor or there is a microscopic illness.

–Will proton therapy, in other words a way of treating cancer with protons, be available in Malaga soon?

– As a scientific society we have drawn up a document about recommendations and indications which would justify the use of a technique

which is as complicated, costly and sophisticated as proton therapy. We believe that radiotherapy with protons could benefit between two and five per cent of cancer patients, especially pediatric tumors or where there is a need for a new irradiation. Madrid is going to have two proton

units and there are two other very advanced projects, one in Santander and the other in Barcelona. Also, it looks as if the Andalusian Health Service intends to develop a project for proton treatment in this region, and they are currently looking at which cases would benefit from the

QUOTES

Radiotherapy equipment
“In Malaga there is a before and after, with the donation from the Amancio Ortega Foundation”

Radiotherapy treatment
“We have a very effective weapon against cancer, but a third of patients are not receiving it or it has not been available”

New technique
“From the point of view of strategic needs, it doesn’t look as if protontherapy will be available in Malaga in the near future”

technique. From the point of view of strategic needs, though, it doesn’t look as if proton therapy is going to be available in Malaga in the near future.

–Are you managing to reduce the side effects of radiotherapy?

–Yes. Radiotherapy is much shorter now (fewer sessions are needed) and it is much more efficient and precise than it used to be. That means the treatments are quite a lot less toxic, with radiation guided by image. As radiotherapy is so effective, it is also starting to be used in benign pathologies.

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Risk of skin cancer is higher if bald

Baldness or shaved hair is a contributing factor, especially during the summer

CHARO MÁRQUEZ



You can either become bald naturally or choose to shave your head, but, whatever the case, having no hair on your head is considered to be a high-risk factor for the development of skin cancer. Throughout the summer months, we are bombarded with adverts for sun creams. We are more conscious than ever that both children and adults should not be excessively exposed to the sun. Society is aware of the risks the sun brings and of the need to protect ourselves. However, we forget that one of the population sectors most affected by skin cancer is people who are bald.

This claim is supported by statis-



The heads of bald people are damaged by the sun over the years. :: C. M.

People who have close-cropped cuts or shave stripes into their hair are at just as much risk

Between six and ten per cent of bald people who are diagnosed with a keratosis go on to develop skin cancer

being on the beach, forgetting that we are exposed to the sun on a daily basis. This is even more the case for people in certain professions, such as builders, gardeners, fishermen and athletes who spend their days outdoors.

However, people who have hair are not free from the risk of skin cancer developing on the head either. People who have close-cropped cuts or shave stripes into their hair are at just as much risk as those who are bald, even if they have long hair.



Doctor Ana Márquez :: C. M.

tics. People who are bald are the most affected by actinic keratosis; pre-malignant growths which appear as thick crusty scabs on the head, and can develop into squamous cell carcinoma, the second most common cutaneous tumour. Each year, more than 17,000 cases are diagnosed, a figure much higher than the 4,000 cases of melanoma.

Doctor Ana Márquez, at Hospiten Estepona, describes the symptoms of this keratosis as rough pink stains, that tend to appear on the head between the ages of 50 and 60 years old. It is important to remember that people who are bald spend years exposed

to the sun while damage builds up, and it tends not to be until later years that this disease appears.

According to statistics from the hospital's dermatology department, between six and ten per cent of bald people who are diagnosed with a keratosis go on to develop skin cancer.

We tend to associate sunburn with

Doctor's advice

The doctor firstly recommends the application of maximum-protection sun cream to the head. For those who do have hair, special non-greasy sprays exist for the scalp, which help to avoid burns. Secondly, use of a sunhat is advised, and is, in fact, better than that of a cap, since sunhats provide a greater area of protection.

The ears are often forgotten by those concerned about the sun. Doctor Ana Márquez warns that the ears often suffer from sunburn the most. "Women tend to have their ears more protected because they are covered by their hair, but the ears of men are often very exposed," she explains.

Bald or not, in the case of keratosis being detected, the most effective treatment is cryotherapy, or the application of liquid nitrogen to the stain. If the patient has many stains, this process could be painful, and so it is substituted by creams or by laser treatment.

On the Costa del Sol, patients are often foreign with fair skin, and have spent many summers on our beaches. As for Spanish nationals, patients tend to be in their 80s, having never protected themselves from the sun, and "turn up with very damaged heads," says the specialist.

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Panoramic view of Ayamonte with a backdrop of the Atlantic. :: TURISMO ANDALUZ

Beyond Isla Canela

JAVIER ALMELLONES

AYAMONTE

The seafood, specifically tuna, the Isla Canela Marshes and the Guadiana river are some of attractions of this perfect summer destination.



On its eight kilometres of beach, Ayamonte is one of the most important tourist municipalities in the province of Huelva. Its two large sandy areas, Isla Canela and Punta del Moral, and the fact that it borders Portugal, make it an ideal destination to enjoy the Andalusian summer. Isla Canela, almost an island surrounded by the Atlantic, the river Guadiana and estuary channels, almost cutting it off from the mainland, is considered one of the most idyllic beaches in Europe, with its fine white sand, so sought-after by bathers in the summer. It is situated within proximity to Portuguese territory and seems to be watched over by nearby residential resorts and exclusive hotels. That said, it

makes it possible to enjoy at any time of the year. With more than a hundred metres of sand between the sea and the urban area, it is a refuge for those who want to avoid the busiest beaches in August. As well as this, visitors can practise some adrenaline-fuelled activities such as kite-surfing, windsurfing and other water sports which take advantage of the Atlantic waves that give the summer some excitement. Much calmer, will be the enjoyment of the sunset, one of the biggest lures of the summer on Huelva's beaches. With the Guadiaro estuary as witness, which here acts as a border between the two Iberian countries, the beach days are extended until the sun disappears below the horizon.

Although in Isla Canela there are several food establishments lining the coast, on the Punta del Moral beach, located in the eastern part of the Ayamonte coast, awaits a huge variety of chiringuitos in which visitors can enjoy an array of fresh fish and shellfish. From the point which separates the Punta del Moral beach from the mouth of the Carrera river, between Ayamonte and Isla Cristina, visitors can see fishing boats coming and going. The cuisine is another jewel in Ayamonte's crown. From the Guadiana estuary to the centre of Punta del Moral are dozens of these places specialising in cooking undeniably Atlantic flavours. In addition to rice, seafood and fried fish, the tuna stands out in particular, whose cap-

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Salvador Church. In Neo-Mudéjar style, located in the well-known Barrio de la Villa.

Molino del Pintado. Ecomuseum where visitors can discover in a enjoyable way the marshlands of the region.



Isla Canela. White sand beach located next to one of the most exclusive residential areas on the Huelva coast.

ture was depicted in Joaquín Sorolla's paintings. As well as the different dishes which have the popular fish as the main ingredient, two tuna salting methods are especially sought-after, the mojama and huevas secas (salted cured fish roe). But beyond its beaches and restaurants, Ayamonte is a complete destination, where there is important historical and ecological heritage. In its urban area and outskirts, religious buildings are plentiful, such as the Parroquia del Salvador or the Nuestra Señora de las Angustias, the San Vicente de Paul or the San Francisco churches. With them, visitors must combine the Mercedario and Hermanas de Cruz convents or the chapels of San Sebastián or San Antonio, among others. Other buildings of interest are the Angustias bastion and the Isla Canela lookout tower. As well as this, part of the Ayamonte territory is situated in the Marismas de Isla Cristina complex. From the urban centre there are barely three hundred metres to the Molino del Pintado EcoMuseum, a centre where visitors can get to know this valuable ecosystem.

In most wine-producing cultures, the age of a particular red wine is a key element that usually decides its price. There may be differences of opinion about whether a wine could be or could have been at its best, or even past its best, but these are more matters of personal taste than factual markers. And anyway Spain is a paradise for those interested in old wines, and websites like eBay, MilAnuncios, and particularly Vinovintagesantander.com are good for hours of surfing in decent company.

Most people cannot understand why a bottle that contains a wine so old it is undrinkable should be worthy of anyone's attention, and

ANDREW J. LINN

THE MAGIC KEY



the concept of collecting bottles regardless of their content is, I admit, hard to get one's head around.

When selecting a wine to drink from an old collection, a common misfortune is to err on the side of opening a bottle that has still to reach its best. There is a solution and it is called the 'wine key' (clef du vin in its native French).

This is a strip of metal made from a blend of copper, gold and silver. It only needs to be inserted into the wine for a second to achieve a change in the wine's structure, whether red, white, sparkling, sherry, etc. So, in an ideal world, we never again have to fork out a small fortune to acquire an old bottle. We can buy a vino del año and let the key do its work.

There is the opportunity to age

wine artificially by three, six or 15 years, but so as not to waste time forget about the longer terms. The single-figure ageing periods are viable, and tried with a young Ribera del Duero, it produced the desired result. The same with an El Bierzo that had just been released. Even an Australian Yellow-tail presented no problem and was certainly an improvement on the original supermarket bottle.

As far as it was possible to check meticulously, a second's insertion seems to produce a year's ageing effect. The magic key will not change our drinking habits but will certainly guarantee we never open a bottle that is too young for drinking.

WINE OF THE WEEK

Protus Rosado 2018

Rosé wines are for summer drinking but some are definitely better than others. Generally speaking, the more northern Spanish areas produce sharper wines, and there is a popular rejection of the awful 'onion blush' or pinot grigio-type wines that are mere shadows of what a full-bloodied rosado should be. From the famous Protos stable, this Ribera del Duero is not to be ignored. Around 6.50 euros.



Salt, the magic mineral of the kitchen

Essential in the kitchen and for the human body, salt transforms the taste and texture of food. Here are the different types of salt and their uses

ESPERANZA PELÁEZ

MÁLAGA. Salt is the alpha and omega of the kitchen. This edible mineral, sodium chloride, is essential for our survival, and so we are prepared to identify its presence in food as something pleasant. Salt is one of the basic flavours detected by the taste buds, but salt is also the condiment par excellence, and, as Chef Samin Nosrat says in her book *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat*, "The right amount of salt causes a 'ding' that makes us exclaim 'how good!' No matter how technical, whoever doesn't master the touch of salt will never triumph in the kitchen." In Nosrat's words, "used properly, salt dampens bitterness, balances sweetness and enhances aromas".

In nature, salt is found on land in surface salt flats, springs or rock seams at medium depths, or in the sea. Humans have learned to procure it since ancient times. In China, salt was being extracted 29,000 years ago. Salt travelled along the first trade routes as a precious product with currency value and today, although common salt is ubiquitous and cheap, some special rock salts from underground springs, or sea salts of artisan produc-



tion, reach high prices and give a special touch to all types of dishes.

Another characteristic that has made it very valuable is its use as a preservative, born of its special relationship with water. "Sodium chloride dissolves in water in individual atoms that are smaller and more mo-

bile than any other molecule, and that is why it penetrates quickly into food," explains Harold Mc Gee in *Cooking and Food*. The attraction between water and salt helps to extract water from food by osmosis in preserving by salting, where a large amount of salt deposited on the sur-

face of a solid piece of food draws out the water from the inside, preventing the process of putrefaction, which needs water, and with the advantage that the abundance of salt prevents the development of bacteria and microorganisms.

Salt also degrades the fibres re-

sponsible for muscle tone in meat, transforming them into gel on contact. That is why the previous soaking of meats such as chicken or pork in marinades or brines is a way to make them more tender. The immersion or injection of brine is a fundamental process in the preparation of cooked ham or bacon.

In pickling and fermenting vegetables and fruit brine, besides favouring the development of lactic bacteria and inhibiting putrefaction, it helps to preserve the crunchy texture of vegetables.

Generally speaking, using salt well in the kitchen is a matter of tasting and salting at the right time and choosing the type of salt for each food. In general to use salt in the kitchen you don't need to invest a fortune but a quality sea salt costs a few cents more and provides nutrients that have been eliminated in the table salt process. In terms of time, add salt from the beginning in vegetable cooking, where it will help to preserve firmness and colour, and in the cooking water of legumes (try adding salt when soaking them, it does not harden them and makes them tastier). The water to cook pasta and rice should be salted over what seems prudent, and a pinch of salt added at the start of sauteeing onion or peppers helps to soften them.

When cooking vegetables with a tendency to be bitter, such as aubergines, pre-salting (at least half an hour) helps to eliminate bitterness. Tomatoes also improve flavour if salted for a while before finishing the salad dressing. Salads with leafy vegetables, on the other hand, will wilt if salted too early.



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Malaga now free to register new players after completion of high-profile sales

The sales of Javi Ontiveros and Michael Santos mean that the formation of the squad can now start in earnest

|| SERGIO CORTÉS

MALAGA. The season may already be under way, but only now can Malaga finally start planning for the campaign ahead. The ban on registering new players has now been lifted after two high-profile departures this week. Javi Ontiveros completed his long-awaited switch to La Liga side Villarreal on Tuesday, while wantaway striker Michael Santos joined Danish side FC Copenhagen on Wednesday.

Ontiveros, who was Malaga's stand-out player last season, had been linked with Villarreal before last season had even finished but it is only now that the 7.5-million-euro transfer has gone through after club president, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani refused to sign off on the move for the past month.

The delay had made him "a little bit nervous", he told reporters at his official presentation, and admitted that leaving his childhood club was "bittersweet" having failed to achieve promotion back to La Liga.

Santos, on the other hand, is unlikely to be missed having featured very infrequently during his time at La Rosaleda, before leaving on two loan spells (Sporting Gijón and Leganés). Now, his time at Malaga is definitively over and raises much-needed funds as his contract didn't see his wages halved in the event of relegation.

Now, space is freed up for new signing Shinji Okazaki to be registered, as well as full-back Cifu who re-signed after the expiration of his last deal.



Villarreal have snapped up winger Javi Ontiveros. || EFE



Michael Santos has joined Danish side FC Copenhagen. || FCK.DK

The second coming of José Rodríguez

|| PEDRO LUIS ALONSO

MALAGA. José Rodríguez will be hoping for better luck this time as he sealed his return to Malaga on a three-year contract on Sunday.

The midfielder played just 452 minutes for the side in the 2015-16 season, starting just two games, but is reunited with his former coach at Deportivo La Coruña, Víctor Sánchez del Amo.

"Víctor believes that I have the qualities to be a real leader in this group," he said on his presentation on Wednesday.

Rodríguez, a product of the Real Madrid academy and famously given his debut by José Mourinho, is a holding midfielder and likely to fill the void left by the outgoing Alfred N'Diaye.

Despite having a good season last year, Malaga are keen to find a new suitor for N'Diaye, who the club is obliged to purchase at the end of his two-year loan from Villarreal. This is highly risky with the club in a delicate financial situation, so sporting director José Luis Caminero has been searching



José Rodríguez (right) at his presentation on Wednesday. || S.S.

for a team to take on the current arrangement.

A deal had been reached with Getafe, however a Saudi Arabian

side has now entered the scene, threatening to delay his departure while the Senegalese considers his next career move.

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Young Malaga side gets off to the perfect start against all odds

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Despite fielding just seven professionals during the second half, Malaga picked up all three points from their opening league game in Santander

MALAGA. Crisis? What crisis?

Malaga got their league campaign off to a perfect start on Saturday evening, picking up all three points on the road in Santander.

Despite Racing being much the better side throughout the contest, the Blue and White completed the ultimate smash and grab when Adrián nodded home Renato Santos' cross with just five minutes left to go.

Despite Javi Ontiveros' move to Villarreal being given the go-ahead on Friday, Víctor Sánchez del Amo had to do without new signing Shinji Okazaki and full-back Cifu as they couldn't be registered in time to play. Instead, Malaga started the game with just nine professionals in the squad, eight of whom started.

Such was the shortage of players, Víctor employed a formation not seen before during his reign, employing a back five, with 19-year-old winger Hugo Vallejo starting up top in the absence of a recognised forward. The teenager was joined in the starting line-up by 18-year-old Ismael Casas, making his debut at right-back.

However, when Luis Hernández went off injured in the 23rd min-



Hicham and Cifu, with Munir in the background, after conceding the decisive goal. :: AGENCIA LOF

Racing claim that Malaga's squad breached regulations

Following Malaga's 1-0 victory at El Sardinero on Saturday, their defeated opponents Racing Santander have filed a complaint that the Malaga squad on the day didn't comply with league regulations.

Racing argue that the match

day squad exceeded the six youth players allowed (there were nine in total).

For their part, however, Malaga maintain that only five participated in the match (Ismael, Keidi and Hugo started with Luis Muñoz and Ramón coming off the bench) and that the rules only stipulate "active participants" in the game.

Gonzalo, Cristo, Iván Jaime and Hicham were all unused substitutes on the day.

ute, Dani Pacheco was forced to enter the fray and the plan was turned on its head.

As expected given the disjointed nature of their pre-season campaign and the player shortage, Malaga

struggled to get a foothold in the game, with Racing's attacking trio of Enzo Lombardo, Karim Yoda and Alberto Cayarga keeping the visitors on the back foot.

Juankar's hooked effort over the

crossbar after an unconvincing punch from Enzo Zidane early in the first half seemed like a distant memory at half time after the hosts dominated possession and kept Malaga camped in their own half.

Things went from bad to worse when David Lombán also was forced off by injury; his replacement, Luis Muñoz, left a total of seven professionals on the field.

This galvanised Racing who struck the woodwork almost immediately after the restart when Lombardo cut in from the left on his stronger right foot before leaving Munir scrambling across his goal.

Centre-back Iñaki Olaortua also looked certain to score minutes later when his volley flashed past the post after being picked out from the corner kick, completely unmarked on the penalty spot.

Despite being under the cosh for

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Racing Santander: Zidane; Buñuel, Olaortua, Figueras, Moi; Cayarga (Nuha, 65'), Kitoko, Mario Ortiz, Lombardo; Cejudo (Sergio Ruiz, 83'), Yoda (Nico Hidalgo, 73'). Unused substitutes: Lucas, Óscar Gil, Abraham, Toribio.

Malaga: Munir; Ismael Casas, Luis Hernández (Dani Pacheco, 23'), Lombán (Luis Muñoz, 46'), Diego González, Juankar; Renato, Boulahroud, Keidi; Adrián, Hugo Vallejo (Ramón, 87'). Unused substitutes: Gonzalo, Cristo, Iván Jaime, Hicham.

Goal: 0-1 Adrián (87').

Referee: Gorostegui Fernández-Ortega. Two yellow cards foraniel Ocón Arráiz. Mario Ortiz sent off for a second yellow (90'). Yellow for Boulahroud, Buñuel and Adrián.

two-thirds of the game, Malaga, and especially Dani Pacheco, started to come to life. The former Liverpool and Norwich man brought a fine save out of Zidane after he controlled a long ball over his shoulder before unleashing a fierce half-volley.

Pacheco brought an easier save from the on-loan Real Madrid keeper moments later as the angle started to close up.

Vallejo, who did well despite being mostly isolated up top, then almost found the breakthrough when he bundled his way through the Racing backline, only to have his effort come back out off the post after nutmegging Zidane.

Just as Malaga looked to have passed up their chance to win the game, Renato's hopeful hooked cross into the area landed perfectly to be flicked into the bottom corner off the head of last season's top scorer Adrián.

The travelling Malaga fans could hardly believe their eyes as they rushed to the front of the stand to celebrate with their new captain.

The midfielder told broadcaster #Vamos following the game: "This was a very important win, especially in terms of morale. Everyone can see how our situation is, but we can't make excuses and everyone available will give their all."

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Far-reaching problems

It would be far too easy to blame Ernesto Valverde for the current problems at FC Barcelona

Remember those days, not so very long ago, when FC Barcelona was held up as the model for all to follow?

The team was packed with graduates of the famous La Masia academy and complemented with a handful of world superstars. The club had an enviable identity.

It's amazing to discover that the modern reality is that the system is malfunctioning, the conveyor belt of talent is broken and the recruitment policy is ridiculously haphazard.

In a world of blame culture, the easy target is coach

Ernesto Valverde, but the problems are more far-reaching than that.

There is no way that the well-structured Barcelona of a decade ago would be trying to bring back Neymar, a player who left such a bad taste. They would have sat back and offered a satisfied smirk as Real Madrid

paid over the odds rather than join the exaggerated bidding.

It all smacks of desperation as the signings of recent seasons have been disastrous and no player made it from the youth team to first team regular since Sergi Roberto – who is now 27 years old.

Millions of euros have been wasted on vanity players. Ousmane Dembélé has proven to be an expensive liability and ridiculously high maintenance. Philippe Coutinho's stay has been short; he's now on loan to Bayern Munich with an option to buy for 120 million euros. There's no way that option will ever be exercised!

When Pep Guardiola was manager he insisted on strict discipline and time-keeping. I was told he made an example by fining a senior player in his early days for not being mentally on-time for a session. The player was on the training pitch at the prescribed time but not giving the coach eye contact as he started his 'Pep talk'.

Compare that to Dembélé's situation. Since signing in 2017, the club has often needed to drag him out of his pad to make it to training and this week he was discovered to be sleeping on an airport sofa, exasperating an injury he picked up the day before. Instead of reporting for treatment, he was heading on a seemingly unauthorised trip abroad. The player Pep fined learned to listen, but I doubt the reported



Aduriz's goal condemned Barça to defeat on the opening day. :: EFE

90,000-euro fine dished out to Dembélé will make a ha'porth of difference.

It's too simple to say that Barcelona lost on the opening night because Lionel Messi was missing or the coach used the wrong tactics. It was symptomatic of progressive mismanagement. Valverde did try to employ a home grown talent in Carles Aleñá against Athletic Bilbao, but acted swiftly to withdraw him at half time when the standards were

not met.

The problems stem back a decade to when the next generation were being recruited as there is no new Piqué, Busquets, Iniesta, Xavi or Messi coming through the system.

The answer is to invest heavily in supposedly proven talent, hence the move for Neymar. It's like stroking a wasp. They've been stung once and would be foolish to think it won't happen again.



Coutinho has joined Bayern on loan. :: EFE

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The playing squad and staff at the Antonio Lorenzo stadium on Wednesday. :: J. RODRÍGUEZ

Marbella FC launch club's most ambitious project yet

Owners Best of You organised a top-level presentation for a project whose sole aim is promotion to the Second Division

:: JULIO RODRÍGUEZ

MARBELLA. "Promotion to the Second Division, that's what we all want." That was the most-repeated phrase at an elaborate presentation of the new project at Marbella FC at the Antonio Lorenzo stadium on Wednesday afternoon.

Around 600 fans were present for the event, organised by the club's new owners Best of You, in which all of the squad's players and technical staff were given individual welcomes and a new clothing line by Pedro del Hierro, as well as the new Adidas-designed home and away strips, were presented.

The event was attended by Marbella mayor Ángeles Muñoz; the town's councillor for Sport, Manuel Cardeña; the CEO of Best of You, Óscar Ribot; Marbella FC general

director Héctor Morales; and Best of You sports consultant, Marcos López.

They all conveyed their shared vision for the club: winning group IV of Segunda B and achieving promotion to Segunda, Spanish football's second tier.

15 players stay on

The new cash injection in the club has not been spent on bringing in big names, however. The construction of this new project will be built on similar foundations to last year with 15 players signing contracts to remain with the club.

Last season, Marbella had the best second half to a season in its history with 40 points moving them away from relegation trouble and to a seventh-place finish - enough to qualify for the Copa del Rey.

The biggest coup so far is convincing Paulo Vitor to join on a permanent deal, as well as former QPR man Alejandro Faurin, who terminated his deal with Mallorca. Juer-gen will also stay for another year, extending his loan from Watford.

Luis Ángel Maté appears on provisional list for the Vuelta a España after fall

The Marbella cyclist's participation was placed in doubt following a serious head injury suffered during the Tour de Pologne

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MALAGA. Luis Ángel Maté, the cyclist from Marbella, is not ruling anything out ahead of the Vuelta de España, which starts this Saturday in Torrevieja (Alicante) and ends on 15 September in Madrid.

Organisers have announced the provisional list of cyclists registered for the tour, and Maté's name is included under the

French Cofidis team. His final participation, however, is yet to be confirmed.

This follows Maté's serious fall suffered in the first stage of the Tour de Pologne around Poland. The cyclist received a deep wound to the head, and required several stitches as a result.

Just three weeks ago, Maté's place on the starting line was in serious doubt. The injury and various medical tests resulted in him missing large chunks of his training schedule.

However, against all odds, Maté is now back in the Sierra Nevada with the rest of his Cofidis teammates, preparing for the race ahead.



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Harmony V	30-31/08	Marbella	Motril	01.00	23.59
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THE STARS



Aquarius
January 21st - February 19th
The urge to get ahead at a fast pace is apparent this week. Some would say that this is not before time. Others will wonder why you have revisited this particular plan.



Pisces
February 20th - March 20th
Because of something that you achieved in the past you are now being admired. It's never too late to make the most of this.



Aries
March 21st - April 20th
A personal risk that you took in recent months now provides a reward. With so much on offer it may be hard to choose, especially socially.



Taurus
April 21st - May 21st
The main challenges come where money and romance get mixed up. Taking a practical approach is hard when fun is involved. Worn to a frazzle? Well, you don't seem to mind!



Gemini
May 22nd - June 21st
This week make a point of getting as healthy as possible to avoid potential trouble. After all, there is much to be dealt with at the weekend!



Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
Involvement in an outdoor plan could take you away from home this weekend. Make sure that loved ones get out and enjoy themselves too.



Leo
July 24th - August 23rd
A plan hatched some months ago may need changing. If some practical points need tweaking you could actually save some money! A favour given will bring you luck at the weekend.



Virgo
August 24th - September 23rd
Early romances were all a bit hit and miss but you made some great friends. One of those now turns up with a special message.



Libra
September 24th - October 23rd
Good news from abroad may see you tweaking holiday plans. Stay away from times when travel could be disrupted, though. When attending any important social event, give plenty of time.



Scorpio
October 24th - November 22nd
Another week of changes which by now, you should be getting used to! Much of the time you may be tied to the wishes of others but, if you keep a flexible outlook, all should run smoothly.

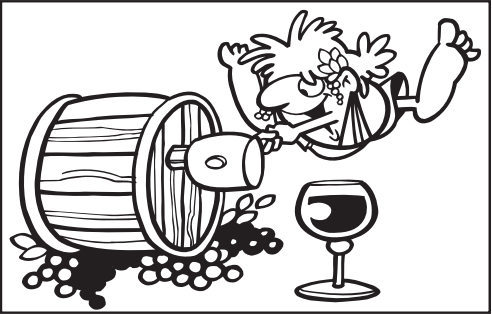
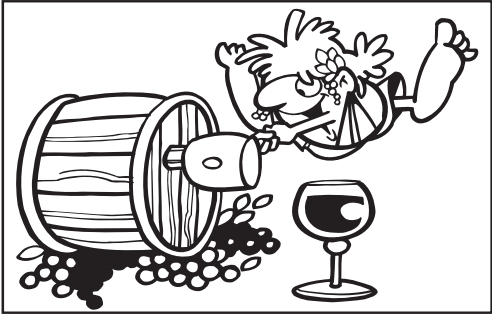


Sagittarius
November 23rd - December 21st
It is hard to tear yourself away from the exciting company around you. Coming face to face with a stranger, you hear information that is hard to ignore, indeed, it needs to be acted upon.

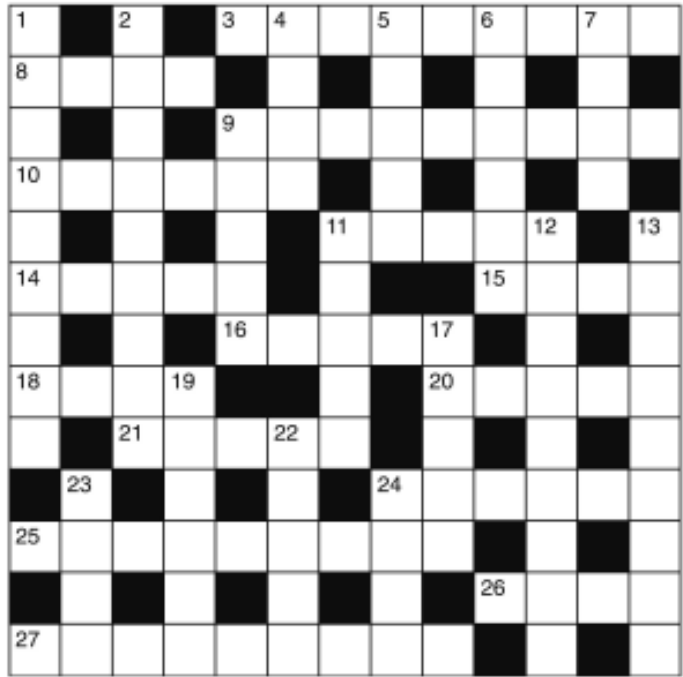


Capricorn
December 22nd - January 20th
Who is trying to get closer to you? Maybe they have been held at arm's length for too long? A solution is close by. The answer lies in the hands of a small friend.

THE SEVEN DIFFERENCES



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11372

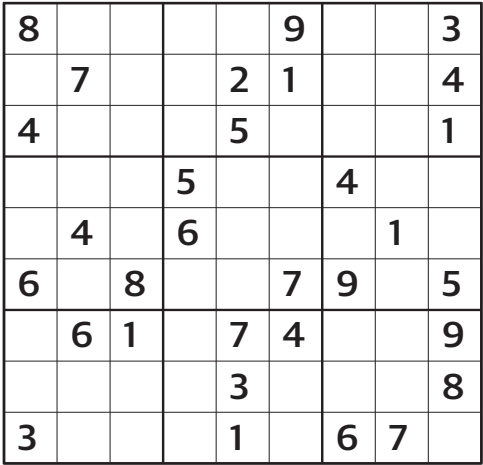


- Across
- 3 Undertaking showing signs of succeeding (9)
 - 8 Spoken part in a morality play (4)
 - 9 Show affection by restraining workers? (4,5)
 - 10 It may elicit an admission, of course (5)
 - 11 Get rid of the French in the vehicle (5)
 - 14 Blew up safe - pound in it was bogus (5)
 - 15 Not far from being stingy (4)
 - 16 Doctor finds ring on ship, but it's worthless stuff (5)
 - 18 The girl is an idiot to follow the learner (4)
 - 20 Super amount subscribed (5)
 - 21 A noted climb? (5)
 - 24 Continue faithful though 100 quit (5)
 - 25 Answer the telephone to receive an account by everybody (4,1,4)
 - 26 Pay Western leader out for a very long time (4)
 - 27 Withdraw from election: platform has collapsed! (5,4)

- Down
- 1 Doctors to come a cropper especially (4,2,3)
 - 2 Without a game because unbearable? (9)
 - 4 Trio in disturbance (4)
 - 5 Style is over learner's head, but something to be copied (5)
 - 6 A means to become a sailor (6)
 - 7 Signs of agreement when some back work is done (4)
 - 9 Male to get married (5)
 - 11 100 got beaten when 15 (5)
 - 12 Back row put in different order (9)
 - 13 The poet obviously can't make a living out of it (4,5)
 - 17 Short period of irresistible attraction (5)
 - 19 By which stars are graded? (6)
 - 22 Boots done up when given spirits? (5)
 - 23 Don't eat quickly (4)
 - 24 Snatch at legislation by country's leader (4)

SUDOKU BY HANZO

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



THE WORDPUZZLER

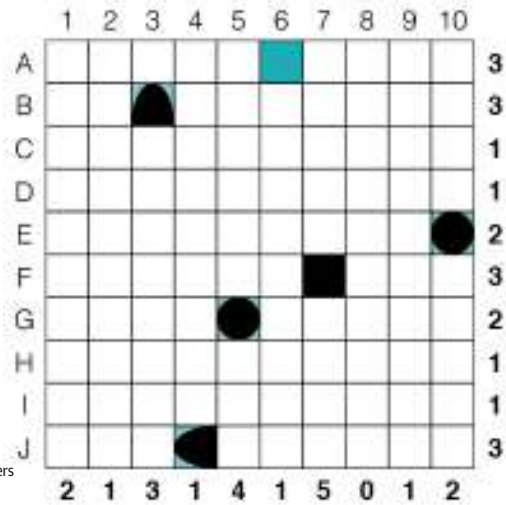
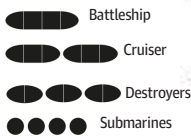


Can you identify the words missing from the titles of the Paul Newman films listed below?

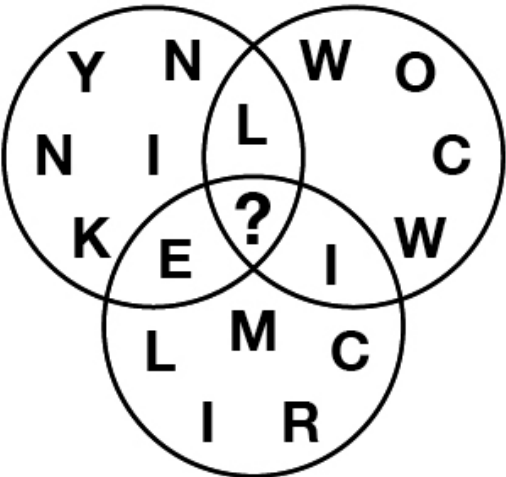
- 1. Absence of ---
- 2. --- and Son
- 3. The Mackintosh ---
- 4. Cat on a Hot Tin ---
- 5. The Long Hot ---
- 6. Cool --- Luke
- 7. The Color of ---
- 8. --- Curtain
- 9. Fort Apache - The ---
- 10. The Life and Times of --- Roy Bean

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.



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) Skier (f) (10)

4) Teacher (f) (9)

10) I prefer (8)

11) Without (3)

13) Tribute (8)

15) Estuary (3)

16) Spacious (f) (6)

17) I said (4)

19) Olympic Games (6,9) (15)

21) Euro (4)

24) Winter (8)

26) Your (2)

27) Hammer (8)

31) He coughs (4)

33) Discus (5)

34) It gets dark (8)

38) To excuse (9)

39) I conceded (7)

41) To go (2)

42) Ages (8)

43) Pioneer (f) (7)

44) Octets (7)

45) Equality (8)

47) Republican (f) (11)

48) Swimming (8)

Down

1) Experienced (13)

2) Burn (8)

3) Riddle (8)

5) Eight (4)

6) East (4)

7) Works (5)

8) Athletics (8)

9) Centuries (6)

12) Friendly (8)

13) You talk (pl) (7)

14) My (2)

18) Clairvoyant (7)

20) I will move (6)

22) Basketball (10)

23) I (2)

25) Us (3)

28) Tunnel (5)

29) Spirit (8)

30) Golfers (9)

32) Horse riding (10)

35) Harmony (9)

36) Javelin (8)

37) Gender (5)

40) To support (5)

42) Ski (5)

43) I ordered (5)

46) Her (2)

ANSWERS

Quiz answers

obstruction of the nasal passages.
disease in another organ or part, or
lesion of the olfactory nerve,
smell, usually as the result of a
term for the loss of the sense of
Of interest: This is the medical
Answer: Anosmia
theme parks around the world.
tracks and ranks attendance at
Association and AECOM, which
released by Themed Entertainment
according to an annual report
2018, with 20.8 million visitors,
world's most-visited theme park in
Disney World in Florida was the
Of interest: The Magic Kingdom at
Answer: Florida.

Language Crossword

ACROSS:

1. L'ESQUADRA 4. PROFESORA

10. PRETERITO 11. SIN 13. HOMENAJE

15. HA 16. AMPLIA 17. DECI

19. JUBOSOS 20. JIMPOS 21. BURRO

24. VIVIERNO 26. TU 27. MARTELLO

31. TUSE 32. DISCO 34. ANOCHECI

36. DISCUTIR 39. CONCIER 41. IR

42. DADIS 43. PIONERA 44. OCTETOS

45. GUADAD 47. REPUBLICANA

48. NAYACION

DOWN:

1. EXPERIMENTADO 2. QUEMADURA

3. ACERTO 5. OCHO 6. ESTE 7. BORRAS

8. ATLETISMO 9. SIGLOS 12. MINGABLE

13. HABLA 14. NI 18. VIDENTE

20. NOVERE 21. BALONCESTO 23. YO

25. NOS 28. TUNEL 29. ESPIRITU

30. GOLPISTAS 32. QUEMACION

36. GOLPISTAS 36. JABALINA

37. GENERO 40. AVOYAR 42. ESQUI

43. PEDIA 48. SU

Cryptic Crossword

Solutions: Across: 3 Promising: 8 Oral; 9 Hold hands; 10 Ticket; 11 Cleave; 14 False; 15 Near; 16 Dross; 18 Lass; 20 Pursue; 21 Scale; 24 Cleave; 25 Take a call; 26 Ages; 27 Stand Down Down: 1 Most of all; 2 Matchless; 4 Riot; 5 Model; 6 Seaman; 7 Nod; 9 Hewed; 11 Close; 12 Rearrange; 13 Free verse; 17 Spell; 19 Screen; 22 Laced; 23 Fast;

Wordpuzzler solution

1. Malice

2. Harry

3. Man

4. Roof

5. Summer

6. Hand

7. Money

8. Torn

9. Bronx

10. Judge

Sudoku solution

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

Circlegram

The letter represented by the
question mark is K. Killenny,
Wicklow, Limerick, all
counties of the Republic of
Ireland.

Battleships

WHERE IS THIS?

Thirst quenching and soul reviving

Last week:
Las Lagunas

This unusual monument is in the shape of a large football and can be found on Avenida María Zambrano (a street named after the Spanish essayist and philosopher).

THE SUR IN ENGLISH CORNER

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How often does the news make you react in one way or another? How often do you make a comment to whoever happens to be in the same room? And what is the most common reaction? That something is silly, ridiculous, typical, boring or annoying? Or you might read something and think: that's nice, that's clever, that's interesting, that's a good idea or that's great news...

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"I'm passionate about Spain"

Xiaowei Li was the first person of Chinese origin to join the Guardia Civil. "I like the military life"

SUSANA ZAMORA



He may have been born in the Chinese city of Zhenjiang in 1981, but Xiaowei Li feels Spanish through and through. He arrived here aged five with his parents who set up a restaurant business. However Li never wanted to follow in their footsteps and took Business Studies, before dropping out for what he really loved: a military life.

He gave up his Chinese nationality and went into the Spanish Air Force until his true calling, to serve the public, led him to the Guardia Civil in 2004.

"I was lucky as my parents brought me at an age where I had time to integrate in the education system. I think studying here was fundamental and has helped me get to where I wanted to be," explains Li. He continues, "There's always a certain amount of wariness around somebody who's dif-



Officer Li is proud to wear the Guardia Civil uniform. :: R. C.

ferent, but Spain is an example of a welcoming country and this helps integration a lot."

He was the first person of Chinese origin (now there are two) in the Guardia Civil, which celebrates 175 years this year. Currently Li is stationed in Madrid in an office-based role.

Li explains that he doesn't fit the traditional stereotype of a Chinese

person in Spain, only mixing with their own race, because when he arrived there wasn't a very big Chinese community. Now he says there are whole areas with a majority Chinese population. "This makes me sad, because they marginalise themselves. I've always believed that an immigrant is like a person going to the farm of another person. You go to sow, grow

and harvest. But if you only want to harvest and not do your bit to improve that piece of land, then you can't expect any of the benefits," he muses.

The Guardia Civil officer is proud of what he has achieved. "I'm not trying to hold myself up as anything special; all I want is to show that you can be what you want to be. You've got to have a passion,

"The Chinese-made batch of tricorne hats was shaped for an Oriental skull"

and mine is Spain. I've only seen progress in Spain since I arrived."

Li explains that he went into the Guardia Civil, which has responsibility for rural and frontier policing, because he had always liked the military lifestyle. After three years in the air force it was a natural step to take. He was spurned on to make the move by the terrorist attacks in Madrid in March 2004. "I felt powerless to help the public and that bothered me a lot."

Imported tricorne hats

Li married a Romanian in 2014 and they have two young children. Apart from protecting the public, his other passions are baking cakes and ballroom dancing.

He smiles as he tells the story of his reglementary black tricorne hat, used by the Guardia Civil these days on ceremonial occasions, which was part of a batch his bosses had ordered from a Chinese hat factory to save costs.

"It was the second tricorne hat I had. It fitted me perfectly but whoever made it didn't think about the shape of the heads of the customers. The hats were shaped for an Oriental skull, which is rounder, and it wasn't very good quality. The one I've got now is made in Seville."

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