



Children playing in the streets is the first step towards Spain's 'new normal'

PM Pedro Sánchez has said that lockdown restrictions could be reduced further from mid-May

After six weeks confined to their homes, children up to 14 will be able to go out for a walk from Sunday. Following a few days of conflicting

statements, it was confirmed on Thursday that an adult will be able to accompany up to three children out of the home for an hour a day,

although parks and playgrounds will remain closed. The PM said that providing the number of new cases of Covid-19 continues to drop,

people can expect further easing of restrictions from mid-May, edging towards what he referred to as a "new normal". **P3 & 14**



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Mijas town hall offers financial lifeline to small businesses

A 140-million-euro coronavirus crisis emergency plan promises payouts of 3,000 euros to the local self-employed

The mayor of Mijas, Josele González has said that he will not wait any longer for the government to relax spending caps and has announced a 140-million-euro plan to help local people

affected by the Covid-19 crisis. The scheme includes payouts of between 3,000 and 6,000 euros for self-employed workers and small businesses and public works to boost employment. **P6**

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Summer season still in doubt as tourism sector counts losses and plans recovery

National government hasn't yet said when travel will be authorised again; the Andalusian region has announced its own emergency recovery plan

PILAR MARTÍNEZ / SUR

MALAGA. Alarm bells were already keeping tourism business owners awake at night, but when a government minister said last Friday that the industry would not get going again until the end of the year, they were filled with dread.

"No tourism business can go ten months without income," said Miguel Sánchez, who represents tourism firms at the Andalusian Business Confederation, "They won't get through this."

Fears of losing the vital summer season completely due to the coronavirus crisis were heightened by Employment minister Yolanda Díaz, who spoke last week of two phases of getting back to business in the country. The first was for the productive sector in June; and tourism, culture and leisure were included in the second phase, reserved for the end of the year.

Since then, however, Finance minister, Nadia Calviño, admitted that central government has no "official calendar" for the restoration of the tourism sector.

After last Tuesday's Cabinet



Hire cars left standing near Malaga Airport during the lockdown. NITO SALAS

meeting she said that she "hoped" that the summer season would be able to go ahead.

And on Thursday, Andalusian regional minister for Tourism, Juan Marín, was more confident. "We are working on a plan that it will be reasonable to open certain activity in May," he said, adding that hotels could open in June.

The European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, Thierry Breton, also had reassuring words for the industry this week: "I certainly hope that we can start travelling again, despite the restrictions, as soon as this summer," he said.

Meanwhile the authorities have been counting their losses. Andalucía lost out on income to the tune of 4.7 billion euros between March and May due to the absence of tourism activity, Juan Marín said earlier this week.

If the tourism season could not start until September, the worst case scenario of those envisaged by the Junta de Andalucía in a previous report, the region would have lost out on a total of 13.3 billion euros having missed Easter and the peak summer season.

Nevertheless, Andalucía and the Costa del Sol are working on plans to get tourism back on its

feet as soon as possible, although any progress is governed by the national state of alarm restrictions.

Marín offered more information about the emergency plan the Junta de Andalucía is setting up for the tourism industry.

Always bearing in mind the uncertainty and continual changes caused by the Covid-19 crisis, Marín has told professionals that his regional ministry's strategy includes measures that are estimated to have a positive impact of 243 million euros on the tourism sector and 740 million euros on Andalucía's economy as a whole. These measures include employment incentives, credit and liquidity plans for businesses and tax incentives, explained Marín.

The regional authority's recovery strategy also includes a 2.25-million-euro spend on tourism promotion for Andalucía, explained the minister.

i A new era of tourism : Andrew Forbes talk to business owners in Andalucía about travel after the lockdown. See page 18

Travel, one of the main concerns of foreign residents and home owners

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MALAGA. Spain has extended its restrictions on travel to and from other EU and Schengen countries until 15 May. The measure, published in the official

state gazette (BOE) on Tuesday, is in line with EU regulations and limits border crossings to EU citizens and others travelling to their main residence or with a justified reason for travel.

A limited number of flights are running between Spain's Madrid and Barcelona airports and UK and other EU countries. Some flights are also running between Gibraltar and the UK.

Availability of flights and sea crossings to UK and travel restrictions were the main Covid-19 issues put to the British Embassy in Madrid at a Facebook drop-in session on Wednesday.

Bars and restaurants prepare to reopen with restrictions, without knowing when

JUAN SOTO / SUR

MALAGA. The government's unconfirmed plans for the gradual recovery of normality mention no firm dates, but make it clear that bars, restaurants and other leisure establishments will be among the last to recover their activity.

Another point that the sector is clear about is that, in the new post coronavirus lockdown era, their business will be subject to restrictions.

Aware that extra space will have to be left between tables, bar owners have called for the local authorities to allow them to occupy more space with their pavement terraces. Malaga city hall has already agreed to study the requests, case by case. They have also asked to be able to extend opening hours to be able to serve more customers.

Other new obligations will include hygiene measures. Initial advice given by the Spanish hostelry association includes providing hand sanitiser for customers, regularly disinfecting all surfaces and keeping enclosed areas well ventilated.

Proposals have already been made regarding installing transparent screens between tables or even customers, although the government has yet to establish a protocol to follow.

Meanwhile nightclub owners in Malaga province, aware that they are right at the back of the reopening queue, have asked not to be subject to distancing restrictions, when they are eventually allowed to reopen. "No one is going to go to a club to dance by themselves without being able to go near to anyone else," said one owner.

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Children up to 14 can go out for walks from Sunday under new lockdown conditions

After conflicting messages earlier this week, the government has confirmed that outings of an hour a day will be permitted

M. SÁIZ-PARDO
M. D. TORTOSA

MALAGA. Children up to the age of 14 will be allowed to go out from Sunday after being confined to their homes for the last six weeks due to the coronavirus crisis.

The relaxation of lockdown restrictions for youngsters was included in the decree to extend the state of alarm for another two weeks (until 9 May) which was passed by Congreso on Wednesday.

Under the new regulations, an adult can take up to three children outside for an hour a day between 9am and 9pm, confirmed deputy PM and Podemos leader, Pablo Iglesias, and Health minister Salvador Illa on Thursday.

Children will not be allowed to come into contact with other youngsters, so play will be limited



Children in Spain have been under lockdown for six weeks. NITO SALAS

to their own brothers and sisters or members of their household. They will be able to take out toys, bikes, scooters or balls etc. although parks and playgrounds will remain out of bounds.

The accompanying adult must be a member of the same household who has been in contact with the children during the quarantine, explained Iglesias.

Whether or not children will be allowed to play in communal areas of residential developments has been left up to residents com-

munities to decide, although as in all cases, they must keep a distance of at least a metre, (but "ideally two", said the health minister) from other people.

The details provided on Thursday came after statements made by the government spokesperson María Jesús Montero after a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday caused general outcry among the opposition, parents and experts.

She had said that children would only be allowed to accompany their parents on outings that

were already authorised, such as going to the shops or the bank. Just hours later the government U-turned and confirmed that walks would be allowed.

Local and National Police and Guardia Civil officers expressed concerns on Wednesday about how children's outings could be controlled to enforce the new restrictions.

Iglesias said on Thursday, however, that the government had not considered establishing specific penalties in relation to the new rules. Instead, he appealed to parents' common and civic sense, pointing out that the limitations were there "to save lives".

Back to school?

Also on Thursday, the president of the Junta de Andalucía, Juanma Moreno, called on the government to allow schools in the region to reopen as the lockdown restrictions are relaxed. In an interview with Cadena Ser radio, he suggest 15 May as a possible date for the return to the classroom but later stressed "health conditions permitting" on his Twitter account.

All walks of Spanish life told to think of a "new normal" from the second half of May

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MADRID / MALAGA. The Prime Minister confirmed it in front of MPs on Wednesday. Referring to a "new normal", Pedro Sánchez said that ministers were working on a gradual scaling back of lockdown from the second half of May. Providing the number of cases continued to drop, and in stages, to avoid making "any wrong moves".

It wasn't just politicians readying Spain for the "new normal" this week. The government's chief scientific advisor, Fernando Simón, told journalists on Thursday that the results of more testing were showing, "the epidemic was progressing better than we thought".

While pressure was growing from many sides, including tourism bosses and sports leaders, to find a way to restart activity, "there won't be definitive decisions during the wind down", warned Sánchez "There'll be corrections, advances and backward steps."

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Fury over defective face masks given to local health workers

Tests have begun on those who wore kit which didn't meet EU safety standards as Malaga leads the regional table for frontline workers infected

ÁNGEL ESCALERA

MALAGA. There has been outrage among healthcare professionals in Malaga this week after it came to light that thousands of defective protective face masks had been sent to frontline health workers across Andalucía.

Around 2,500 staff at the Hospital Clínico in Malaga city alone wore the masks, with 1,500 under suspicion of having now contracted coronavirus. These masks were also supplied in large volumes to the district hospitals in Antequera and Ronda.

"They're playing with my health and the health of my family," said one worker, who preferred to stay anonymous, whose team had been

supplied with N95 masks from a supplier named Garry Galaxy which were later recalled by the ministry of Health.

These masks, which do not meet European Union safety standards (thought to offer 95 per cent protection), were distributed to hospitals and health centres across all of the provinces in Andalucía.

Since Monday staff who wore these masks in centres across Malaga have been interviewed on an individual basis to see if they presented any coronavirus symptoms. Testing, promised by the central government for all workers potentially affected, eventually got under way on Thursday.

Malaga, incidentally, is the Andalusian province in which the greatest number of healthcare workers have contracted coronavirus. Some 571 health professionals have contracted Covid-19, accounting for 22.37 per cent of all cases in Malaga province.

A thousand people cured

The good news, however, is that the number of people given the all-



Healthcare workers at the Hospital Clínico in Malaga. ÑITO SALAS

clear after testing positive for Covid-19 in Malaga province has now surpassed 1,000, according to data published by the Junta de Andalucía regional government on Thursday, after 98 more patients were discharged.

This news, however, was overshadowed by that of a further five deaths confirmed in Malaga province (four fewer than those reported on Wednesday), bringing the total number to 237, compared to 1,079 across the region (up 29).

Some 84 new cases of coronavirus were also confirmed in

Malaga (21 fewer than on Wednesday). These are being attributed to increased testing being carried out but still points towards stabilisation. Across Andalucía, the total has risen to 12,237.

However, the number of those being given the all-clear continues to increase. By Thursday there were 3,847, an increase of 278. What's more, the number of patients with Covid-19 in Andalusian hospitals continues to fall. Currently 1,019 people are hospitalised, of whom 235 are in intensive care.

Reasons for cautious optimism despite fatalities and new cases stagnating in Spain

MELCHOR SÁIZ-PARDO

MADRID. While the daily coronavirus-related deaths and new cases in Spain continue to the rise, there is still some reason for cautious optimism.

By Thursday the country had been stuck around the 400-daily-death mark for five days. In fact, the rate of growth of fatalities has remained at around two per cent for the past week and health experts point towards the long evolution of the disease as a factor. In many cases patients have been hospitalised for more than a month and have died after several weeks.

Covid-19 had claimed the lives of 22,157 people across Spain since the beginning of the epidemic by Thursday.

The number of people infected (213,024) also continues to increase at a rate of around two per cent despite the fact that almost four times more tests are being carried out than a fortnight ago.

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Staff at a Malaga pharmacy show their masks on sale. ÑITO SALAS

Masks to go on sale at fixed price of 96 cents from today

ANA PÉREZ-BRYAN

MALAGA. Just a little more than a week after the province's stock of surgical masks was almost completely depleted, the panorama has changed completely. From today, Friday, not only will pharmacies have ample supply following a large delivery from Bidafarma, but customers will be charged no more than 96 cents per reusable surgical mask after the Ministry of Health announced a fixed maximum price on Tuesday to ensure "nonabusive economic conditions".

These conditions were initially supposed to come into effect on Monday, but this was brought forward to Friday in an announcement made on Thursday.

Maximum pricing will also be applied to gels and hydroalcoholic solutions. Quantities up to 150 millilitres will be sold at no more than 0.021 euros per millilitre; quantities between 150 and 300 ml will be sold at 0.018 euros/ml; and between 300 ml and up to a litre at 0.015 euros/ml.

Maximum pricing for other types of face mask and antiseptic solutions is still being discussed.

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Mijas to pay out up to 6,000 euros to self-employed and small firms

To tackle the crisis, the council is to spend 12 million euros to help those who are based locally and have lost half their income, plus 117 million on other projects

IVÁN GELIBTER

MIJAS. The town hall in Mijas is to throw a lifeline to potentially thousands of local self-employed and small firms, with payouts of between 3,000 to 6,000 euros for those worst hit by coronavirus.

Mayor Josele González said this week that the council will not wait any longer for the government to abolish spending caps on councils' surpluses, despite doubts about whether his initiative is legal.

He plans to modify his budget and use all accumulated surplus funds, some 140 million euros, over the remainder of this year and into 2021, to introduce measures which no other town hall - in Malaga province, at least - has proposed so far.

The measures will start to come into effect within a few days. A total of 12 million euros is being allocated to help self-employed people and small firms who are tax resident in Mijas and who have lost 50 per cent or more of their income. They may apply even if they are receiving assistance from the Junta de Andalucía or the national government.

Plan Mijas 20-21 also includes 117.2 million euros for public works, which the council believes will create more than 2,500 new jobs in the sector. "Of the total, 57.2 million euros will be for projects which are already planned and the remaining 60 million will be used



Josele González (left) at the unveiling of the radical plan on Wednesday. **SUR**

for 30 new ones which are currently being drawn up," said the mayor.

Social Services will be allocated five million euros, double the amount originally planned, to help families at greatest risk, and this may be increased if necessary. The plan also strengthens employment in more critical sectors, with six million euros being allocated for Mijas Servicios Complementarios to find work for those at risk of social exclusion. Finally some business taxes will be waived for the rest of this year and new fiscal incentives may also be introduced.

Legal doubts

There are, however, some doubts about the legality of this move, especially as the Minister of Finance,

"The public authorities closest to the people are the ones with the resources to provide a solution to problems," say the mayor

María Jesús Montero, has said that councils are only authorised to use no more than 20 per cent of their surplus from the previous year for matters relating to the health crisis. They are also able to use another percentage for sustainable investments, in other words only those which will not need maintenance in the future.

The council insists that their Plan Mijas is legal. "All the measures are covered by the regulations. It is not the first time this council has made a significant change to its budget," says González, who has also spoken to the Spanish federation of municipalities and provinces (FEMAP) and says they "recommend" this type of action.

"The public authorities closest to the people are the ones with the resources to provide a solution to problems. We hope the government frees up the use of all the 10 billion euros which councils hold in surpluses," said González.

González's PSOE has a majority on the council, so he can guarantee the proposals will be approved in forthcoming council meetings.

Key move: 'autónomos' and small firms

12

million euros from Mijas town hall for self-employed (autónomos) and smaller firms. By way of comparison, all Andalucía-government aid will total 50 million in the entire region.

Conditions for 'autónomos'

3,000

euros minimum each for 'autónomos' or small busi-

nesses (up to a maximum of 6,000) as long as: their registered (tax) address is within Mijas municipality; income has dropped at least 50 per cent; they promise to keep up their business activity and maintain any staff in employment.

The main investment: Building programme

117.2

million euros is the total value of building work that the council will kick off between this year and next, which it hopes will generate 2,500 new jobs. From the total amount, 57.2 million euros is work al-

ready planned and 60 million for 30 projects that councillors still have on the drawing board. These are in addition to projects already underway, such as La Candelaria and El Juncal car parks.

Social Services: "unlimited" budget

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million euros (double what it was before) is what Mijas town hall will put aside for help for people's rent and other emergencies. However the mayor has said that the budget for this is "unlimited" and can be increased as needed.



Horses face uncertain future. **SUR**

Coín-based horse sanctuary makes urgent appeal for cash donations to survive lockdown

COÍN

T. BRYANT. Facing an uncertain future due to the fallout caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Coín-based equestrian charity SEARCH has made an urgent appeal for donations to help it survive the lockdown.

The charity's principal fundraising event, which, after having been cancelled due to torrential rain and flash floods in September last year, and then again in November, was scheduled to take place this month.

SEARCH currently has nine horses and one pony in its care and it depends entirely on fundraising events and donations in order to survive.

Donations can be made via PayPal (info@serch.es), or see www.serch.es

Torremolinos town hall launches initiative to help vulnerable during coronavirus crisis

TORREMOLINOS

T. B. Torremolinos town hall has launched a campaign to raise funds for those most affected by Covid-19.

Under the banner of Solidarity Spring, the council has issued a bank account number - ES12 2100 8986 9602 0003 8858 - where donations can be made. In return, the town hall will deliver a plant, donated by the municipal nursery, as a thank you to those who participate in the initiative.

Marbella council is to start a scheme to support small shopkeepers in the municipality

MARBELLA

H. BARBOTT. The council in Marbella is to start a plan to support small shopkeepers in the municipality in the face of the financial fallout of the coronavirus crisis. It will also promote digitalisation courses for small firms with a million-euro grant.

Council spokesperson, Félix Romero, announced the move after last Monday's council executive meeting.

Romero highlighted that after the health and welfare emergency, the plan also now had to move to take measures to cope with the serious financial crisis.

Fuengirola mayor reworks her team to fight Covid-19 crisis

A committee made up of key councillors will meet daily to implement public health and economic recovery measures

IVÁN GELIBTER

FUENGIROLA. The mayor of Fuengirola, Ana Mula, has announced that she is creating a municipal committee to face the task of organising the council's response to the health and financial crisis generated by Covid-19.

Mula will head the

committee herself and it will be divided into five areas: residents' health and safety, economic recovery, social support, interauthority liaison and municipal finance.

Mula will lead the first area to ensure that streets, public spaces and council premises are kept as clean and safe as possible.

The area of economic recovery will be led by first deputy mayor, Rodrigo Romero. Rocio Rodriguez, councillor for welfare, will take care of social support, and benefits. Mula says the committee will meet daily.



Ana Mula

La Concepción dam opened again as capacity is reached

With more rain forecast and still no infrastructure in place to divert excess to other reservoirs, 2.27 cubic hectometres must be drained from the water supply for the Costa

IGNACIO LILLO

MALAGA. Draining had to start on the La Concepción reservoir in Istán, which supplies the western Costa del Sol, on Tuesday with the infrastructure at almost 95 per cent capacity and with further rain forecast for this weekend.

Following the recent downpours, supplies measured 58.6 cubic hectometres, eight more than in the same week of the previous year, according to the data provided by Hidrosur. A relatively small reservoir in relation to the area it serves, its maximum capacity is 61.85 cubic hectometres.

Management have decided to release a total of 2.27 cubic hectometres, according to data provided by the Andalusian government's Malaga office. The dam was opened at 8.20pm on Tuesday and will remain open until 9am on Friday. Sources say that if it rains again over the basin (which it is predicted to do on Saturday), this draining will need to be repeated.

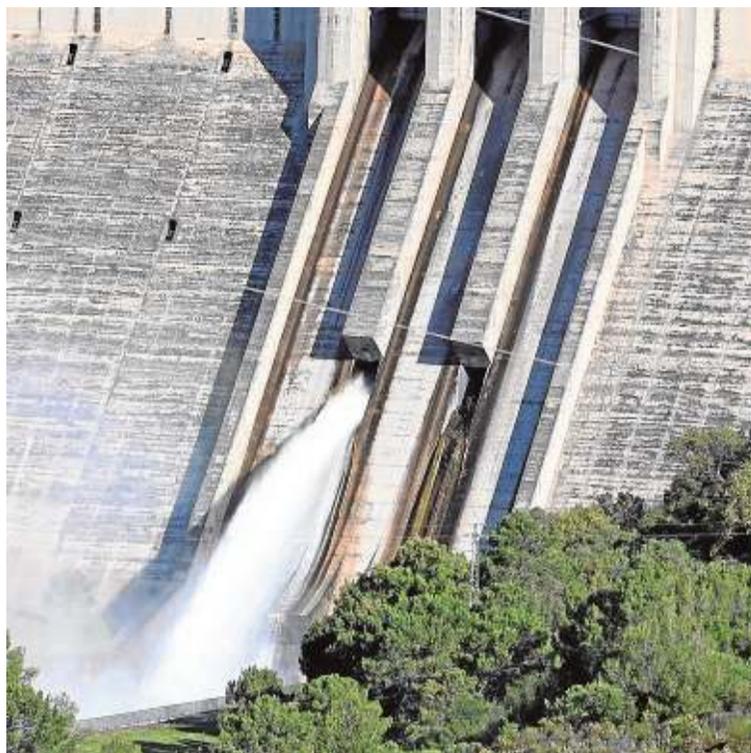
Water needed elsewhere

This water, however, is being sent straight to the sea while there is

need for it on the other side of the province, in the Axarquía.

As the high-capacity bypass has still not been built, there is concern in the Axarquía, one of the areas with the highest consumption due to its subtropical crop industries, where La Viñuela reservoir is at just 40 per cent.

The Ciudadanos MP for Malaga, Guillermo Díaz, said: "Once again today we are throwing away water that we will miss tomorrow". He blamed a lack of commitment from central government.



Water being let out from the dam on Tuesday. JOSELE

An advertisement for Linea Directa bike insurance. The left side shows a close-up of a motorcycle wheel and tire on a road. The right side is a red background with white text. The text reads: "WHERE ARE YOU? YOU SAID... 'SEE YOU IN 20 LOVE'", "FROM JUST €77*", "BIKE INSURANCE WITH 24/7 'JUST-IN-CASE' ROAD ASSISTANCE", "linea directa 952 147 834", "Phone number valid from anywhere in Spain.", and "BEST PRICE. BETTER COVER." There is a small red motorcycle icon and a "linea directa" logo.

Junta lifts water restrictions on irrigation in the Axarquía

AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

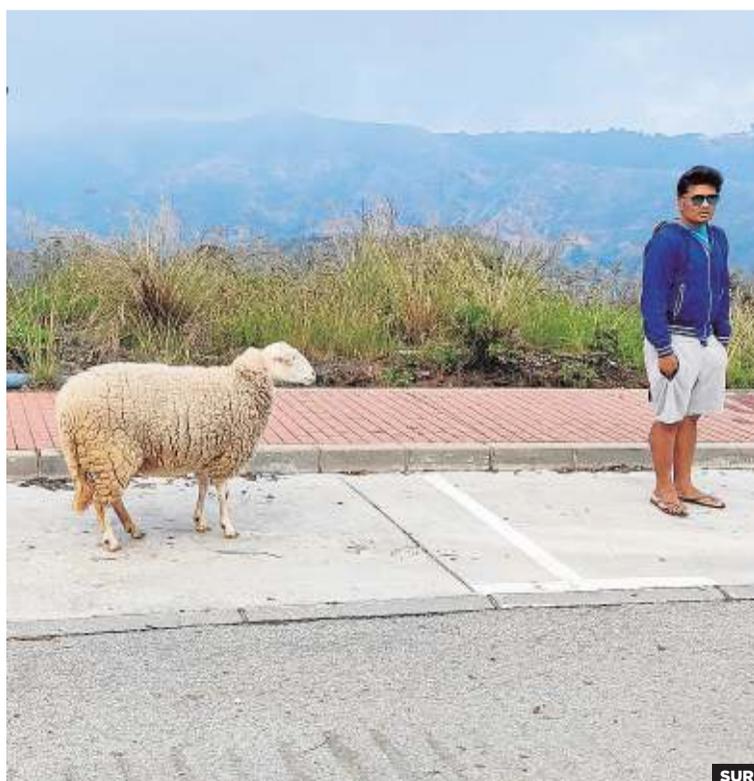
MALAGA. Following widespread calls from agricultural organisations and producers, the regional government announced on Wednesday that it will lift water restrictions in the Axarquía, which had been in place since November, for the remainder of the hydrological year (until 30 September).

La Viñuela reservoir has received some 11 cubic hectometres during this recent wet weather spell - an amount that represents more than half of the area's irrigation needs throughout the hydrological year (18.8 hm³).

Man reported after taking sheep on a walk in Ojén

The Guardia Civil have reported a man to the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries department of the Junta de Andalucía after he was spotted walking a sheep through the streets on the outskirts of Ojén in breach of the state of alarm last week. The man failed to produce any form of documentation to prove that the sheep was his, nor a farm registration number.

The individual was also walking a dog which hadn't had the mandatory vaccinations. As a result, the Guardia Civil proceeded to identify him, before reporting him for administrative infractions of animal health and protection regulations.



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TORROX

Arrested after 22 years in Spain under false ID

E. C. A 53-year-old man was arrested in Torrox on Wednesday after police found he was using false identification during a state of alarm check.

The man has been living in the area for 22 years with documents including NIE and health card stating his nationality as Lithuanian when police checks proved he is Latvian. The man has bought cars and properties with his fake ID in Spain and has a criminal record under his real ID in Latvia.

MALAGA

Four injured in scaffolding collapse

Á. F. / J. C. The National Police are investigating after the scaffolding on a construction site collapsed next to the El Carmen market in Malaga city on Monday, leaving four injured, including a 74-year-old woman who was trapped in the wreckage.

Initial investigations pointed towards the strong winds in the city at the time but investigators have not ruled out it being caused by a forklift truck accidentally knocking into the structure.

MALAGA

21 arrested for organising cockfights

EFE. Twenty-one people have been arrested by the National Police in Malaga for their alleged involvement in the organisation of clandestine cockfights that were taking place despite the state of alarm.

Those arrested, all Spanish nationals, were picked up on 11 April during a cockfight at which 32 people were in attendance, within just fifty square metres.

All of those attending were fined for lockdown breaches.

MIJAS

Guardia seize drugs hidden in tomato cans

J. C. / Á. F. The Guardia Civil have dismantled a drug trafficking gang in Mijas which, it would appear, had set up a fake canning company to get around logistical restrictions and traffic drugs hidden in tomato cans to Lithuania and other countries in eastern Europe.

The group had set up in a villa in Mijas at which more than 700 marijuana plants were seized, as well as high-capacity canning machinery.



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QUARANTINE STORIES

Reaching out from home

"We decided to offer our guest room to health care workers"

**Emma and Paula
Holidays for Heroes**

JENNIE RHODES

ALMUÑÉCAR. Emma Gray and Paula Rogers who live in Almuñécar have come up with an innovative plan which offers free accommodation to health care workers once the coronavirus lockdown is over.

"We decided to offer our guest room to health care workers via a post shared with friends and the response we got was phenomenal," Emma explains.

"We surmised that if we had a space to offer free of charge, then maybe we could find some more people in Spain who would host health workers for free, for holidays and short breaks when the crisis is over."

The couple have set up the Facebook group Host a Hero Holiday and so far have around 20 hosts around Spain offering homes and rooms to health care staff as well as a number of people who are interested in taking up the offer. Emma and Paula have already offered their room to three people and say they "want to host as many people as possible".



"The advantage is keeping in touch with our sense of humour"

**Jo Wood
Housewife**

T. BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. Jo Wood is surviving the lockdown and she is surprised how well her two young sons are handling the situation, although she does not want to tempt fate.

"We are trying to keep busy. Some days are hard, but this just has to be done. I am keeping in touch with friends and family via social media, and I am also busy with the children's home schooling. I have two children who are behaving surprisingly well, although I don't want to jinx myself. We have lots of hugs, and the advantage is finding our strength and keeping in touch with our sense of humour."

Jo claims that she is missing her freedom and the chance to go out for walks, but the first thing she plans to do when the crisis is over is a trip to the hairdressers.

"I am looking forward to going out for long walks and bike rides when the lockdown is lifted. I am also missing my friends and long to catch up with them. However, we all desperately need haircuts."



"Disadvantages are missing the freedom to do things as I wish"

**Mariam Phillips
Secretary**

TONY BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. Other than boredom, secretary Mariam Phillips and her 11-year-old son have not experienced any real problems with the lockdown. Mariam was planning to take her driving test before the state of alarm was enforced and she is hoping to get back on track with that after the lockdown has finished.

"I am copying alright, apart from missing my friends and our regular coffee mornings. There are a few advantages of the lockdown. It is very peaceful and quiet, but the disadvantages are missing the freedom to move and do things as I wish: the lack of physical movements is tiring. I am passing the time by reading and studying, but when my eyes are tired from reading, I binge on documentaries on Netflix.

"My fears are that the plans I had before quarantine will not be fulfilled on time as I planned it to happen. The first thing I'll do when this is all over is sit for my driving exams, if that is going to be possible," she said.

continuing to show an incredible ability to adapt to their new day-to-day reality.

Some have seen their normal activities hampered while others are busier than ever and

have found new, fulfilling ways to pass the time.

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"We've added more activity to the normal card games"

**Graham Edge
Retiree**

T. BRYANT

BENALMÁDENA. Malaga CF fan Graham Edge normally leads an energetic outdoor lifestyle, but the lockdown has enforced several changes to his daily routine.

"My wife and I belong to the U3A and we like playing padel and walking. I am also a Malaga footie fan.

"So, life changes in lockdown. After much sorting and deep cleaning of the apartment, the fun started. We've added more activity to the normal card and Rummikub games. The Wii Fit and our old exercise bike are helping us to keep fit, and my wife is trying to get me to line dance, which is surprisingly difficult, but fun."

Graham also enjoys keeping up with his family and he is anxious to meet his new grandchild.

"Thank goodness for Face-time. Technology has enabled us to have daily conversations and meetings with our new granddaughter (who I have been unable to meet yet) and our grandson."



"I publish a photo a day of Andalucía to remind us all that it's still there"

**Rob and Sue Bell
Photographers**

J. RHODES

TORROX. The lockdown put a stop to Rob and Sue Bell's photography business overnight. However, they knew they would need to establish a routine to keep busy. "We start the day with an exercise routine and we drafted up a to-do list of all the jobs we had been putting off," Rob explains. "One of the jobs on the list is going through my photograph back catalogue, which I am enjoying as it's bringing back memories."

Rob publishes one photo of Andalucía on Facebook every day "to remind us that the views are out there waiting for us. I have had lots of positive feedback and thanks for doing this," he explains.

On Fridays they take part in a virtual coffee morning and on Monday evenings they join friends in the UK for a quiz and Sue has been making masks for mascarillasolidariatorrox.

They also take part in the nightly applause, which they say is a lively event in Torrox with a local DJ playing music and neighbours checking up on each other.

A rose-coloured oasis of calm amid the coronavirus storm

Nature's work is not affected by the coronavirus crisis; for the flamingos at Fuente de Piedra, life goes on as normal

MATÍAS STUBER

MALAGA. Flamingos are rather unusual creatures. Their legs bend backwards, they open their beaks downwards instead of upwards and if anything startles them they take off and fly in a straight line. Right now, however, they provide a welcome sign of normality in a very strange world.

The lagoons at Fuente de Piedra had almost dried up, but thanks to the recent rain the situation has improved. They are not full, but enough for about 6,000 pairs of flamingos to return home, to the great relief of the local

community and ecologists.

A pandemic may be affecting the rest of the world, but this nature reserve is like an oasis of calm. The biological clock of these wetlands, which cover over 1,000 hectares, doesn't change and it maintains its close relationship with life. At the end of May new chicks will be born here. They are usually ringed in September, an event which attracts ornithologists and others from all over the world. Except, nobody knows whether the ringing will be able to take place this year.

Three of us, a photographer, cameraman and reporter, went in two cars to Fuente de Piedra to see for ourselves. We wore face masks and latex gloves, of course, and were stopped by police as we left Malaga and took the exit for the A-92. The normally busy motorway was almost deserted. This crisis makes everything



Fuente de Piedra is one of only a few places in Europe where flamingos nest. **SALVADOR SALAS**

seem surreal.

When we arrived, there was no activity. The town hall is closed and so is the visitors' centre. Nobody knows when they will open again. The mayor, Siro Pachón, who is in his office every day over-

seeing the crisis, takes some comfort from the return of the flamingos. "This is one of the few places in Europe where they nest. There are more here now than anywhere else," he says, proudly. For a moment the coronavi-

rus crisis disappears at the sight of a ribbon of pink and white birds appearing on the horizon. Nature continues her work. And normality will return for the rest of us, one day. We just don't know when.

Local charity worker stranded in Colombia

TORREMOLINOS

Javier Godínez is just one of hundreds of cases of Spaniards trapped in Colombia with no imminent possibility of returning to Spain

TONY BRYANT

TORREMOLINOS. Torremolinos resident Javier Godínez is one of thousands of people stranded in foreign countries due to the health crisis.

Founder of an NGO called Viaja, Disfruta y Ayuda, Javier has spent several years travelling to places such as the United States, Mexico and Ecuador in order to develop charity projects for people in vulnerable situations.

He arrived in Colombia on 22 February with the idea of making contacts and establishing a project for families and schools that do not have access to safe drinking water.

This is the second time the Torremolinos resident has visited Colombia, but he is now stranded in the country because of the coronavirus situation. He is one of hundreds of residents of Spain trapped in Colombia with no imminent possibility of returning. There have been no



Javier working on his project before the lockdown. **SUR**

commercial flights out of the country since 23 March and Javier believes the situation will continue for some time to come, although he is hoping that the Spanish government will step in to rectify the problem.

"Airspace is closed, so commercial flights are not operating and it seems that this situation is going to continue until at least mid-June. Our only hope is that the embassy of Spain in Colombia will organise rescue flights, and provide us with the necessary permission to be able to travel by land to Bogota, from where the plane could depart for Madrid," Javier explained to SUR in English.



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Firms face fines of up to 187k for fraudulent furloughing of staff

So far over 40,000 self-employed in Andalucía have applied for the Junta's 300-euro subsidy, among other schemes on offer

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MADRID / SEVILLE. About half a million companies nationally had presented ERTE furloughing measures by Wednesday this week. Around four million workers have been affected so far, according to government data.

Mindful of the pressure put on State finances to cover the temporary unemployment benefits and the missed social security quota payments, on Tuesday the government approved fines it will apply specifically for companies that present false ERTE applications. Amounts will be between 6,200 and 187,000 euros.

Work minister, Yolanda Díaz, has said that inspectors will check every application for fraud. Fines could be multiplied by each employee and companies will have to give back all payments made.

Take-up of Junta support

Meanwhile, the Junta de Andalucía has been giving details of the take-up of its aid programmes for regional companies. On Thursday it said that its special-term loan schemes for small compa-



A man outside a job centre in Madrid earlier this month. EFE

nies and self-employed had had 1,275 requests and that the average loan value asked for was 28,000 euros.

In addition, by Wednesday, almost 40,000 regional self-employed in Andalucía in certain types of work had applied online for up to 300 euros to cover their April social security quota in cases where national benefits cannot be applied for.

National data showed this week that in March, as the crisis was starting to be felt, there were almost 30 per cent fewer new company registrations compared to 2019. The Bank of Spain is predicting an 11 per cent fall in the country's GDP for this year, based on the effect of the crisis so far.

Keep working at home until at least 9 July, says government in decree

The national government approved more measures this week affecting workers in the Covid-19 pandemic.

It said that those who can work from home will be asked to do so until 9 July and people who have to care for children or older people will still be allowed to reduce their hours until at least the same date.

As expected, ministers allowed the self-employed to move to direct estimation of their monthly tax bills.

Households on lockdown face about 15% higher bills for electricity despite fall in energy prices

FRANCISCO JIMÉNEZ

MALAGA. The next household electricity bills are predicted to go up on average by between 10 and 15 per cent. While there has been a fall in power consumption nationally (because of the closure of shops, restaurants and industry, among other sectors), there has been a corresponding increase in use of energy at home as more people are forced to stay indoors.

Bill hikes could have been greater, however, if it weren't for a fall in the price of electricity since March. This dropped by nine per cent last month to 8 euro cents per kilowatt hour for those who aren't on a monthly plan.

Energy companies are offering payment concessions to companies and individuals severely affected by the coronavirus crisis.

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Malaga gains 23,629 inhabitants in a year with the biggest rise among British nationals

The province has seen its biggest demographic growth in the past decade, as more foreigners have registered at their town halls

NURIA TRIGUERO



MALAGA. Last year the province of Malaga saw its greatest demographic growth in a decade, with 23,629 more people in its municipalities, just over half of all those in Andalucía (46,021). In fact, Malaga is the first province in the region and the fourth in Spain in terms of population increase, according to the updated statistics on 1 January 2020. Its total population grew by 1.42 per cent, to 1,685,414 people.

This latest increase in Malaga (the sixth consecutive gain since 2014) was mainly due to more foreign residents registering on the 'padrón', the municipal population registers.

Of the 23,629 inhabitants gained by the province in 2019, about 70 per cent (16,639) were not Spanish. There are now 253,153 people of foreign origin registered as living in Malaga, 15 per cent of the total population of the province. However, this is still below the record achieved in 2013, when there were more than 296,000 foreign residents.

The biggest increase was among British residents, and these were already the most numerous in the province: a further 2,321 people from the UK were registered in 2019.

This is believed to be due to the wave of British residents in coastal resorts such as Mijas, Fuengirola and Marbella registering because of Brexit.

The British community has now recovered in number after several years in which its numbers dropped on the Costa del Sol due to a combination of factors, such as ageing and a loss of purchasing power.

Now, the province has around 50,000 residents with a British passport, although this is still quite a long way from the figure at times in the past.

The greatest increases

After the British, the nationalities whose numbers increased the most in Malaga province last

This latest increase was mainly due to more foreign residents registering on the 'padrón'

Only 64 per cent of people who live in Malaga province at this present time were born here

year were from Colombia (+1,779), Morocco (+1,603), Venezuela (+1,464), Italy (+1,461), Argentina (+1,006), Paraguay (+683), Russia (+478), Brazil (+383) and Nicaragua (+433).

By continent, Europe and America were almost equal as places of origin, with increases of 7,001 and 6,984, respectively. Africa provided 1,713 new inhabitants, and Asia 941.

On the other hand, the growth in native population was very small: of the 23,629 new inhabitants, only 2,084 were born in Malaga. This is further evidence that immigration lies behind much of the province's population growth, with newcomers arriving from other parts of Spain as well as abroad.

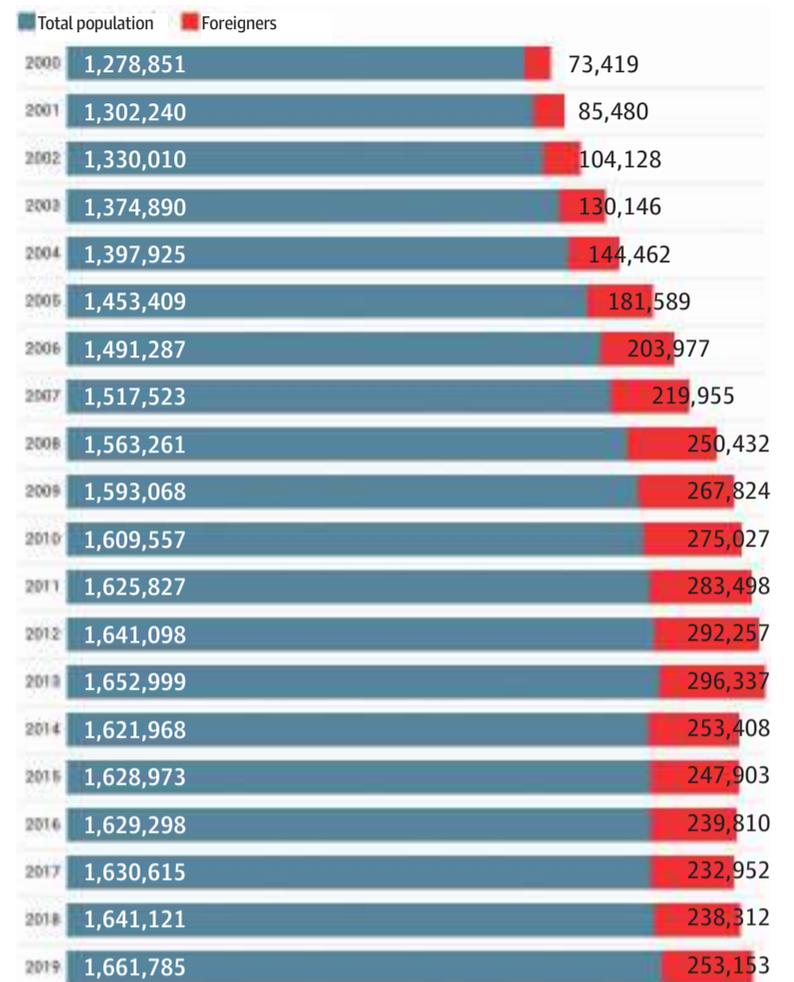
Only 64 per cent of people who live in Malaga at present were born here. There are 336,976 people who were born abroad, 142,000 from other provinces in Andalucía, 29,000 from Madrid, and just over 19,000 Catalonians, 8,500 from the Basque Contry and 7,000 from Extremadura, among other 'malagueños' who have chosen it as their home.

On a national level

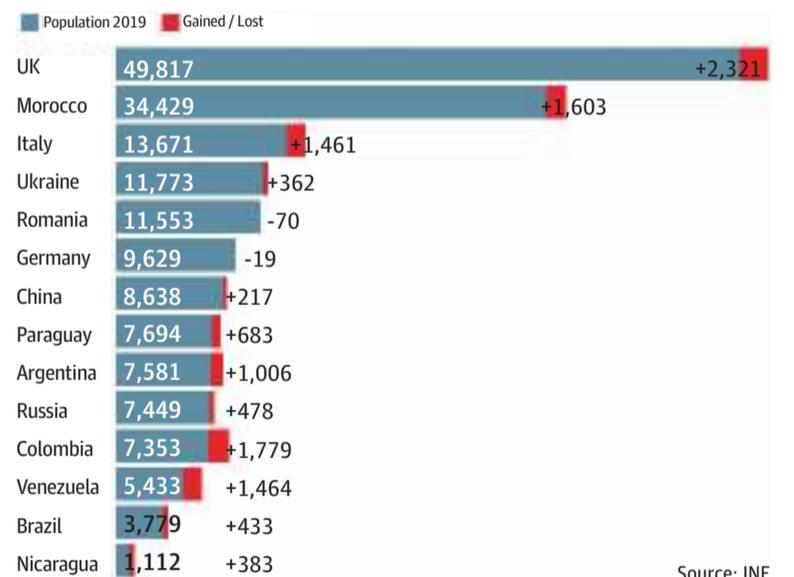
The resident population in Spain as a whole had reached a record 47,431,256 on 1 January this year, thanks to foreigners moving to the country.

The annual growth was 405,048 people (about 0.9%), of whom 386,320 were foreign. The largest numbers came from Venezuela, Colombia and Peru.

Population in the province of Malaga (Evolution by year)



Population by country of birth



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IN BRIEF

ALMERIA

Key Daesh terrorist held with help of UK

SUR. One of the most wanted terrorist members of Daesh was arrested in a spectacular raid in the centre of Almeria on Monday morning. Two others were also held. Egyptian-born Abdel Bary is said to have slipped into Spain during lockdown and rented a property. Bary is believed to be one of Daesh's chief executioners of Westerners. Britain's MI6 supported the lead-up to the Spanish operation,

BADALONA

Town's mayor held for lockdown drink-driving

SUR. The mayor of Badalona (Catalonia) was held on Tuesday night for breaking the lockdown rules and being drunk in his vehicle with his dog. Àlex Pastor, of the Socialist party, was stopped by police after hitting objects on a pavement in the centre of Barcelona. He is alleged to have bitten and kicked officers, saying "You don't know who I am." He has resigned.

PAMPLONA

Famous bull-running festival called off

SUR. The world-famous San Fermín festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, which includes the running of the bulls, has been called off due to Covid-19. It is the first time since 1938 in the Spanish Civil War that the July event has been cancelled before starting. Seville's huge Feria de Abril, due to start on 29 April, was also called off this week.

Sánchez talks of the 'new normal' in speech to MPs

The main political parties have agreed that cross-party initiatives to steer Spain out of the Covid-19 crisis will be discussed in a parliamentary commission

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MADRID. The government won the support of MPs on Wednesday to officially extend the state of alarm. In another virtual session, with most MPs watching at home, the extra government powers first authorised from 15 March will continue until at least 9 May, as expected.

As part of the debate in parliament, there was much talk of what the scaling down of restrictions would look like.

Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez estimated that, in the view of Ministers, "the second half of May" would be the moment for a "new normal" with the loosening of lockdown and business activity restrictions.

However the PM is increasingly finding an opposition hostile to the PSOE-Unidas Podemos coalition government's handling of the crisis.

The leader of the main opposition party, the conservative Partido Popular, Pablo Casado tried in vain to get Sánchez to take blame, and the PM limited himself to admitting "errors" had been made, just as had happened "in all countries".

The PM said he was "prudently optimistic" about the pandemic scenario.

He added that there will be a "winding down" of lockdown in order not to "make any false moves".



Sánchez talked with PP leader, Pablo Casado, via videolink on Monday. EP

He said the moment would be from the end of the latest extension (to May 9), if the numbers of new cases and deaths continued to fall.

However, no details of those next stages were given. "We'll be going from a strict confinement to a more relaxed one," he said.

Progress on pacts

Meanwhile there was progress this week on future large-scale cross-party cooperation measures to help Spain out of the crisis.

The government agreed to the opposition PP party's proposals

The PM is increasingly finding an opposition hostile to the PSOE-Unidas Podemos coalition government

that talks could take place within the context of a parliamentary special commission, rather than behind closed doors at government offices as originally suggested.

The exact format has still to be decided and the final shape of the commission is expected to be known within a few days.

Prime Minister channels speeches of Kennedy and Churchill in tough bid to unite nation

DAVID GUADILLA / N.H.

MADRID. Communication experts have been picking apart Pedro Sánchez's televised addresses during lockdown. They say the PM has been using phrases based on those of historic figures in order to get across his message of "being united" in times of crisis.

On 20 January 1961, John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." On 4 April 2020, Pedro Sánchez said, in Spanish, "We ought to move on from what others can do for me, to what I can do for others."

Observers have also detected the influence of Winston Churchill. On 7 June, 1940 he said, "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender." Sánchez appeared to adopt the same theme on 17 March this year. "Although the contagion figures overwhelm us, we shall resist. Although the economic impact worries us, we shall resist. Although we find it hard to keep up morale. United we shall resist the strikes of the pandemic. We shall never surrender and we shall overcome."

"There's no harm in using good things," said Pedro Marfil, a university politics lecturer. "But you can't make it look like they are your own." Experts also feel that the PM's speeches go on too long and should be kept "to ten minutes".

THE EURO ZONE
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Grant application



This week, Spain's economy minister Nadia Calviño highlighted something that the EU has always struggled with when handing out aid packages, providing loans or setting fiscal targets for its member states. "It cannot be that some countries are able to support their economies in a more generous manner than others," she said in an interview with the UK's Financial Times.

Calviño's statement raises the

question of how the EU should deal with economic inequality among its members, especially in times of crisis. As Spain sees it, Brussels' challenge is to ensure that each country has the amount of financial support it needs to combat the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, taking into account the fact that members such as Germany and France have more of their own resources than Spain and Italy (the deeper question, of course,

is whether an institution with such overarching responsibilities and powers is either practical or desirable in the first place).

Spain's latest proposal, which was due to be discussed at an EU video summit held on Thursday, is that Brussels issue debt-financed grants, rather than loans, to help its members deal with the economic effects of C19, which some experts predict could be up to €1.5 trillion across the bloc as a whole. These would augment the €500-million aid package already agreed upon by eurozone finance ministers.

The grant idea is likely to reignite a classic EU argument, with wealthier countries resisting the call to shoulder poorer members' debts, thus inviting the charge of lack of solidarity. This

frequently rehearsed debate reveals one of Brussels' most complex and divisive tasks - namely, adjusting its fiscal packages and goals to suit countries with often wildly differing economies and priorities. Keeping everyone happy, in other words.

Meanwhile, the Spanish government is being criticised at home for the increasingly opaque and improvisatory nature of its response to Covid-19. Speaking in congress on Wednesday, the leader of the Basque National Party described Pedro Sánchez's approach as "based on imprecise, contradictory and unconsulted announcements".

Sánchez's government is going to be slammed by vote-seeking opponents whatever it does, but this was a justified accusa-

tion: the continually extended quarantine measures seem to be unsupported by logic or a medium-term plan, as was demonstrated this week by the rapid U-turn over children's freedom of movement.

In the Financial Times interview, Calviño also said that the government is likely to give up on trying to pass a budget for 2020. Rather than direct some of its attention to a key domestic problem, then, Spain's minority administration is focused on convincing the EU to finance a coordinated, levelling response to the pandemic - one that adequately addresses its poorer members' requirements without pushing them further into debt. It's hard to say who has the more difficult task, Madrid or Brussels.

Gibraltar draws up cautious plans to start easing lockdown

The first move will be to allow over-70s to take exercise every day if they so wish, but it will be under strictly controlled conditions

DEBBIE BARTLETT



GIBRALTAR. The government is planning a gradual easing of the lockdown measures which were introduced a month ago, as the coronavirus statistics show few new cases and a high recovery rate. However, it warns that the easing of restrictions will have to be in the form of an orderly and phased release, one which can be reversed at any time and which is dependent on a series of criteria.

At Tuesday's press conference, deputy chief minister Dr Joseph Garcia stressed that "each step in the process will be followed by a pause, in order to monitor the effects of relaxation. We will



Gib is quiet during lockdown. SUR

loosen, but understand that we may need to tighten again, for there is no proven path for release and we are in uncharted waters where every country faces different challenges. We do too".

One of the first measures will be to allow over-70s to take exercise if they so wish, but this will be under strict conditions. The government has discussed the idea of a 'Golden Hour', a certain time of the day when elderly people can go for a walk in a design-

ated area where they will come into contact with fewer other people.

Gibraltar's over-70s were the first to be confined to home because the virus has proven to be particularly deadly for older people. They are able to go out for essential purposes, such as to buy food or go to the chemist, but have been strongly encouraged to stay indoors whenever possible. Although some have welcomed the idea of the chance of outdoor exercise every day, others are more critical, saying they would prefer to have more freedom regarding where and when they go for a walk.

The government is keen for people in general to be aware that they should not let down their guard. Dr Garcia stressed that a surge in the virus could still be to come, and it is vital that everybody respects the lockdown and social distancing measures.

Apparently not everybody has complied. Police commissioner Ian McGrail says officers have stopped several hundred people who were outside with no good reason, including socialising with friends or going for a drive.

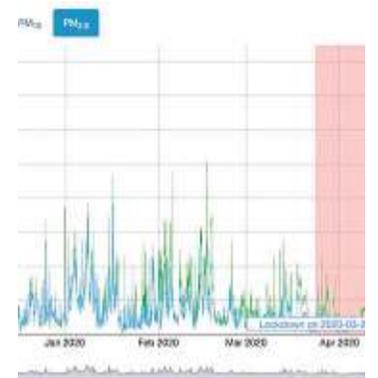
IN BRIEF

ENVIRONMENT

Air quality is steadily improving

D.B. Gibraltar's air quality has continued to improve throughout the month-long lockdown, and the difference is particularly noticeable on weekdays as the amount of traffic has been so much lower than normal.

The pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide, combined oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter PM 10 and 25 which have been monitored so far come from burning fossil fuels as in power generation, road traffic, shipping and aviation. The difference is evident in most of Gibraltar, but especially the Eu-



Particulate matter is down. SUR

report area, Devils' Tower Road, Gibdock and the South District.

Reductions in emissions from across the Bay in Spain will also have helped to improve the air quality in Gibraltar.

POLITICS

US jet denied passage by Seville air traffic control

D.B. There was some concern in Gibraltar and the USA this week after an American Hercules aircraft flying over Gibraltar was allegedly denied passage by Air Traffic Control in Seville on its second approach, despite having already been cleared by the ATC on the Rock.

The matter was picked up by US political advisor Luke Coffey, the director of foreign policy at The Heritage Foundation think tank, who tweeted his concern at this action by a NATO ally and opened a Twitter thread on the background to Spanish regulations regarding aircraft travelling to Gibraltar.

Chief minister Fabian Picardo, who retweeted Mr Coffey's comments, described the US as "an ally and friend for centuries".

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LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Showers of affection

An old saying say goes, 'Every cloud has a silver lining'. It means that after something bad, we can always expect something better. Some of this is luckily happening already: Russia sending aid to Italy, China to Spain and even Israel is offering assistance to the occupied territories.

We see strange things. Last night when we went to the window to applaud everyone who is risking their lives for us, several National Police and Local Police cars went by a few times with their sirens on. We all applauded and shouted 'Well done'. And I said strange because normally with whatever type of police we see, we have a little bit of resentment and yet here we praise them.

So I reached the conclusion that out of this damn pandemic comes something good; police from different types of forces fraternising like brothers when they wouldn't have mixed with each other, as for a time we are putting to one side hymns, homelands and flags as there is plenty of time for that.

And, as I said at the beginning, from my point of view, I want to reach out and hug everyone. And when this is over, I'll give one in person to everyone that I mention below who I come across.

To all healthcare workers, security forces, army, firefighters, shop and supermarket assistants, delivery people, cleaning services, pharmacies, cleaners, volunteers and all those following lockdown instructions to the letter at this difficult time.

Apologies in advance, as I am sure to have missed somebody out. I want all those to get my hug, my support and my thanks.

Thank you all of you. **JUAN BALLESTEROS**

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Hobbies and passed times

As the old - and somewhat lame joke - goes, nostalgia's a thing of the past. It's never really been something that has stirred my passions, truth be told. All those radio stations playing 'golden oldies' give me the shivers, quite frankly - Kenny Loggins, anyone?

There's a Spanish radio station, which is catnip to taxi drivers, that's actually called Nostalgia. No, really, that's its name. Well, at least you can't fault their honesty as they pour out overwrought sixties ballads by the bucketload and passengers insist on being dropped off a mile before their destination.

Likewise, those 80s theme nights in pubs and bars are to be avoided at all costs - I lived through that godforsaken decade in real life and it was, let me tell you youngsters, a total nightmare. Or maybe it was just me

who couldn't stand The Smiths, 'alternative' (shouty) comedy, horrible men's jumpers and football violence.

Imagine my shock, then, as over the last few weeks, I've succumbed to the odd nostalgic musing. Don't worry, I didn't dig out any Thompson Twins albums, principally because like any sane person, I've never owned any, but I did find myself looking up old addresses where I'd lived and thinking about family history and stuff like that.

To put this in context, I'm somebody who possesses very few photographs (maybe twenty in total) and who - if the conversation turns to all our yesterdays - scarpers for the nearest exit at a high rate of knots. The present is usually quite enough to be going on with, thank you, and any spare head space can be most profitably used thinking about future plans. That, at

least, has always been my philosophy hitherto. Things have, however, changed.

All this uncertainty and instability has caused us all to stop and contemplate the deeper things and, given that there's nothing much happening in the present and it's nigh on impossible to make future plans, what else can we do but find solace in the warm fuzz of nostalgia? And it is a warm fuzz, make no mistake - a comfortable old blanket of safety and rose-tinted happiness. The more I've delved into its welcoming embrace, the more I've enjoyed the experience.

So, it rather looks like I've been quite mistaken all these years; nostalgia can be a good thing if it's not over done - food for the soul in disconcerting times.

I still draw the line at Kenny Loggins, though.

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Tourism and the left



Writers on the Costa del Sol lack that epic label afforded to the miners of Asturias or the textile workers of Catalonia, or the poor country folk proletarianised in the factories of Madrid, the blast furnaces of Vizcaya or the Galician shipyards.

When the classic political left built the cultural symbols it has carried with it to

this day, hotel cleaners didn't form part of any of their archetypal collectives and the tourism industry didn't exist as such. The closest thing to what today is the economic sector that makes this province work was merely an eccentric pastime of a few romantic travellers with no financial hardships.

When the emotional guidelines that

seem to still steer the political left were created, it signed up to the theory that the power that would transform the world was the industrial workforce.

But the world has not followed the course that was expected in those days, the changes went in a different direction and now the majority of the world's industry has moved to China, with the results we all are aware of today.

It would be absurd to reproach the theorists and activists from a century ago for not being able to foresee that tourism, which then did not exist, would become one of the main economic sectors in the world and the means of survival for millions of people in all corners of the planet.

However since then the most orthodox left wing has had plenty of time to understand what tourism is, but it sometimes feels like they haven't been able, or known how, to grasp that yet.

The statements made by the Employment minister last week, considering the season closed until the end of the year, without a hint of understanding of the real extent of the drama that she was announcing, could be explained, in an attempt to find an explanation, by that historical, and at this stage unacceptable, cultural incomprehension.

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Preparing for a new era of travel and tourism



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Changing times. Local experts and entrepreneurs share their insights into holiday trends in the time of coronavirus

ANDREW FORBES



Well, as you might imagine, in a time of national lockdowns, countrywide state of emergencies, 'indefinite' international travel bans, and social distancing, writing an upbeat holiday and tourism column might seem a challenge!

Yet just as we are inspired by stories of individuals who find inner strength and courage when facing what might seem insurmountable challenges, so too we can feel uplifted by how our families, communities and also businesses have come together in this time of crisis. This is also true of the travel sector, where sudden and dramatic changes, although damaging to this important part of the world economy, have become a catalyst for innovation.

So this month I speak with travel entrepreneurs about their businesses here in Southern Spain, dis-

covering how they are dealing with the present crisis, and their insights into how they anticipate travel will look in the near future.

Hope and optimism

I am lifted by the optimism I feel within the sector, despite the obvious hardships that many small travel business owners are experiencing, with a sudden decline in revenue and in many cases, a tsunami of cancellations.

Manni Coe, founder of boutique tour operator, Toma & Coe, is feeling bullish: "Looking at current recovery trends in China, as travel bans begin to lift, I am encouraged to be optimistic. I believe we will begin to see a return of visitors by the end of the summer. Obviously, it will take a while for travel confidence to bounce back but Andalucía is a reference in worldwide tourism and will therefore recover

more quickly. Am I being unrealistic? I hope not..."

Sam Lester, founder of Tailor-made Andalucía, agrees, "the travel industry will regain its strength faster than we expect". But he sees changes: "Initially there may be a trend for holiday durations to be shorter, for the overall balance of a holiday to be more rural, with less time in densely populated cities; and people will book their trips closer to travel dates."

Eduardo Blanco, a high-end travel designer based in Seville, is cautiously hopeful too. "Travel will take off slowly but will recover faster than expected. People will search for more local experiences far from crowds and favour domestic travel. Regarding luxury travel, I believe the trend will be shorter trips, off-the-beaten-path."

Lynsey Drake, the founder of La Rosilla, provider of rural Malaga

food and culture day trips and experiences, has been maintaining a positive attitude during the lockdown "by sharing recipes, food videos and menu plans with online followers and past guests".

She continues, "In the near future, should we not be able to travel far, there are always new places to explore locally and with the myriad traditions and flavours in Andalucía it will be an exciting and uplifting time for us all. For the future we plan to extend our services to include hiking tours in the Malaga mountains with delicious picnics; and go back to our roots with our famous 'Supper-club on the Terrace' where La Rosilla all began."

Domestic travel

As residents in Andalucía we are more fortunate than most, since we have one of Europe's most

compelling and diverse holiday destinations right on our doorstep. Earlier this month Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said in a televised address that from May, "we will begin taking the first steps towards a new normality".

Although government ministers have been tight-lipped about confirming any timescales for the return of non-essential travel, I truly hope it will be possible to travel domestically by the summer. Once couples and families have the freedom to travel together in a car, Andalucía will be waiting for us - and the trend will surely be towards rural pursuits away from the crowds.

Manni Coe continues, "We already have a focus on rural Andalucía, our first love, but after the lockdown, we will concentrate a lot more on all our rural activities; walking, wine tasting, bird watching, nature reserves, and white villages. Of course, we love the cities, but we feel our strength is in the mountain villages and rural experiences, focusing on areas that have not been affected by coronavirus."

Independent travel will increase, and this can only be good news for these business owners I spoke to. Víctor Garrido, owner and Malaga guide at We Love Malaga confirms, "We will see a growth in independent travellers, where they arrange their own transportation, accommodation and tours."

In the new age of social distancing, the types of trips and holidays these independent travellers will seek will be different from before.

For our first tentative adventures, we might skip the opportunity to board an aircraft for a long-haul flight or stay at mega resort. Instead short-haul and intimate will be preferred.

Family and friends

Nicky Morris Goodman, who has fallen in love with the "timeless, ravishing beauty of Seville" is the creative energy behind the renovation of some characterful properties in the city, which she offers for private holiday rentals.

She says of near future travel, "I think that we will have an appetite to spend time and share experiences with those that we love and care for, with a renewed vigour for life. We will have a fresh appreciation of our liberty and the joy of freedom of movement. Private vacation rentals offer a sense of comfort and intimacy that allow us time and space to relax and reconnect - the perfect antidote to the difficult days."

I am tempted to agree. The intimacy and security of a family

trip, staying in a single property and sharing travel experiences looks set to be the 'new normal'.

Annie, of Annie B's Kitchen, also anticipates changes in booking habits for her food, wine and culture experiences.

"I see my tours and classes becoming 100% private, for families, couples or friends travelling together rather than being open to people joining together," she explains.

Lindsay Gregory, creator of The Luxury Villa Collection believes, "there will be a tendency away from massive hotel resorts and cruises, towards more private home rentals and single-family residences as a 'safer' option, at least until the nerves die down".

Like many in the sector, she remains optimistic that the travel will bounce back once restrictions are lifted. She continues, "Everyone has been so understanding and yet deeply disappointed at having to put on hold their much-needed family time away (as well as weddings, family birthdays, and corporate events...) so we have high hopes that the industry will spring back as soon as it is safe to travel again: after all, the world will need desperately to top up its vitamin D levels!"

My Local Concierge is a Marbella-based luxury lifestyle and property management company. Director Fay Wallis sees that the virus has divided travellers into those who will "have a fear of travelling; and then others for whom it will be the first thing that they want to do once restrictions are lifted. Nonetheless, I do think the trend for leisure will be towards shorter distance travel rather than long-haul for a time. That's why we're redoubling our effort in our property management services and the My Local Concierge App for owners here in Southern Spain," she says.

Meaningful and authentic

Ian Rutter and Andrew Watson, owners of the boutique Bed &



Manni Coe (back left) on a Toma & Coe rural adventure. SUR



Sam Lester (left) of Tailormade Andalucía. SUR

Breakfast Casa Higuera in the Granada village of Moclin have created the MyTravelPledge.com campaign offering free short-stays to nominated, and selected healthcare workers, once the health crisis subsides. Ian explains, "Our Bed & Breakfast, high in the hills above Granada, is a perfect place to forget about coronavirus, and we have offered a number of free stays to NHS hos-

pital staff as a gesture of thanks."

Going forward he sees the trend in travel to be, "culturally based and experience-focused travel. For Spain, this might be a good time to concentrate actively on attracting high value experience travellers to come and discover the stunning treasures of inland Spain. For our holiday creative courses, the core philosophy is to provide an immersive cultural and creative experience."

If staying in a uniquely stylish private home, luxe villa or charming B&B doesn't appeal, then maybe hitting the road in a motorhome does. Even before Covid-19 spread and changed our lives, campervan holidays were experiencing a huge surge in popularity as travellers sought the freedom of this most independent way of travel.

Gonzalo Ros, who runs the family firm Flamenco Campers, based near Malaga, says, "Slow tourism

is going to grow, travelling independently away from the crowds, discovering wonderful natural, rural places. The focus will be on more responsible and sustainable tourism."

Hotels, guest houses, holiday rentals and campervans will all need to reevaluate their approach to cleaning and disinfecting. For example, Gonzalo continues, "For the safety and confidence of our travellers, we have implemented new cleaning and disinfection procedures in the vehicles of our fleet, using disinfectant and antimicrobial cleaning products that are certified by the Ministry of Health, as well as offering comprehensive interior disinfection using portable Ozone/UV light machines."

Travel professionalism will be the guarantee that travellers look for. Eduardo Blanco, says, "I believe travellers will be increasingly cautious. They will value more than ever the role of a travel advisor, to offer expertise and security. They will also use comprehensive travel insurances too."

Making a difference

Authenticity and mindfulness are certainly recurring notions in these conversations with the travel entrepreneurs. The crisis will mean that the way we travel, and our expectations may never be the same.

Ignacio Soto, the talent behind Nature Tarifa, truly believes we will all be looking to the "experiential side of travel; travel that helps us understand and appreciate the essence of life, and our role in today's world."

Iván Ricoy, travel planner and owner of Genuine Andalusia agrees, "I personally feel that more people will search for meaningful journeys," he says. "I also believe that travellers will want to make a positive impact on communities, families and businesses that have suffered because of the coronavirus. That will influence clients' travel style," he adds.

"People will want to see that they are helping others through their travels. At Genuine Andalusia, we design and conduct tours that generate interaction with the local community. This has allowed me to appreciate the very positive impact that my guests' travel has in southern Spain. We will see much more of this in the future."

The temporary 'freezing' of travel has also given small businesses time to reevaluate their way of working. The travel sector has in the past shown itself to be amazingly resilient when faced with challenges such as economic downturns, natural disasters, and even terrorism. There is an inherent strength in the human spirit, that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. For small businesses owners, it has provided the time to take a fresh perspective to prepare for the future.

Sam Lester explains, "We're using this time to become a more 'modern' company, incorporating new apps and products that will enrich our travellers' experiences whilst never losing our personal touch. We are always looking at ways of introducing our travellers to real people, artisans, locals and interesting individuals whilst they are here in Andalucía. Many monuments are must-sees, but it is the people that make a trip unforgettable."

Despite the temptation to feel anxiety about the future, I am positive. Confinement will end and we will be able to celebrate our freedom by heading to the mountains, walking on the beach, seeing families and loved ones, and of course going on a trip.

Ignacio Soto, of Nature Tarifa, will head out onto the water once the lockdown is relaxed. He tells me, "I'll sail and navigate the waters of the Strait, to breathe in the fresh air, and feel and listen to the sea again!"

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Toma & Coe

Manni Coe is without doubt an expert on southern Spain. His holiday firm has grown significantly over the years, providing tours and unique experiences for the discerning traveller. His team are specialists in rural Andalucía with a focus on food and wine.

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My Local Concierge

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La Rosilla

Lynsey Drake has created La Rosilla, which showcases the lifestyle and food of rural Andalucía. Services embrace catering, private dining and events, as well as paella cooking days, gourmet days, and cooking and culture tours - it's all about bringing people together with the love of food.

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Casa Higuera

Partners Ian Rutter and Andrew Watson are the welcoming hosts of this Boutique Bed & Breakfast, found in a delightful rural village. Their Granada Concierge (Granadaconcierge.com) business offers immersive cultural and creative course holidays in Andalucía, where guests can learn flamenco, cookery, painting, creative writing and photography.

Ian and Andrew are also the creators of #MyTravelPledge, a campaign offering free short-stays to nominated healthcare workers once the coronavirus crisis subsides.

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Tailormade Andalusia

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Lynsey Drake. La Rosilla.

viduals, couples, small groups as well as for families. Andalucía is one of Eduardo's key regions since it offers so much for the traveller.

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We Love Malaga

Victor Garrido is one of Malaga's greatest ambassadors. A world traveller, he always comes back to his roots, the city of Malaga where he offers private walking tours, food and tapas tours and guided day trips in Malaga and to other cities in Andalucía.

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Nature Tarifa

Founder Ignacio Soto offers unique travel tours in the Strait of Gibraltar Natural Park, an area of unique importance for migratory animals. Ignacio also provides unprecedented access to the living history of Cádiz, though guided visits to the traditional fishing method of red tuna, known as the Almadraba. This dates back to the Phoenicians, and the beginning of civilisation on the west coast of Andalucía. Visitors can soon explore 'Almadraba en Tierra' a new multisensory interpretation centre that brings all elements of the story together from the history through to contemporary tuna cuisine.

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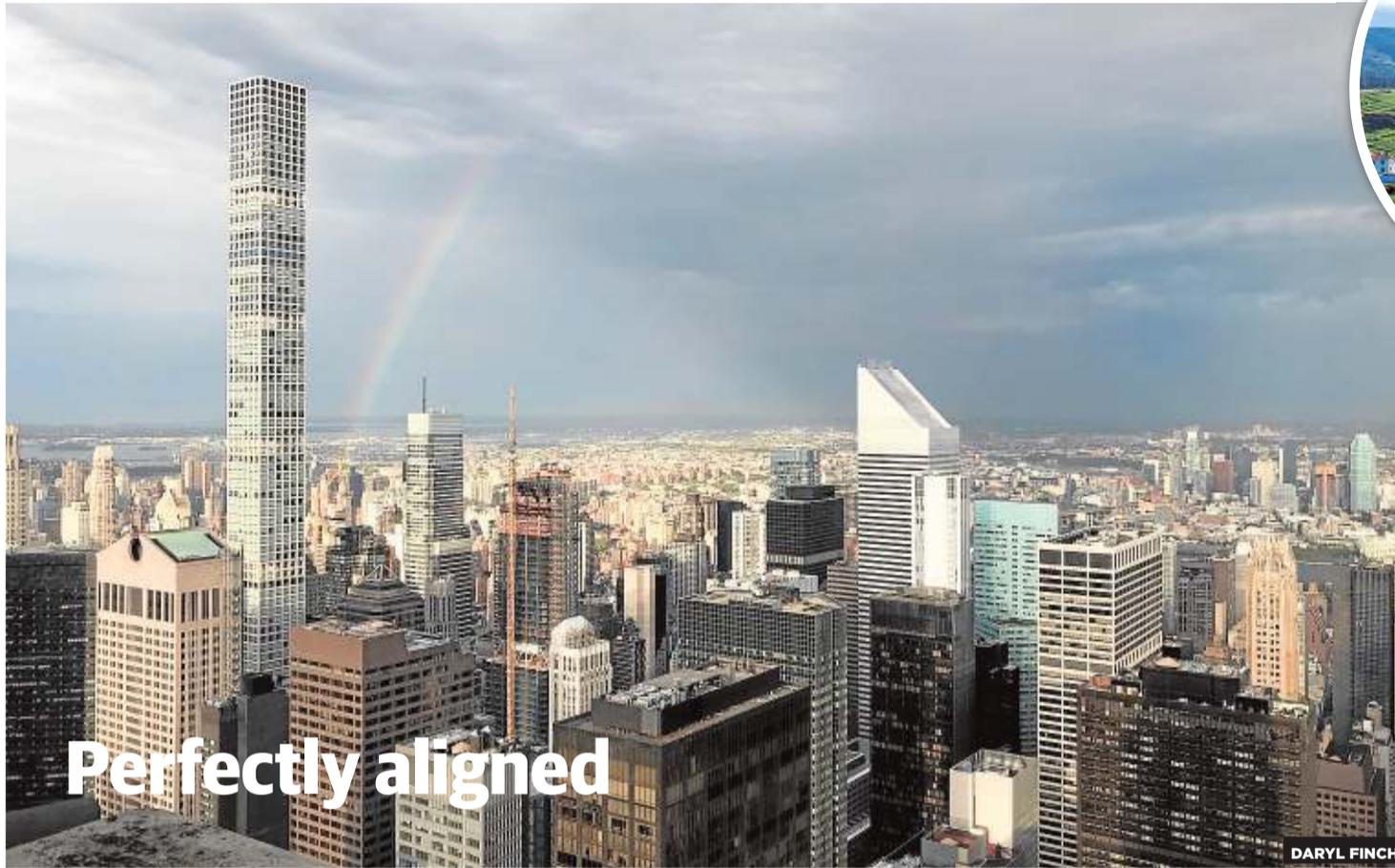
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DARYL FINCH



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There, in the town of Ilha (Santana), the Festa do Limão lemon festival usually takes place at this time of year.

It may not be a hub for tourism at this present moment, but those who happen to be on the island pic-

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Local artists pledge to support others during Covid lockdown

Annabel Keatley and Gerrit Oppelland Hampel are both supporting the initiative which was founded by British artist Matthew Burrows

JENNIE RHODES

MALAGA. Two local artists, Annabel Keatley and Gerrit Oppelland Hampel, are participating in the Artist Support Pledge, an initiative set up by British artist Matthew Burrows designed to help artists during the coronavirus crisis.

Burrows, who is a London-based artist, came up with a business model that involves artists selling selected pieces of their work for no more than 200 euros, pounds or dollars via Instagram, under the hashtag #artistsupportpledge. So far the Instagram page has attracted almost 24,000 followers.

Once an artist has sold enough work to make 1,000 in their local currency, they must then purchase something from another

participating artist. In an interview for Art NXT Level, Burrows explained that he wanted to form a "culture of generosity" among artists and allow them to "earn enough" to sustain themselves during the crisis.

"With galleries closed and art exhibitions and fairs cancelled for the foreseeable future, artists have lost one of their main sources of income," explains Gerrit, who lives in Marbella. "On 20 April we should have had an exhibition in Fuengirola and others in Estepona and Prague in May and June."

So far Gerrit has sold five of her paintings, while Annabel has sold eight. Annabel has reached her 1,000 euro target, which means she can now buy work from a fellow artist.

A win-win situation

"For me it's a chance to sell and to see what other artists, especially British ones, are doing," explains Annabel, who admits that she can feel "a bit cut off from what's going on in the UK" from her home near Almuñécar.

In most cases the purchases don't include shipping costs, which Gerrit admits "is a bit of a challenge at the moment". But she explains that as soon as the work can be shipped, it will be.

However, as some of her buyers are local, it will be easier to get the pieces to her buyers. "I have had a lot of interest from people who know me. It's selling my work in a different context," she says. "It's a win-win situation. Everyone is giving something."

Annabel meanwhile is including a special series of paintings called 'Lockdown' in her offer, which she says she started earlier this month to which she is "adding new work" all the time.

Both artists agree that the initiative which is "based on trust, generosity and community spirit" is bringing artists together and is also "a great way for art lovers to find new artists and buy affordable art".

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SOCIETY SCENE

Peter MacLeod is the new chairman of the Nerja 41 Club. **P. M.**

NERJA

41 Club Chairman sworn in during Zoom AGM

J. R. Peter MacLeod became the new Chairman of Nerja's 41 Club at the annual AGM which took place via Zoom last week. Twenty-nine members from across Europe participated in the meeting during which the outgoing chairman 'handed over' his badge of office.

According to Peter, "through

the wonders of modern technology" he had a similar one prepared so it looked as though an official ceremony had taken place.

Peter is a retired police officer from Nottingham. He moved to Spain in 2000 and ran a B&B in Ronda before moving to Nerja in 2017.

He describes himself as a "virtual Chairman" and says: "This year is going to be strange. We shall continue to hold our regular meetings on Zoom which can be great fun."

GRANADA

Free ebook offer from local British author

J. R. Granada-based British author Alan Cuthbertson is offering SUR in English readers the chance to download one of his ebooks for free. Readers are invited to choose one of his books from his website (alancuthbertson.com) and then email him (info@alancuthbertson.com) with the choice.

Alan's latest book, *The Kid With Asthma*, relates his own experiences living with the condition.

Sam Matthews-Mccarthy. **S. M. M.**

CALAHONDA

Generosity allows Age Care to deliver meals

SUR. Thanks to the generosity of Sarina in San Pedro and John Crawford in Riviera, Age Care Calahonda is now able to deliver two meals a week to its members on Wednesdays and Sundays. In addition to this new service, Age Care is providing an online talk site for members to communicate with each other.

RIOGORDO

Volunteer to shave head for animal charity

J. R. Axarquía Animal Rescue volunteer Sam Matthews-Mccarthy will be shaving all of her hair off in aid of the charity on 1 May.

The charity has had to come up with alternative fundraising ventures since the Torre del Mar shop and Trapiche market had to closed due to the lockdown.

Visit the AAR website (axarquíanimalrescue.com) or Facebook page to sponsor Sam.

PET CARE
PETER HARRISON

Hard times



Everyone is experiencing a sharp change in lifestyle during lockdown, not just adults and children, but also animals who cannot comprehend that it's for our own good to bring coronavirus under control and to an eventual end.

It's tough too for pet owners, especially the elderly or infirm, who face shopping to fetch heavy pet food, perhaps with no car.

Pet food puts additional strain on family finances. Some work may have dried up - and with it the much-needed income - but animals still require their food. The pets suffer and are sometimes abandoned. (We cannot help but observe that some owners still manage to afford to smoke and drink.)

Erny and I put our pets at the top of our priority list, we simply could not live without them.

However, priorities differ. As we look around we see more abandoned pets seeking food. It's a sad situation which the animals simply do not understand.

If you love animals you can help in the present situation. Maybe you know someone who has a pet but is struggling to manage with transporting heavy pet food from the supermarket. Putting a few extra kilos of dog food or cat food in

your car and dropping them off at the home of an elderly or infirm pet owner will make the world of difference.

Taking their dog for a walk will make a very happy pet. And what about the pet's annual vaccination at the vet?

Maybe a bag or tin of pet food on your shopping list, when you know of some pet owner who is struggling financially? Yes, you can make a difference.

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

24 APRIL 1972

First Spanish game show to be exported hits the screens

Un, dos, tres... responde otra vez was the most famous game show in Spanish TV history and versions were made in the UK, Portugal, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands

What went on to become the most famous game shows in the history of Spanish television aired for the first time on this day in 1972.

Un, dos, tres... responde otra vez, created by Narciso Ibáñez Serrador, was broadcast on La 1 of Televisión Española (TVE) for ten seasons until 2004. However, few could have predicted the success it would endure.

It became the first television



Mayra Gómez Kemp (r) presented the show from 1982 to 1988. **SUR**

show format exported outside the country. Versions were aired in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and Portugal, but had greatest success in the UK where it aired for 10 consecutive years from 1978 to 1988.

Called 3-2-1 and hosted by

comedian Ted Rogers, the show entertained Saturday prime time audiences and broadly maintained the original Spanish format.

Ibáñez's format proved to be popular as it combined a mixture of different traditional game

show formats. The show comprised three rounds (hence the name): a quiz in the first round (called the question round), a physical competition in the second round (called the elimination round), and a psychological game in the third round (called the auction).

Three couples made up the contestants and each episode had a different theme, varying from the Wild West to the French Revolution. Tasks would be adapted to match the theme, as would the attire worn by the cast of actors, divided into two groups: the host's attractive assistants, called secretaries, who would cheer on the contestants, and the puritanical inhabitants of 'Tacañón del Todo' ('tacaño' meaning scrooge or miser), who didn't want the contestants to win any money and who despised the often sexy outfits worn by the secretaries.

Cash prizes, holidays or cars

LANGUAGE FOOTNOTE

Concurso	Game show
Temporada	Season
Espectáculo	Show
Ganar	To win
Premio	Prize
Pregunta	Question
Respuesta	Answer
Presentador	Host
Sobre	Envelope
Concursante	Contestant
Eliminatoria	Elimination round
Sorprender	To surprise
Personaje	Character
Ayudante	Assistant
Pareja	Couple
Empate	Draw
Mascota	Mascot
Decorado	Set



Narciso Ibáñez. **SUR**

were up for grabs, but also a booby prize, embodied by the show's mascot. In the Spanish version, this was a pumpkin; in the UK version, it was Dusty Bin.

i Bilingual crossword inside back page



The Cervantes theatre in Malaga will reschedule its programme. **P. QUERO**

A bittersweet anniversary for the Teatro Cervantes

The pandemic sees the iconic theatre lay empty on its 150th anniversary but the majority of events will be rescheduled

FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

MALAGA. It was set to be a landmark year in the history of Malaga's most iconic theatre, but the coronavirus pandemic has put a dampener on the Teatro Cervantes' 150th birthday celebrations.

"We've reached this milestone in the most difficult of times and it will obviously take a shine off it, but we've been working from the first day of lockdown to ensure

that most of the planned shows go ahead when normality is restored for the rest of the year," says the theatre's director, Juan Antonio Vigar, who, since the state of alarm was declared has moved his office to his home so he can maintain daily contact with companies, bands, orchestras and artists.

The majority of events will be rescheduled, including the Malaga Film Festival (albeit without a concert from Vanesa Martín, as well as a run of the opera The Barber of Seville.

When the theatre does eventually reopen, however, Vigar will have to develop a strategy to ensure spectators' safety, likely to involve reducing capacity.

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REF. E. E. N.

My grandmother lived in Spain from 1970 in a rented property. When she died, my mother continued paying the rent, since when we came to Spain we stayed in the property. However, now my mother wants to leave that flat, but she is afraid that if

she informs the owners that my gran passed away years ago, they could say that we should have updated the rent after the demise and demand the difference. Could they claim anything?

The landlord is entitled to update the rent, but in order to do so, the landlord must notify the tenant about the update and provide them with a certificate from the National Institute of Statistics showing the official rate established for the update. If you have not been notified then the owners could not claim the payment of any extra amount.

REF. S. C. R.

I work in a company that came to a verbal agreement with a driving school in which all their workers could take a course to obtain a Spanish driving licence

paying a flat fee that included unlimited theory and driving lessons. However, when I was taking the 20th driving lesson, I was told that from the 25th lesson we would have to pay 20€ plus VAT. This is not what was agreed, and I have the email that was sent to all the workers. Is there anything that we can do?

According to the law, a verbal agreement is considered a contract, and therefore has the same validity and obligatory nature for the parties as a written contract. In this case, moreover, the email that you received proves that the agreement exists, even if you do not have a signed contract. Therefore, you can oblige the driving school to fulfil what was agreed, either by an amicable settlement or by taking the matter to court.

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Spain: Still Cause

Preserving historical memory. Scottish artist Christine Jones has documented the experiences of victims of the Franco regime in a seventy-minute film



MARK NAYLER

April 1st this year marked the 81st anniversary of the end of the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War. It was also the date on which Scottish artist Christine Jones released her latest contribution to Spain's historical memory movement: a seventy-minute documentary entitled *Spain: Still Cause*.

Filmed between July 2016 and January 2018 and available for free on YouTube, it consists of a series of interviews with survivors of the Civil War and the forty-year dictatorship of Francisco Franco that followed. The film builds on Jones' previous explorations of the historical memory issue in Spain, most notably in a 2014 exhibition of sketches that ran under the same name. She sees the documentary and the drawings as belonging to an overarching project, one on which she may continue to work in the future.

"I am an artist, not a historian," Glasgow-based Jones explained to me over email. "And although I see my film as an act of activism, and definitely being in support of the historical memory movement, I am an observer and an outsider... [O]ften, I see how bogged down both sides [of the debate] can get in the detail, which seems to me stalls progress."

As a result, *Still Cause* does not engage with the political or historical aspects of the memory movement, which are highly divisive in contemporary Spain. Instead, she lets the survivors' memories stand alone, unencumbered by analysis or ornament. Meticulously subtitled in English, their testimonies reveal what life was like for activists opposed to Franco's regime, which only ended

with the generalissimo's death in November 1975.

Spain's Socialist government claimed to have made a significant contribution to the cause last October, when it transferred Franco's remains from the colossal Valley of the Fallen (built at his behest with forced labour between 1940 and 1959) to a more humble cemetery on the outskirts of Madrid. The move sparked visceral reactions across the political spectrum, with prime minister Pedro Sánchez proudly hailing it as a major step towards reconciliation with the past. The Conservative People's Party, on the other hand, claimed it was a purely symbolic move, political posturing that unnecessarily opened up old wounds (perhaps not surprising, given that one of the party's founders was a minister under Franco).

Unlike this high-profile intervention, the continuing work of exhuming and identifying the forgotten victims of Francoism (of whom there are an estimated 114,000 lying in unmarked graves across Spain) is conducted away from the political spotlight, principally by a charity called the Association for the Recovery of Historical Memory.

Slow progress

One of Jones's interviewees, activist Delphine Crespo, thinks the state ought to be doing more to support such organisations. "It should be done by the government," she says: "Spain won't be a modern democracy until we've judged these crimes."

Sánchez has at least tried to start this process, and not just by relocating a highly symbolic tomb. Shortly after coming to power in



Christine, with one of the participants in the documentary, Enric, who passed away days after his interview, aged 86.

SUR



Images from the documentary showing two of the interviewees.



June 2018, the Socialists pledged that the criminal records of those charged with opposing the dictatorship would be expunged, that a census of victims of the Civil War and Franco's regime would be carried out, and that some 1,200 unmarked graves would be excavated. But ever since then, Sánchez's government has been unable to drive the historical memory movement forward, partly because of a crippling minority status in congress, and partly because other issues, such as Catalonia, have dominated the agenda.

The most recent proposals aim to improve upon those enshrined in the Historical Memory Law of 2007, also brought in by the Socialists during the premiership of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero. This stated that local governments would offer funding and resources to support people searching for relatives who disappeared during

the war or dictatorship, but conferred no obligation on the state to push the historical memory cause. The initiative's efficacy was further eroded in 2012, when the Conservatives came to power and slashed its funding.

Amnesty law

Another difficulty in restoring collective memory concerning the war and dictatorship is owed to the fact that, following Franco's death, amnesia was enforced by legislation. According to the 1977 "Amnesty Law" - also referred to as the "Pact of Forgetting" - crimes committed in defence of or against the dictatorship could no longer be prosecuted.

In theory, the 1977 amnesty benefited both Republicans and Nationalists, but critics point to its bias in favour of members and supporters of Franco's regime. Interviewed in his offices in central Bar-

celona, Carles Vallejo Calderón, President of the Catalan Association of Ex-Political Prisoners, tells us of his arrest in 1970, aged 20, when he was ambushed by police as he left his home for work one morning. An employee at the city's SEAT factory and founder of the Democratic Union of Students, Carles was also carrying a book by Rafael Alberti, a prominent poet and Marxist who had fled Spain at the outbreak of the Civil War, only to return after Franco's death.

Throughout several days of brutal treatment, Carles' torturer repeatedly boasted that he would remain a policeman even if democracy returned to Spain. In fact, this officer was promoted in the years following Franco's death, eventually becoming - with grotesque irony - the Director General of Civil Protection. "The amnesty we believed was aimed at freeing the political prisoners", says Carles, "functioned instead as a guarantee of immunity for sadists".

So long as the Spanish government is unwilling or unable to push the memory movement forward, the work of independent organisations and individuals - especially "outsider" artists such as Jones - takes on greater significance. It can help give a voice to those who suffered under Francoism, such as the men and women who feature in this powerful documentary.

The film concludes with the words of 80-year old Antonia Jover del Olmo, who spent the first three years of her life in prison with her mother after the outbreak of war. Still a tireless activist, she says, "The struggle is happiness, and devoting yourself to it is a great antidote to depression. And as long as I feel useful I want to live."

DENISE BUSH



GARDENING

The lacebark tree

Native to New Zealand, Hoheria, commonly called lacebark or ribbonwood, is a graceful forest tree suitable for cooler, shadier spots of the garden.

The genus, which is a member of the Malvaceae family (mallow), consists of only six species and Hoheria is a latinised form of the Maori name

for tree, 'houhere'.

The Maoris use the lace-like inner bark for fine, decorative weaving to make kete (baskets) and trims on hats and cloaks. The bark is also used twisted and

plaited into ropes.

When mature, the fast growing lacebark tree can reach between six and ten metres tall. Most species in the genus, which includes trees and

large shrubs, are evergreen and all have masses of fragrant white blooms through summer and autumn.

The five-petaled flowers form in the leaf axils and attract lots of butterflies and other pollinating insects to the garden.

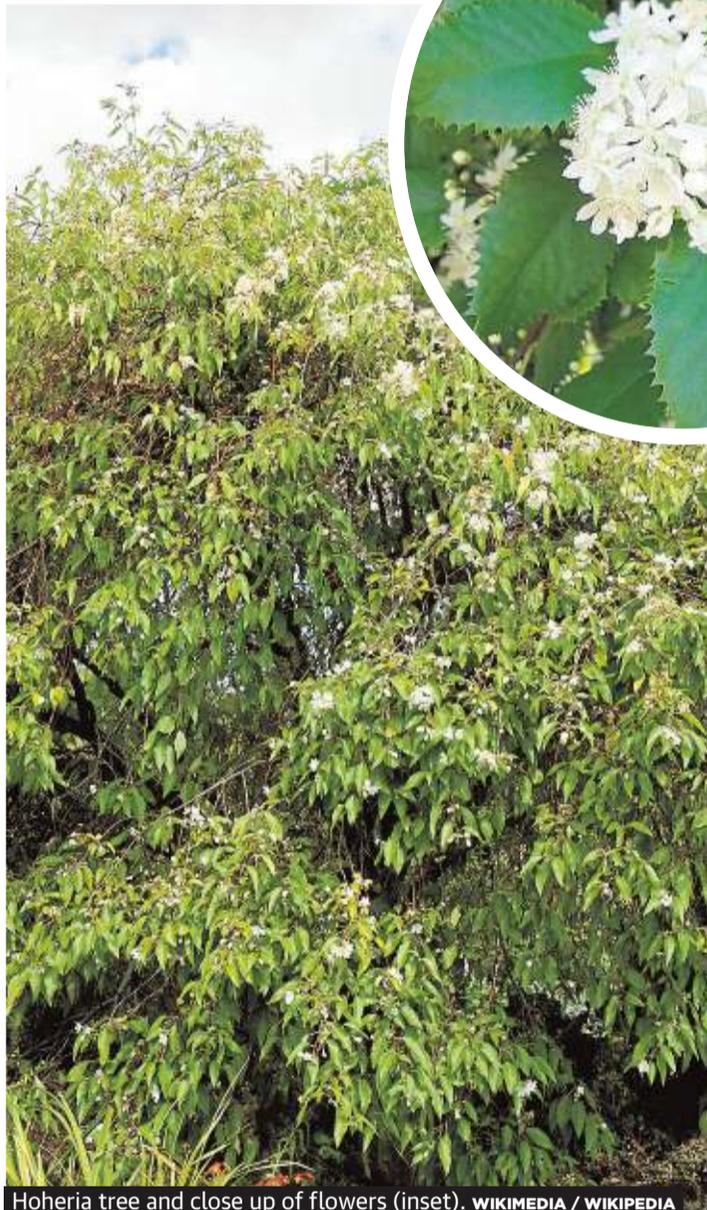
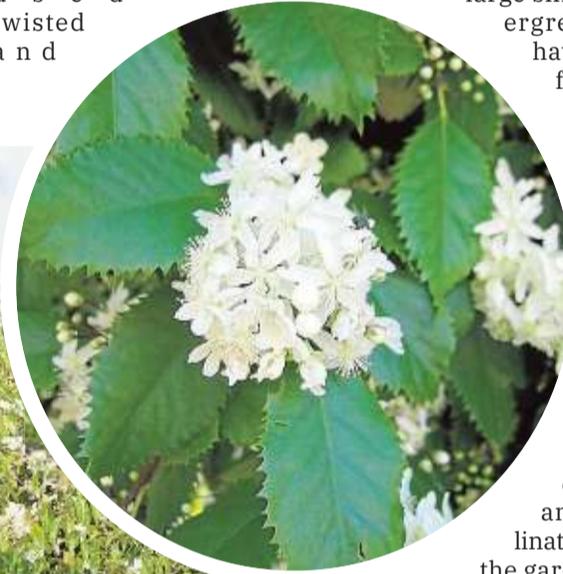
After flowering, winged brown seed capsules form containing between five to seven seeds.

The older leaves of lacebark are leathery, lanceolate in shape and have serrated edges whereas the younger leaves are rounder, as broad as they are wide, and have scalloped edges, quite different in appearance than the mature leaves.

Lacebark is quite hardy and will tolerate some frost; it does not like waterlogged soil or humidity, however. It will need regular watering during the summer and will not survive prolonged periods of drought.

It can withstand salty air near the coast if given protection from strong winds.

To propagate Hoheria, fresh seed can be sown straight away and should germinate quite easily.



Hoheria tree and close up of flowers (inset). WIKIMEDIA / WIKIPEDIA

READERS' PHOTOS



IRENE COLLIER

A clever illusion

This photo of a colourful terrace was sent in by reader Irene Collier who says, "Even a small terrace can look pretty with the clever use of a mirror to create a 'window' and some colourful plants."



GEORGE LUMBY

Unusual roses

These unusual yellow and deep purple striped roses are growing in the garden of George Lumby and his wife Hortensia in Mijas.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

We know many of our readers have lovely gardens, or enjoy growing plants on their terraces or balconies and some like to take photos of plants they see when out and about. Why not share them with others? Email

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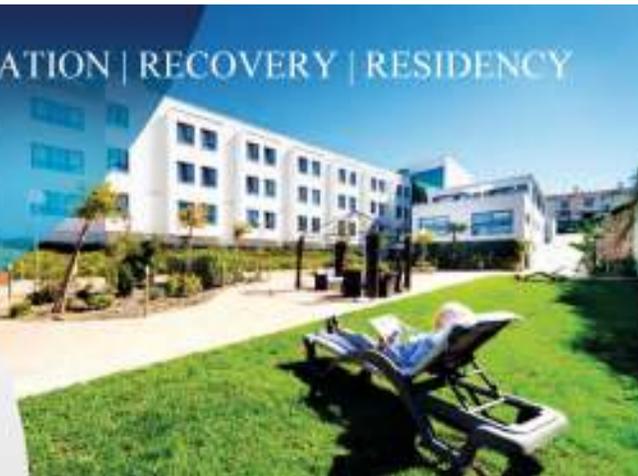
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The Dutchman who prefers red to orange

Jan van Bergeijk Raspberry grower

This well-known Dutch farmer is a pioneer in raspberry cultivation in Andalucía

ALEK M. SAANDERS



MALAGA. The colour orange has come to symbolise the Netherlands all over the world. However, in western Andalucía, "Dutch" is associated with bright red. Thanks to well-known Dutch farmer Jan van Bergeijk, who started growing a Scottish raspberry in Andalucía at the end of the 80s, Spain belongs today to the main raspberry-producing countries in Europe.

-Jan, when did you move to Spain?

- About 30 years ago I moved to Huelva from a small town in the Netherlands called Meijel. At that time this province of Andalucía was considered as a soft fruit region with strawberry cultivation. I saw more opportunities here for early raspberry cultivation too. My father wanted me to settle in the Canaries, but I thought Hu-

elva was more logistically practical because by that time strawberry transportation was already operating.

-Holland is known for its love of the colour orange, although red would maybe be a more appropriate national colour.

- I understand what you're getting at. Yes, the Dutch like red fruits, including pinkish red. By this colour I mean the typical Dutch raspberries. But nowadays there are many shades of red as there are many varieties, mostly bred by my compatriots. For example, the Dutch company Advanced Berry Breeding is one of the world's leaders in berry breeding and its variety Kwanza is one of the most popular among raspberry producers in northern and southern Europe. It is well adapted to production in most climates and growing conditions. New raspberry sorts are supposed to have good transportation resistance and an excellent shelf life. By the way, when I moved to Andalucía I started planting UK raspberries called "Glen Clova" - an early ripening Scottish variety, which is vigorous and heavy cropping.

-How has your business developed over these 30 years?

- I started with three tunnels on a field with area of around one thousand square metres. I rented the land not far from Moguer [in Huelva] and employed locals. I must say, that the raspberry is a familiar fruit in northern countries but here in Andalucía, three decades ago, it was very exotic for local farmers. And the lack of knowledge caused negative consequences. So my father and I realised that we should be present ourselves here in Huelva. Frankly, the first harvest was not what I had expected. But later, each year it got better and better.

-How does your raspberry empire look now?

- Probably, the "empire" is not the correct word because actually there is no "emperor". In the very beginning Moguer farmers and I established a cooperative enterprise. So the "empire" has never been mine. In addition, as a rule, territory extension is typical of an empire. But with help of

raspberry breeding we are trying to get a bigger harvest from the same number of square metres. As for numbers, Huelva has already surpassed 2,000 hectares of raspberry plantation. I can say that af-



Jan van Bergeijk. SUR

ter years of experimental research the sector has developed a totally innovative production process. Many raspberries are cultivated on soil ridges or in raised beds with a substrate based on coconut fibre. I remember the time when supermarkets were doubtful about putting this vulnerable product on their shelves. So to persuade them, we had to take responsibility for customer delivery without decreasing the quality of the berries. As a result of our long-term efforts, raspberries from Huelva can be found in many shops in the whole of Spain.

-Does the current situation with Covid-19 affect the raspberry production?

- Of course. As you know, April and May is harvest time for raspberries in Huelva. And it has coincided with the quarantine. So far, the delivery to the supermarkets hasn't been stopped. But we used to sell a lot of raspberries to restaurants and hotels which are closed. So since March we have lost a number of our permanent clients. The transport and distribution are more difficult. Above

all, the buying habits of the customers have changed. In the beginning, customers were afraid of the supply, but bit by bit the people have got confidence, and now they are looking again for fresh fruit, vegetables, and also the healthy berries that have a lot of benefits.

-How beneficial are raspberries to health?

- Over the last years, raspberry has become a synonym of the word "antioxidant". Moreover, raspberries are low in calories but high in fibre, vitamins, minerals. I heard that Russians traditionally drink tea with raspberry preserve which is considered to be best for the common cold and it even might weaken the flu virus. In general, the consumption of berries in Europe has skyrocketed. It is a highly valued product especially in the UK and Germany. Actually, about 95% of Huelva's raspberries are exported, which places it in the top of export markets for raspberries.

-Jan, on 27 April the "orange" Dutch holiday will be celebrated. Any plans?

- Not really. Koningsdag or King's Day is a big event and the Netherlands gets bathed in the national colour - orange. In comparison to the Costa del Sol there is a big Dutch community in Torremolinos, I am almost "unique" here. So probably I'll just buy some oranges for the colour decoration. But most likely this day I will be surrounded not by "orange" but by "red" as I will be on the farm, harvesting and packing the raspberries. You know, how I could enjoy a red-orange combination... with a nice healthy fruit salad with sweet raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, and oranges under the Spanish orange sun.

A barking mad fundraiser

Dog lover Russ Godwin has raised 733 euros so far by wearing a pet cone around his neck

ASH BOLTON

ESTEPONA. An Estepona resident is raising funds for traumatised dogs by wearing a dog cone non-stop for five days.

Brit Russ Godwin started the dog rescue and rehoming shelter HEART (Happy Ever After Rescue Team) two years ago with his partner Hollie. But since the lockdown came into effect over a month ago, local fundraising initiatives and clients for his main job as a Thai boxing teacher have dried up.

The shelter currently looks after 36 dogs so Russ decided to don the dog cone in order to

raise funds for his four-legged friends.

Russ, 42, who is originally from Milton Keynes and has lived in Spain for seven years, told SUR in English earlier this week: "We've had some great support over the past two years. But 85 per cent of the running costs are covered by my monthly wage and I'm not able to work at the moment.

"So far people have donated 733 euros online, which is absolutely amazing - we are really happy with that. And it's something to put a smile on people's faces."

Russ started wearing the 'Cone of Shame' at 5am on Monday and planned to wear it until midnight tonight (Friday). So far he has not taken it off and has even slept and showered in it.

He added: "I could be persuaded to extend the challenge beyond Friday if the right amount of money comes in. But my neck is already cut to pieces."

Russ added that the shelter takes in traumatised dogs that nobody wants to adopt.

He explained: "I call them the undateables. We take them out of shelters when no one wants them so that they don't die there. We take them to a place where they can be happy and hopefully become comfortable in human company."

Russ added that every euro is spent on the welfare and care of the rescue dogs.

More information: Look for HEART Animal Rescue on Facebook or visit www.heart-animalrescue.com



Russ Godwin and his 'undateable' dogs. SUR

OPERA AND DANCE

Nightly Opera Stream

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While the MET is closed due to the epidemic it will be screening presentations from the Live In HD series of cinema transmissions. Each transmission will remain available on www.metopera.org for 23 hours.

24 April. Verdi's *La Traviata* Starring Natalie Dessay, Matthew Polenzani, and Dmitri Hvorostovsky, conducted by Fabio Luisi. From 14 April 2012.

25 April. At-Home Gala More than 40 leading artists perform in a live stream from their homes around the world.

26 April. Rossini's *La Cenerentola* Starring Joyce DiDonato and Juan Diego Flórez, conducted by Fabio Luisi. From 10 May 2014.

Ballet and contemporary dance

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World Ballet Day

THE BOLSHOI BALLET. The World Ballet Day filmed live from Moscow can be seen on YouTube.

The Bolshoi Ballet are shown in the video during rehearsals with interviews with some of the teachers and dancers translated into English. There are many other videos of other performances available.

Full length productions

THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE. The ROH have announced a programme of full-length productions which will be broadcast over Facebook and YouTube. 7pm BST (8pm Spain).

The programme includes both ballet and opera and the schedule can be found on [facebook.com/royalopera-house](https://www.youtube.com/user/RoyalOperaHouse) or <https://www.youtube.com/user/RoyalOperaHouse>

Until 27 April. Peter and the Wolf. The Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet School perform Matthew Hart's Peter and the Wolf choreographed to Prokofiev's music.

Until 10 May. *Così fan Tutte*. Mozart's classic opera puts love under the microscope with comic and disturbing results.

Until 10 May. *Acis and Galatea*. Mnd

dance are harmoniously fused in Wayne McGregor's interpretation of Handel's pastoral love and jealousy. **Until 17 May.** *Metamorphosis*. A dark surrealist nightmare is conjured up in Arthur Pita's dance-theatre adaptation of Kafka's novella.

24 April- 24 May. *Gloriana*. Benjamin Britten's moving operatic portrayal of Elizabeth I caught between public duty and private passion.



Gloriana. ROH

Irish Dance

RIVERDANCE PERFORMANCES Schools across Ireland took part in a Riverdance special which has been posted on Facebook.

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CONCERTS AND MUSIC

A concert in confinement

FRENCH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA. Each musician has recorded their part of the concert from home.

The orchestra play Ravel's Bolero. It was put together, with each musician playing their instrument from home, as a special concert for people to enjoy during the enforced quarantine. It can be found on YouTube ONF Ravel.

Coronapunk

STREAMFEST 2. Facebook live-streamed concerts.

www.facebook.com/wildpunk

25 April. Starting at 5pm a lineup of live music until 10pm.

Free concerts

ROYAL ALBERT HOME. The Royal Albert Hall has a varied programme of concerts available to stream online.

After 150 years the Royal Albert Hall has seen its fair share of good times and bad and to get through the latest difficulties it will be streaming some of the world's most talented artists online at <https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/series/royal-albert-home/> or facebook Royal Albert Home

25 April. Jazz for Kids. Albert's Band's jazz supremo Arthur Lea will

deliver an exclusive 30-minute Jazz For Kids set from his home. From blues to mambo, and from New Orleans standards to Gershwin classics, there's something for everyone.

30 April. KT Tunstall. KT rose to fame with debut album *Eye to the Telescope*, an album which spawned a host of classic tracks including *Suddenly I See* and *Other Side of the World* and was nominated for the 2005 Mercury Prize.

You are the Champions'

QUEEN. Members of Queen and Adam Lambert perform a tweaked version of the famous song. Brian May, Roger Taylor and Adam Lambert perform a version of the song while in quarantine. On Instagram, [brianmayforreal](https://www.instagram.com/brianmayforreal) #youarethechampions

Online concert listing

CONCIERTOS EN CASA. A new website listing concerts online around the world.

The website lists the concerts, where and when they are being streamed and information on the performers. If you subscribe, information is sent straight to your email address. <https://www.conciertosencasa.com/>

Fellini Soño con Picasso

SOUNDTRACKS OF THE PICASSO/FELLINI EXHIBITION. The Museo Picasso de Málaga held a Fellini /Picasso exhibition in 2018.

Drawings, documents, films and photographs belonging to the Italian film director Federico Fellini were displayed alongside some of Picasso's works and accompanied by the music composed by Nino Rota, can be listened to on the museum website: <https://www.museopicassomalaga.org/> You will need to register with Spotify.

EXHIBITIONS

Glass exhibition

MUSEO DEL VIDRIO Y CRISTAL DE MÁLAGA. The museum has an amazing collection of beautiful glass objects which you can now see online.

The museum are now posting photos of their stunning collection on Facebook. Galle, Lalique, Baccarat, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, car mascots, studio glass, ancient and contemporary designs can all be seen.

Van Gogh

THE VAN GOGH MUSEUM AMSTERDAM. 360° story of the artist and

his works.

On the website <https://360stories.com/amsterdam/story/van-gogh-museum> click on stories (49) at bottom of page to open information about individual paintings by Van Gogh.

Multimedia visits

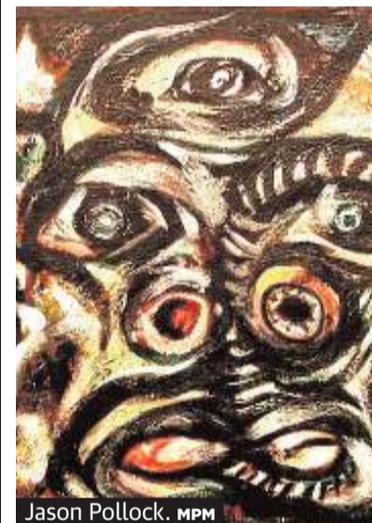
MUSEO REINA SOFIA. The museum has several web sites where its art works can be viewed.

A large number of videos and audios (in Spanish) of tours around the museum and particular collections can be found online with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Vimeo and YouTube. <https://www.museoreinasofia.es/>

Picasso En Casa

MUSEO PICASSO MÁLAGA. The Picasso Museum is presenting its main exhibition online with an audio-guide in English.

The exhibition *Genealogías del Arte*, o la Historia del Arte Como Arte Visual includes works by Picasso, Cézanne, Kandinsky and Malevich. It is accompanied by a narrative in Spanish or English and a selection of 30s jazz. The museum web page also has information on past exhibitions. <https://masdearte.com/especiales/picassoencasa/>



Jason Pollock. MPM

Pollock

MUSEO PICASSO MÁLAGA. The Jackson Pollock exhibition was one of the most popular with the younger visitors to the museum.

The exhibition was of large format works of art originally ordered from the artist by Peggy Guggenheim. Audio in English. www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY9leqZUMIk

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EXHIBITIONS

Latest exhibitions online

MUSEO CARMEN THYSSEN MÁLAGA. The museum has recorded 360° videos of some of its most recent exhibitions.

Virtual visits of exhibitions such as Fortuny Grabador and Fantasía Árabe, Henri Matisse, Jazz and Sorolla are available as well as a look at the permanent collection at www.carmen-thysse-malaga.org/visitas-virtuales

Painting by painting

MUSEO DE MÁLAGA. The museum's web page gives a detailed description of each work of art.

Each unique piece of art has a story which is explained. Open the web page below and click on Obras Singulares www.museosdeandalucia.es/web/museodemalaga

Secret London Art

GREENWICH PAINTED HALL. An online tour of one of London's hidden art treasures.

The stunning Painted Hall can now be toured online at <https://secretlondon.com/online-tour-painted-hall/> it is a baroque masterpiece and offers a chance to view the ceiling up close as well as giving the viewer tidbits of information on the history of the building and its amazing art.

LECTURES / DOCUMENTARIES

Television documentary

ART MYSTERIES. The BBC recorded 4 episodes, each lasting half an hour. Discover the secret meanings hidden in the paintings of Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne and Seurat. BBC Art Mysteries

Art courses and lectures

ART HISTORY IN FOCUS. Online live lectures and courses throughout the year.

Founded by art historian and lecturer Siân Walters, Art History in Focus arranges regular courses, study days and visits in the UK as well as cultural holidays throughout Europe. Siân is a highly qualified and experienced tutor and events organiser, and lectures regularly for the National Gallery, NADFAS (The Arts Society). <https://www.arthistoryinfocus.com/courses/>

CHARITY

Sports for local commerce

DEPORTE CON CORAZÓN. Antequera town hall has organised a virtual charity sports event.

The five hour sports event will take place on 3 May and will include activities such as cross fit, zumba cycling and kettlebell among others. The aim is to raise funds for sanitary and protective materials for local businesses that are suffering as a result of the pandemic. More information can be found on Facebook @AntequeraDeporte. Registration costs two euros and is through www.dorsalchip.com

Statue quiz

AXARQUÍA ANIMAL RESCUE. Match the title to the statue for charity. Los Perros have numbered and named twenty-two garden statues and all



Popular singer Ricky Lavazza. SUR

Costa entertainers bring a variety of music to your home

TONY BRYANT

FUENGIROLA. As part of its 'Salon in your Salon' initiative, The Salon Varietés Theatre in Fuengirola will present a special online show of live music on Friday 24 April (today).

Aimed at relieving the boredom of the lockdown, the marathon eight-hour concert titled Journey Through the Decades will present some of

the coast's top entertainers performing well-known hits from the 1940s until now.

The line-up includes Welsh crooner Ricky Lavazza, along with Laura Ellen, Cath John, Amy Lloyd and Deborah Dee, among others. The fun starts at midday on the theatre's Facebook page and will continue until 8pm.

For more information, see The Official Salon Varietés Theatre Group Facebook page.



The Globe theatre. FLICKR

competitors have to do is match the name to the statue. Entry is a donation to the animal charity and the prize for the winner is lunch or supper for up to four people at Los Perros near Comares (after the current Covid-19 health scare is over). www.comares.webs.com/statuecompetition

THEATRE / DRAMA

Online theatre performances

NATIONAL THEATRE AT HOME. Watch the best of British theatre every Thursday.

The National Theatre will be live streaming on YouTube every Thursday at 7pm BST (8pm Spain) Each performance will be available to view for the following seven days. <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/>
Until 30 April. Twelfth Night.

Shakespeare online

THE GLOBE THEATRE. A series of Free-To-View archive performances

are being released online by the theatre at <https://www.shakespeareglobe.com/watch#free-youtube-premieres>.

Until 3 May. Romeo and Juliette

4 - 17 May. The Two Noble Kinsmen.

In German with English subtitles

SCHAUBÜHNE. Known as the 'world's coolest theatre' for its bold productions.

The theatre is opening its vaults of stored videos and every night, at 6.30pm, will stream one of them online. The majority of them have English subtitles but as the theatre is famous for its stunning visual effects, dialogue is not always necessary. <https://www.schaubuehne.de/en/pages/online-schedule.html>

24 April. Winterreise im Olympiastadion (Winter Journey at Olympia Stadium). Text fragments from the novel Hyperion by Hölderlin directed by Klaus Michael Grüber
25 April. Lenin by Milo Rau & ensemble directed by: Milo Rau. World premiere.

Free streaming

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE. The theatre is releasing some of its plays for free streaming to the public. www.hampsteadtheatre.com

Until 10pm, 26 April. Tiger Country. The play looks at a group of NHS hospital workers as they struggle to cope with the pressures of the busiest time of the year (usually) – Christmas.
10am, 27 April - 10pm, 3 May. The Arrest of Ai Weiwei' (2013) follows the apprehension and 81-day incarceration of the Chinese artist back in 2011 by his country's authorities.

Hallucinations

DEAD CENTRE. An experimental theatrical production.

Lippy is the name of this gripping experimental theatre piece which is available on Vimeo.com. Just type in Lippy on Vimeo. if asked for a password, use 'context'.

The Shows Must Go On!

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER. A different Andrew Lloyd Webber musical each week live streamed on YouTube. Each show goes live on Friday at 7pm BST (8pm Spain), and remains viewable for 48 hours afterwards. YouTube The Shows Must Go On!
24 April. Love Never Dies

Larger than life circus show

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL. Moments from the shows on its new digital hub. Every Friday at 8pm BST (9pm Spain), the troupe will share the most impressive moments from its larger-than-life shows on CirqueConnect, its new digital hub. <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/cirqueconnect>

MORE IDEAS

Culture at Home

TORREMOLINOS ES CULTURA.

Every night a cultural agenda is broadcast live from 8pm. Local associations, theatre companies, artists, musicians and professionals from the world of art have designed a special programme of events which will include yoga and keep fit as well as activities for children at #TorremolinosEsCultura

Aquarium tour

OCEANOGRÁFIC VALENCIA. A virtual, 360° tour of the aquarium.

The Oceanogràfic in Valencia is the biggest aquarium in Europe. You can now visit thirteen different rooms, each one centred on a species or climate at <https://www.oceanografic.org/visita-virtual/>

Scary tours

VIRTUAL TOURS OF HAUNTED SITES. Some of the scarier places to visit.

Virtual tours of Dracula's castle, The Winchester Haunted Mansion, the Paris Catacombs and the Stanley Hotel (where The Shining was filmed) can be found on www.freaked.com

Space watching

STARLINK. Track satellites across the night sky with this online tool.

Starlink is a satellite constellation being constructed by American company SpaceX to provide satellite Internet access. The constellation will consist of thousands of mass-produced small satellites in low Earth orbit (LEO), working in combination with ground transceivers. The satellites can be seen crossing the sky at certain times using the tracker www.findstarlink.com

Free comics

MARVEL COMICS. There is now an App available for free comics. Marvel Unlimited have released an App for iOS or android. Click on Free Comics and select from a variety of titles including Avengers vs X-Men, Amazing Spider-Man, Dark Phoenix Saga and Kree/Skrull War etc. More

info on <https://www.marvel.com/>

Short stories for long confinements

STORY WRITING. Submit short stories to be published online.

Torremolinos town hall is encouraging people to write a short story of not more than 100 words. They are now extending it to English speakers with the goal of encouraging creativity, reading and writing. Stories must be sent via the form on the www.cultura-torremolinos.es website before midnight Sunday 26 April.

Indoor learning activities

U3A COSTA DEL SOL FUENGIROLA

The association has turned to social media to continue offering a service to its members.

Art history, bridge, quiz nights and



Starlink. WIKIMEDIA

even a choral group are just some of the online activities being offered by the U3A. Anyone can become a member, contact www.u3afuengirolacostadelsol.com/ for more information.

How To Be Happy

THE SCIENCE OF WELL BEING Yale University has made this course completely free.

The ten-week course, led by instructor Laurie Santos, will break down the science behind happiness, shining a light on common misconceptions and teaching you how to create better habits for yourself. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/the-science-of-well-being>

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Anglican church service

COSTA DEL SOL WEST CHAPLAINCY. Services available online from the website www.costachurch.com.

Sunday morning services 10am every Sunday on YouTube Costa Del Sol West Chaplaincy. Pre-service prayers at 9.45am <https://zoom.us/j/968525376>. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Tea at Five Live (5pm-6pm on Zoom). Wednesday night prayer Compline.

Sunday and Wednesday Services

ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF NERJA AND ALMUÑECAR Regular services on Zoom app.

Every Sunday at midday and on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. People wishing to access the service E-mail details to Fr Nigel Thomas (Chaplain): cofenerja@gmail.com

Insure against anything?

ANDREW J. LINN



When someone is robbed or has an accident, the usual question is, 'Are you insured?' If you want to give a garden party in July the rain insurance will obviously cost you less than for the same purpose in January. But what about business insurance? Not the premises or the fleet of motor

vehicles, but unusual events that affect the businesses' profitability? Such as a pandemic.

A group of US restaurant owners paid millions in insurance premiums over the years to cover any eventuality that could prejudice their bottom line. Referred to as Business Interruption Insurance, there

can be no disputing that every occupation has been disrupted big-time by the corona virus.

But apparently the companies argue that insuring against a pandemic virus is impossible, and although a claim would be accepted if there were an actual virus in, for example, a restaurant kitchen causing a shutdown, this would be a specific identifiable issue.

What the restaurants claim is that it is all part of a dastardly plan, whereby all US restaurants, whether insured or not, will lobby the government for a nationwide bail-

out, avoiding insurers having to pay individual claims.

While this class of insurance is the norm in the States, in Spain it is highly unusual for a restaurant to have such cover. Loss of profits for any reason must be qualified with facts and figures, but a general suspension of all activity is not envisaged to any degree, so, the insurers maintain, this cannot qualify for a payout.

If potential customers are stopped from frequenting restaurants by a pandemic, this has to be declared as such by the country's government, something that has happened globally but not nationally.

WINE OF THE WEEK

Monasterio de Corias

Wines from Asturias are rare, even more so red ones, and the region is better known for its cider. But this red, with a dash of Moscatel grape, has a heady, lush taste and an intense ripe fruit flavour. Well worth splashing out ten euros for the experience.



RECIPE

Chicken tikka masala

The origins of traditional chicken tikka masala are not known but a theory is that it originated in Glasgow Scotland, invented by a British Pakistani chef.

CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA

Ingredients

800g boned chicken thighs
1 clove
1 tsp cumin
1 tbsp smoked paprika
1 tbsp garam masala
1 lemon

4 cloves garlic
2cm chunk fresh root ginger
2 small pots natural yoghurt
Fresh chilis to taste

For the sauce:

200g sliced onion
4 garlic cloves minced
fresh coriander
1 tsp turmeric
400g tin chopped tomato
300ml chicken stock
1 tin coconut milk
juice of half a lemon
salt

Method

For the marinade cut each

chicken thigh into four. Lightly toast the spices in a dry frying pan until aromatic then grind into a powder and place in a bowl. Add the yoghurt, the lemon juice and grated rind, the minced garlic, ginger and chili and a pinch of salt. Mix well and add the pieces of chicken. Cover and leave to marinate for 24 hours in the fridge.

The following day remove the chicken from the marinade, sprinkle the pieces with oil and place on a grill over a baking tray. Heat the oven to 220°C. Meanwhile prepare the sauce. Fry the onion, the garlic and the chopped coriander stems (save the leaves for garnish). When the onion is golden, add the chopped tomatoes and cook until the liquid has reduced. Add the chicken stock and the coconut milk and reduce the liquid on a low heat until about half remains.

Place the chicken on a shelf near the top of the oven. Leave it to cook for ten minutes then take it out, turn the pieces over and return it to the oven to cook for a further ten minutes until golden brown and slightly singed in places. When it is cooked tip the chicken pieces and any juices in the pan, into the sauce and bring to the boil adding lemon juice to taste. Garnish with coriander. Serve with basmati rice and flat breads.

The curious names of some of Malaga's best-loved cakes and desserts

The province's repertoire of confectionery includes some uniquely named sweets such as stupid doughnuts, fried gazpacho, lies and almond cheese

JAVIER ALMELLONES

MALAGA. Fried gazpacho (gazpacho frito), and lies (embustes) are just two of some of the strangely named sweets in the Malaga recipe book. Some, like the borrachuelo (drunk), so common here in Malaga, are quite easy to reason why, so called because among the ingredients are wine and anis. However, further afield it can sound a bit of an odd name for a small cake.

The same can be said for other cakes and desserts from Malaga and other parts of Andalucía such as bienmesabe (it tastes good), tortas locas (crazy cakes) and

leche frita (fried milk).

There are other sweets, not quite so well known in the province but often still made in homes, such as pan cortijo (farmhouse bread). This however, is a sweet cake and it does not even contain flour. It is made with just almonds, eggs, sugar and cinnamon.

The origins of this unusual cake are unknown but because of its ingredients it could possibly date back to Al Andalus pastries.

Another cake that uses ground almonds instead of wheat flour is the typical Ardales queso de almendras (almond cheese), although it contains no dairy. The traditional cheese-like shape of the 'cake' gives it its name.

Gazpacho frito is typically found in Benamocarra and is made with eggs, flour, sugar and cinnamon but a touch of vinegar is added which justifies its 'gazpacho' name.

The embustes (lies) are made from humble ingredients that are transformed into deceptively delicious cakes.



AEFAT (Spanish Association of Families Affected by Ataxia Telangiectasia) is a volunteer-run organisation that has dedicated the last decade to shining a light on a little-known disease that seriously affects the lives of young children. The association was founded in Vitoria (Basque Country) in 2009 and seeks to improve the quality of life of sufferers of ataxia telangiectasia (AT).

AT is a rare disorder characterised by progressive difficulty with coordinating movements (ataxia) beginning in early childhood, usually before the age five. The disorder affects the nervous system, immune system, and other body systems.

Children typically develop problems with balance and coordination, disturbances in nerve function - like involuntary jerking movements and muscle twitches - and slurred speech. Most children with this disorder, which also includes sight problems caused by small clusters of enlarged blood vessels that occur in the eyes and on the surface of the skin, usually require wheelchair assistance by adolescence. AT is a genetic and neurodegenerative disease that has no cure, only treatment for the multiple effects of the disorder.

AEFAT funds research projects in the search for a cure and it is currently caring for around 30 families affected by the disease in Spain. AT is one of the 300 types of ataxia that exist and the patients are fully aware of the disease, since it does not affect their mental faculties. However, it prevents them from independently carrying out the basic activities of daily life, such as dressing, personal hygiene and eating.

Positive approach

"We must not forget that these children have the capacity to think, feel, love and, of course, to be happy. For this reason, even though the disease is hard for families, we try to have a positive approach. Children and young people with AT are great fighters, and we like to highlight their courage and their desire to overcome. We don't want to add to their pain, we want to fight for the disease to be investigated," AEFAT communications officer Rosa Casbas explained to SUR in English.

Founded by family members and people related to patients with ataxia telangiectasia, AEFAT belongs to FEDER (Spanish Federation of Rare Diseases) and FEDAES (Federation of Ataxias of Spain). It is made up of respected biologists, biochemists, doctors and scientists recognised by organisations like the European Molecular Biology Organisation, the Spanish Society for Biochemistry, the



Children and volunteers of AEFAT during the World Rare Disease Day held earlier this year. SUR

A fight to cure the incurable

AEFAT was founded by family members of children with ataxia telangiectasia, a rare genetic disorder that affects the nervous and immune system in early childhood

TONY BRYANT



Basque Biobank and the University Hospital of the Canary Islands. AEFAT is currently funding a research project at the University of Navarra Clinic and it continues to raise capital to fund new research projects related to the disease.

Over the last few years, the association has raised over 130,000 euros with a bottle top campaign; while last year, volunteers raised 30,000 euros during the Aitzina Folk Solidarity Festival.

Special bond with Malaga

The association also uses sporting events to raise both funds and awareness, and these include the marathons in Seville, San Sebastián and Malaga.

"Our relationship with Malaga is important for several reasons. We have one family in Malaga that

has a 16-year-old boy who suffers with AT. His mother is Isabel Olea, vice president of our association," Rosa said.

With the help of supporters and volunteers, Olea organises the Carrera AEFAT in Malaga, a charity run that is now in its sixth year. The race is used to raise money for research. This year's event is threatened by the coronavirus crisis, and the pandemic is also having a direct impact on the children AEFAT represents.

"Many people affected with rare diseases like AT have been left in a situation that is more complicated than the one they already had before. We have to face Covid-19 as a risk group, and stay home until a vaccine comes out. At present, our children do not have access to their speech therapy,

physiotherapy or swimming therapies, and these are so necessary for their disorder," said Olea.

She is also concerned about the difficulties faced with fundraising, because this is the bloodline of the charity.

Clinical trials and research are slowing down and we continue without the support of the institutions. That is why we want to appeal to the solidarity of people and local organisations to continue raising funds to pay for the research projects we are currently funding. We need donations to continue promoting the search for a cure for AT," Olea concluded.

More information :
www.aefat.es

In search experts

People need sunshine just as plants do and if we don't get enough it can negatively affect our health

ELENA MARTÍN



In a way, human beings are like plants. We may not flower in the spring, but just as their leaves obtain nutrients from the sun which they need to photosynthesise and survive, we have cells in our skin which capture the ultraviolet rays (UV) - specifically type B - and provide us with the vitamin D we need to help us grow healthy and strong.

Unlike flora, however, we spend most of our time indoors, even in sunny countries like Spain, and that's why a large part of the Spanish population shows signs of lacking vitamin D: between 70 and 80 per cent of people over the age of 65, 30 to 40 per cent of adults and 20 to 30 per cent of children.

Those were the figures prior to March, but experts say the lockdown, combined with an autumn and winter with few sunny days, will have brought the levels down still further and that could be a problem.

Weakened defences

"We have specific vitamin D receivers in some of the cells in our bodies, such as the T-lymphocytes and macrophages, which look after our body's cellular immunity. Low levels will weaken, and therefore reduce, our defences against external agents, such as Covid-19 for instance," says Dr José Manuel Cucalón, a member of the working group on Endocrinology, Metabolism and Nutrition of the Spanish Society of Doctors and General Practitioners (SEMG).

Vitamin D also regulates the

90%

of vitamin D is synthesised through the contact of the skin with type B ultraviolet rays from the sun

of a ray of sunshine in the lockdown: warn of vitamin D deficiency

concentration of calcium in the blood, the expression of five per cent of genes - many of them with neurological activity (learning, memory, control of emotions) - and the multiplication of cell deaths, among many other functions. For that reason, and to prevent illnesses associated with a lack of this hormone, it is important to maintain a minimum amount in the blood. There is, however, a certain amount of debate among specialists on this point, given that some say it should be 30 nanogrammes per millilitre of blood and others say 20.

Whichever quantity is correct, we are not going to find it easy to maintain while we stay at home because 90 per cent of vitamin D synthesises when the B-type UV sun rays come into contact with the skin, and not everyone is fortunate enough to have a terrace, patio or garden.

Ten minutes a day

Despite all this, the SEMG recommends getting some sun on the face, arms and legs for at least 10 to 15 minutes a day, even if only



ILLUSTRATION MARTI FERRER

through an open window (the glass acts as a screen and filters the radiation) and, preferably, in the middle of the day and with no solar protection.

“Normally, the creams that filter the radiation are recommended to prevent pathologies such as skin cancer, but in this case they aren’t, because they stop the synthesis of vitamin D,” says Dr Cucalón.

“Also, ten to 15 minutes isn’t going to result in signs of burning, but is enough to obtain sufficient amounts of vitamin D”.

Another piece of advice is to increase foods which are high in vitamin D, such as oily fish (salmon, mackerel, sardines, tuna), wild mushrooms, eggs, avocado, shellfish and products with added vitamin D, such as some milks, juices and cereals.

“Certain groups who are higher risk, such as elderly people, those in care homes, children and teenagers, breast-feeding mothers, pregnant women and patients with chronic illnesses should take some form of complementary medication, such as colecalciferol, as well,” says the doctor.

Obese people also have more difficulty in synthesising this hormone because the layer of fat stops it being absorbed correctly.

With regard to children, the Spanish Association of Primary Paediatrics (AEPap) recommends telephoning the paediatrician to ask for advice before giving them dietary supplements of vitamin D.

Greater risk of burning

The lack of sunshine in March and April is also going to delay the adaptation of melanocytes (the cells which make us tan) to the UV-B rays, which are more powerful in the summer.

“If we haven’t had any sunshine during the state of alarm, when we do go out we will be more at risk of sunburn than in other years,” warns Yolanda Gilaberte, vice-president of the Spanish Dermatology Association.

“Therefore, it is a good idea to expose our skin to the sun gradually and be more cautious, especially people with fair skin who tend not to tan easily,” she says.

Other effects of a lack of sunshine are: worsening of acne and seborrheic dermatitis; a change in blood pressure - type A ultraviolet rays make the skin synthesise nitrous oxide, a vasodilator that improves blood flow; and a change in mood: there is a reduction in endorphins, the happiness hormones that increase our sense of wellbeing.

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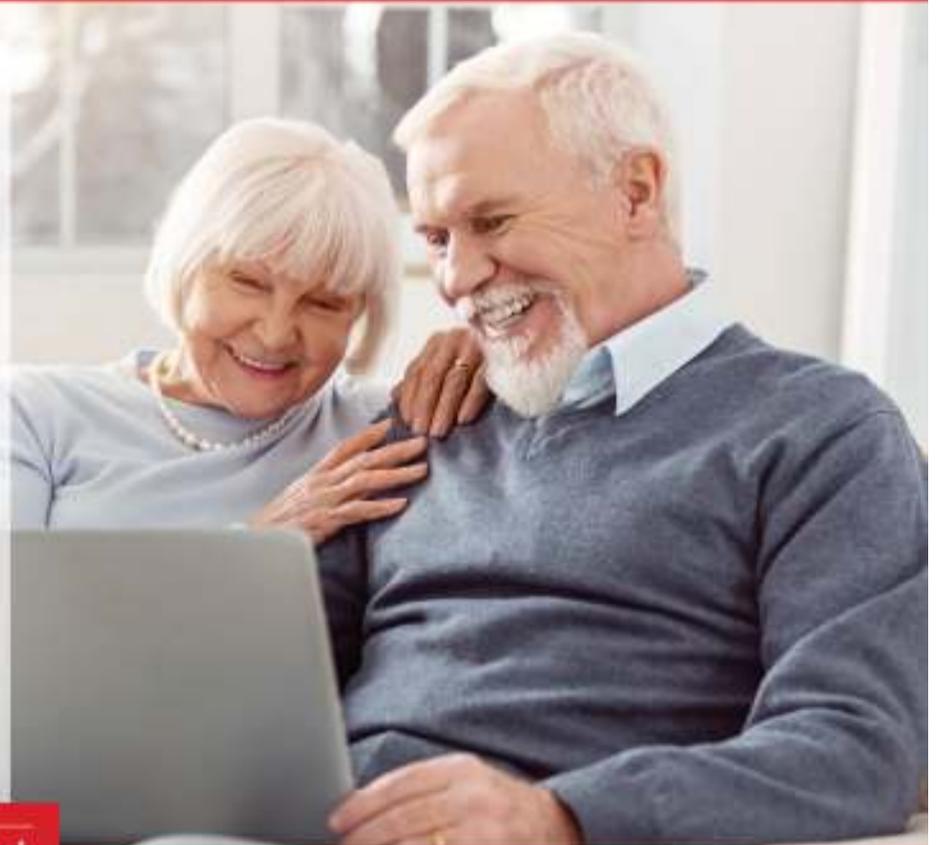
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Players union expresses concern as plan to restart football season is agreed

Clubs have been given a protocol to follow with a view to restarting league action on 29 May or 5 June - should the government give the plan the green light

SERGIO CORTÉS



MALAGA. This week is a crucial one for the return of professional football in Spain. LaLiga hopes that teams in the top two divisions in Spain can begin training next Monday so that the competitive action can resume on either Friday 29 May, or a week later on 5 June (also a Friday).

On Saturday, an agreement was reached in Madrid between the Consejo Superior de Deportes (CSD), the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) and LaLiga following a meeting hosted by the Secretary of State for Sport, Irene Lozano, in which RFEF chief Luis Rubiales and LaLiga boss Javier Tebas, whose relationship has been strained, participated.

This eight-hour meeting (as reported by the CSD) served to lay the foundations for the return of professional football. It approved the protocol put forward by LaLiga that would see players prepare for the return to action, behind closed doors, without any risk to their health.

With a protocol already established, all that remains is for the



Luis Rubiales, Irene Lozano and Javier Tebas, following their meeting in Madrid on Saturday. EFE

central government - in this case, the Health authorities - to give the green light to the return of the players to the place chosen for training, the second of the four phases set.

A phased return

The protocol to get players ready for a restart to the season comprises four phases. The first, under way since the declaration of the state of alarm, is keeping players in isolation at their homes where they carry out individual training, supervised by the physical trainers; the second, consists of individual training but back at the usual place

of work; the third sees training escalate to group sessions, with a limited number of players, (eight); and the last is the return to full group training.

Coronavirus testing will be carried out on all professionals and their family members, as well as periodical antibody testing.

In the second phase, hoped to start next Monday, players will arrive at their clubs' training complexes, 15 minutes apart. If the players use the same equipment, it will be disinfected.

Even in the final phase the strictest hygiene and disinfection measures will still be maintained. In the case of a positive

result, the player will be immediately isolated, the whole group will be tested for coronavirus, the facilities will be disinfected and there will be daily medical controls.

This is all to get players ready for a potential return in as little as five weeks' time.

The union's doubts

Although there is an agreement between LaLiga and the Spanish Federation, the approval of the Spanish Footballers Association (AFE) is yet to arrive.

The players' union has this week expressed its concern about the phase to follow, when

Malaga to no longer use city's athletics stadium for training

When Malaga eventually do return to training, it won't be to the city's athletics stadium - their second home for the past decade.

It is set to be announced that the club will no longer make use of the Ciudad de Málaga stadium on the western edge of the city as part of a cost-cutting measure put in place by judicial administrator José María Muñoz.

Muñoz, who must reduce costs to balance the club's books, has taken the decision as it will free up 500,000 euros annually. Though Malaga CF is not the only entity to make use of the facilities, it is responsible for the upkeep of the playing surface, 24-hour security and catering staff.

Instead, the squad will train on the annex next to La Rosaleda stadium or on the main pitch if necessary.

matches resume. It has not yet been ruled out that even from this third stage until the conclusion of the season that players could be made to live under the same roof in a World Cup-style camp to avoid possible infection and delaying the season even further.

However, this would imply players being separated from their families for at least a month and a half which could have implications for their mental health, given it would be an extension of the already six weeks of confinement.

In order to try to find consensus, LaLiga has already set up meetings with the coaches of the First and Second Division teams, as well as with the captains of the squads.

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Malaga looking into ways to compensate season ticket holders for games missed

ANTONIO GÓNGORA

MALAGA. The potentially imminent return of football is good news for fans but the prospect of finishing the season behind closed doors will be bittersweet.

There are still eleven games left to be played in Segunda this season. Six of these are home ties at La Rosaleda (against Huesca, Extremadura, Girona, Albacete, Deportivo La Coruña and Alcorcón), representing 28.5 per cent of the total home games - something season tickets holders are going to miss out on.

The simplest solution would be to refund this percentage of what they paid at the start of the season. This figure is estimated to be around 945,000 euros. Malaga, however, given their delicate financial situation, can ill afford this, especially given the further loss of the expected gate receipts for individual tickets, estimated to be around 275,000 euros.

The club, therefore, is looking into other ways to repay the fans, while at the same time incentivising them to continue their support. One solution could be to use

this money as a discount on a season ticket for the next campaign.

Capital increase

With the club needing to fill a 15-million-euro shortfall in its finances to avoid dropping out of the league, judicial administrator José María Muñoz is also considering a capital increase, potentially opening the door to an outside investor.

This, alongside the various other cost-saving measures already in the pipeline, could help to bridge the gap in time for deadline at the end of July.



A LOOK AT LA LIGA
ROB PALMER
Commentator, Sky Sports

The Phenomenon

At the peak of his powers, there was nobody better than Ronaldo Nazário



In this time of reflection, in my office sits a single football boot. It's not just any football boot... it's the only boot I ever scored a goal with - and it's not even mine.

I borrowed it from a footballer who I regard as the best there has ever been, when at the peak of his powers - Ronaldo Nazário.

Better than Messi? More talented than Cristiano? Surely, he can't compare to Pelé. The answer is yes. When he was on top of his game, he had elements of all of those mentioned and more.

He could go from the halfway line to a goal celebration as fast as Messi, had the body strength of Cristiano, the aura of Pelé and would match Kylian Mbappé in a foot race.

While interviewing Bobby Robson pre-match on the Camp Nou pitch, the then-Barcelona manager summons his slim centre forward towards our camera crew and said: "Focus on this fella tonight; he's out of this world - he's the next big thing."

Barcelona paid a world record fee to prise him away from PSV Eindhoven, where he'd scored 54 goals in 58 games and he was to better this percentage at the Camp Nou with 47 goals in his first season of 49 games. Statistics may be boring but his goals weren't.

A slalom run from the halfway line, making Compostela defenders look like extras from a Hollywood movie, resulted in a goal which had Bobby Robson looking up to the sky in disbelief.

World Player of the Year three times, Golden Boot as a 2002 World Cup Winner, uniquely



Ronaldo with Rob Palmer and the boot in 2003. GUILLEM BALAGUÉ

played for Barça and Real Madrid, as well as both of the Milan clubs, earned a standing ovation at Old Trafford after scoring a hat-trick in the 1998 Champions League quarter final... he certainly earned the nickname "El Fenómeno" - the Phenomenon.

Sadly, a seizure on the eve of the 1998 World Cup final meant he sleepwalked through the game and his body couldn't match the footballing soul. Ravaged by injury, he started to gain weight.

So how come I ended up with his boot? On the weekend of a Madrid derby I was invited to play in an annual press game. Steve McManaman agreed to get me a pair of size nines and threw some Nikes at me. "He wants them back tomorrow. They're his spares," he said.

I couldn't believe that I'd borrowed a pair of boots with Ron-

aldo's motif sewn into them. Long story short, normally a goalkeeper, I was told to play up front. Respected Guardian writer, Sid Lowe threaded a pass to me, I tiptoed around the goalkeeper and magically finished in the fashion of the Real striker.

As promised, I gave them a shine and returned them the next day. Macca explained that I regularly raise money for charity, so Ronaldo allowed me to keep the boot, signed them and posed for the picture.

I did auction off the left boot to raise a thousand pounds and contributed to charity, so morally I could hang onto the boot I scored with.

It dawned on me that these boots were magic and could turn any man struggling with his body weight into El Fenómeno. Maybe not!



Coach Luis Casimiro gives instructions to his players. MIGUE FERNÁNDEZ

Unicaja's players and coach agree to pay cut

The squad's salary will be reduced by 10 per cent should action resume and by 20 per cent should the season be cancelled

JUAN CALDERÓN

MALAGA. The entire Unicaja playing squad and coach Luis Casimiro have agreed to take a pay cut for the duration of the stoppage of the basketball season as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

This followed relatively brief negotiations after the announcement made on Good

Friday by the board of directors that the club would be pursuing a wage cut with the state of alarm having been extended. The statement also made it clear that coaches, administrative staff and academy players (on a considerably lower salary) would remain unaffected.

Despite concerns aired by players whose contracts were set to expire, the squad unanimously agreed to a salary reduction of 10 per cent should league action resume in the coming weeks (in June if given the all-clear) and a 20 per cent reduction if no more games are played this campaign.

Clubs vote for the Liga ACB to conclude with a tournament in a neutral venue from 15 June

J. CALDERÓN

MALAGA. There is some light at the end of the tunnel for Spanish basketball. The Assembly of Liga ACB voted this week on a format to conclude the season: the current top 12 of the league's 18 teams will compete in a play-off in a neutral venue, starting provisionally on 15 June.

The 12 teams have been di-

vided into groups of six, with Unicaja paired with Barcelona, Tenerife, Bilbao, Baskonia and Joverent. Each side will play each other once before the top two in each group contest a semi-final for a place in the final against the winner of the other group.

It was also decided that no teams will be relegated this year, opening up the possibility of a 20-team top flight next season.

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National Police	091
Local (municipal) Police	092
Medical	061
Fire	080
Guardia Civil	062
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Crime report	902102112

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Alcoholics Anonymous	600379110
Age Care	952933409
Age Concern (Estepona)	608458555

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ESTEPONA

Bus Station	955038665
Taxi Service	952802900
Tourist Office	952802002
Town Hall	952801100
Foreign Residents Dept.	952809031

FUENGIROLA

Bus Station	952475066
Taxi Service	952471000
Tourist Office	952467625
Town Hall	952589300
Foreign Residents Dept.	952589440

MALAGA

Bus Station	952350061
Railway Station	902240202
Taxi Service	952345693
Tourist Office	951926020

MARBELLA

Bus Station	955038665
Taxi Service	952774488
Tourist Office	952768760
Town Hall	952761100
Foreign Residents Dept.	952768760

MIJAS

Town Hall	952485900
Town Hall Las Lagunas	952473125
Taxi	952478288
Tourism Office	952589034
Foreign Resident Dept.	952589010

NERJA

Bus Station	902422242
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Taxi Service	952520537
Tourist Information	952521531
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TORREMOLINOS

Bus Station	902143144
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BENALMÁDENA

Bus Station	902450550
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Tourist Office	952442494
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Foreign Residents Dept.	952442494

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Bus Station	952503162
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Town Hall	952559100
Tourist Office	952541104

GIBRALTAR

General emergency	199/112(mobiles)
Fire/ambulance (emergency)	190
Tourist Office	(00350) 20074950
Taxi	(00350) 20070027

To notify symptoms of coronavirus

With symptoms and/or contact with persons with coronavirus or who come from an area of risk



APP Salud Responde: take the Coronavirus symptoms test



If the virtual test is positive, the health services will contact you by telephone

There is also a numero to notify symptoms, but to avoid jamming the line try the APP first

900 400 061

Coronavirus information

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Other emergencies

061 / 112

For general health emergencies. Avoid using this if not urgent

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THE STARS

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Aquarius
January 21st - February 19th
Right now you must nurture yourself. Give yourself a treat, a present, a foot massage? An unexpected bit of luck at the weekend cheers you up.
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Pisces
February 20th - March 20th
Be ready to leap at an opportunity at the weekend, but don't take risks. Think about small beginnings becoming giant opportunities.
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Aries
March 21st - April 20th
Your idea of what success means is changing with every day. A lot of rethinking has led you on a new path. Frustratingly you are not yet in a position to move ahead at pace.
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Taurus
April 21st - May 21st
Although you are thinking of making changes, there is a need to be patient. No way do you give up any fight easily but sometimes 'going with the flow' is the only way.
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Gemini
May 22nd - June 21st
Keeping an open mind leads in the right direction. Cooperation with those close brings surprises and some emotions you have never felt before.
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Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
Pampering and finding relaxing techniques for your body is needed. Listen to your needs and don't try to ignore them.
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Leo
July 24th - August 23rd
Someone who you have been helping out recently may find a new avenue for this. There are certain blanks in your life at the moment and this may prove to be one of them.
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Virgo
August 24th - September 23rd
A certain amount of burnout may have occurred mentally over the last few weeks. Remember that you are not responsible for everyone else.
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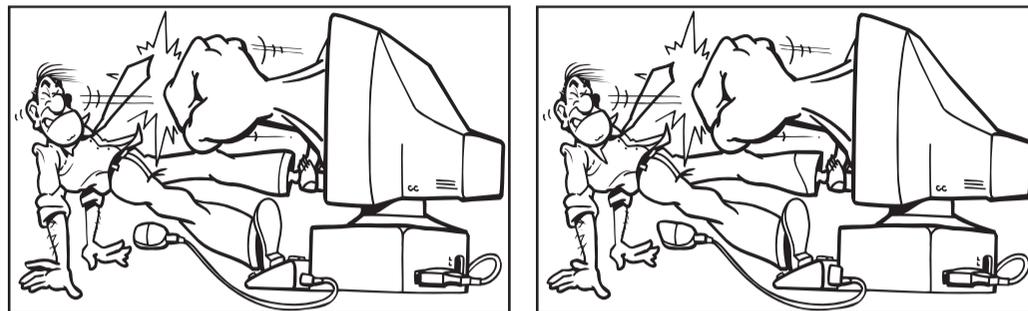
Libra
September 24th - October 23rd
Some offers that come your way this week are both surprising and pleasing. The fact is that you often put others before yourself. That is admirable but, at this time, could be misguided.
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Scorpio
October 24th - November 22nd
Recent weeks have shown you that you have more to offer than others think and expect. Maybe going in a new direction, if only for this short time, has given you something special.
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Sagittarius
November 23rd - December 21st
Have you been suppressing your more creative and nurturing side? Getting involved with something that brings both could be truly satisfying. Satisfaction is the key to happiness.
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Capricorn
December 22nd - January 20th
Any problems with work need to be kept within balance. Why worry about the past or things that you cannot change? Your energy may be low and that is not good for your health.

THE SEVEN DIFFERENCES



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD N° 11406



Across

- 7 It couldn't be better for one to do some trading (5)
- 8 Small pupils seen in lace-up shoes! (7)
- 9 I'm backing tunes transposed for dances (7)
- 10 Complicated plot about a philosopher (5)
- 12 Fastener for priming the hand grenade? (7,3)
- 15 Somehow sustain the keen supporter (10)
- 18 Infernal poet? (5)
- 19 He uses a blade in a row (7)
- 21 National emblem taken from the list (7)
- 22 French writer produces "The Tuft of Feathers" (5)

Down

- 1 A business colleague? (4,6)
- 2 A piece of deception sounds ill-defined (5)
- 3 Nearly all the navy escape (4)
- 4 When we get involved with rough seas, it creates an up and down movement (6)
- 5 & 11Dn Be discreet and retain a personal lawyer (4,4,3,7)
- 6 Secretly takes one's departure of French settlements (7)
- 11 See 5 Down
- 13 Game of chance is permitted in a way (8)
- 14 Substitute not takin' the chair (5-2)
- 16 Is more disturbed by comparable atomic nucleus (6)
- 17 Romantic affair for one like Othello we hear (5)
- 20 Strikes causing a setback to the boom (4)

SUDOKU BY HANZO

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

	9	3	8			5	2	
								6
		5	4	9	2	3		
	3	9		4			6	1
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THE WORDPUZZLER

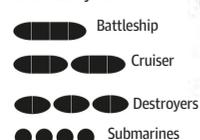
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Can you identify the English words from their American counterparts listed below?

- 1. Fall
- 2. Corn
- 3. Derby
- 4. Trunk
- 5. Faucet
- 6. Truck
- 7. Diaper
- 8. Hood
- 9. Apartment
- 10. Elevator

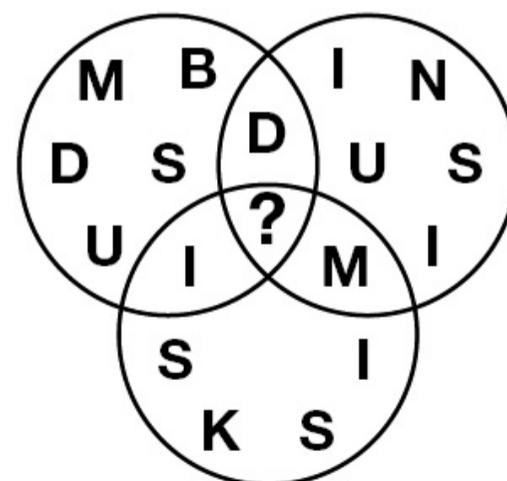
BATTLESHIPS

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 and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some have been filled in to start you off.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A				●							1
B										■	3
C											1
D					●						2
E											3
F				■							4
G											1
H								●			1
I				●							3
J									■	■	1
	1	4	1	3	0	4	0	2	3	2	

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?

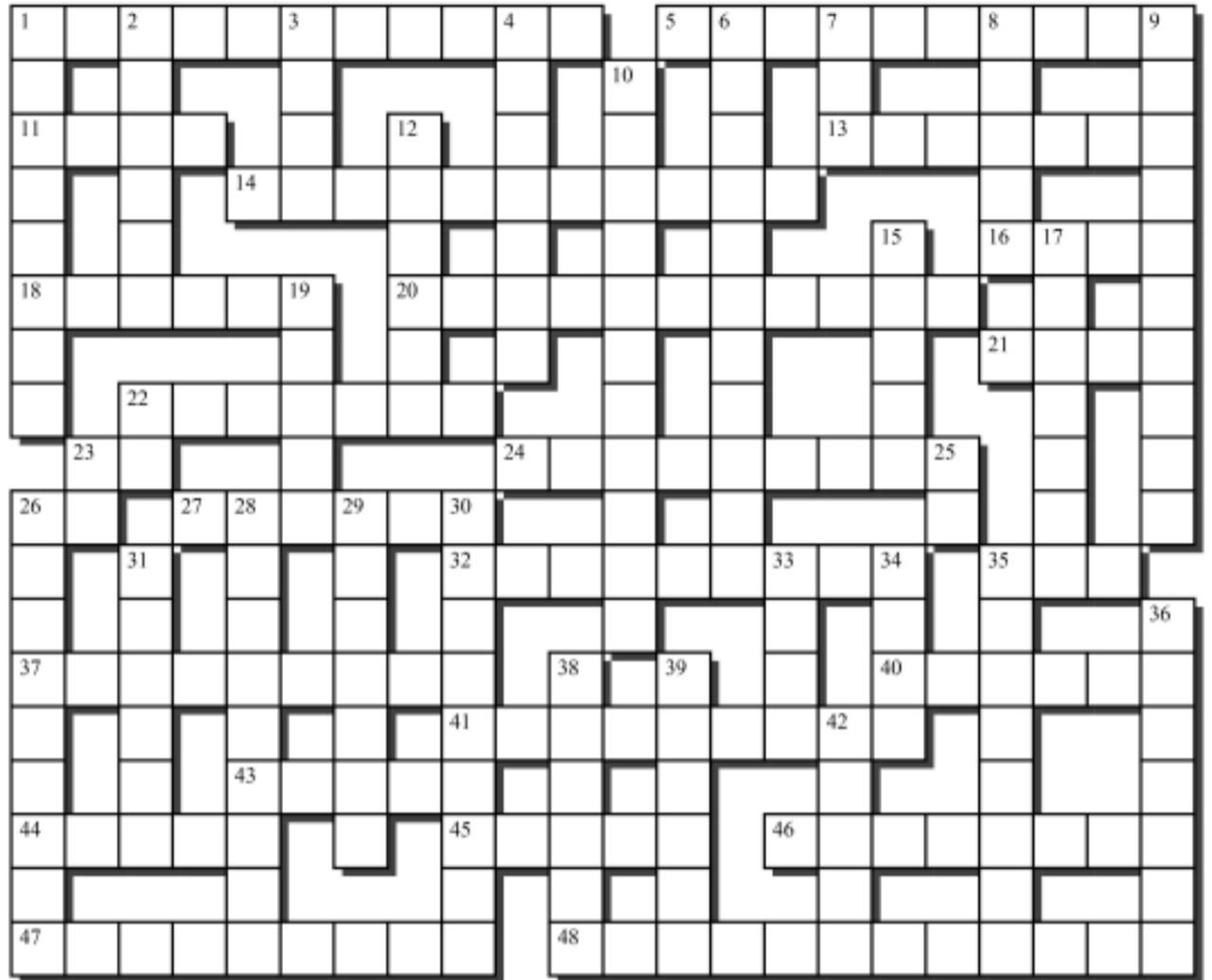
LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

Across

- 1) Contestant (11)
- 5) Answers (10)
- 11) Mild (4)
- 13) To name (7)
- 14) Skills (11)
- 16) Ether (4)
- 18) To finish (6)
- 20) Host (11)
- 21) Lion (4)
- 22) Prizes (7)
- 23) Me (2)
- 24) Questions (9)
- 26) You (2)
- 27) Spark (6)
- 32) Winners (9)
- 35) I fell (3)
- 37) Character (9)
- 40) Ethnic (f) (6)
- 41) They dominated (9)
- 43) I sensed (5)
- 44) You love (pl) (5)
- 45) Bullseye (5)
- 46) Set (8)
- 47) Helpers (9)
- 48) Elimination round (12)

Down

- 1) Pumpkin (8)
- 2) Ninth (f) (6)
- 3) Rose (4)
- 4) Shyness (7)
- 6) Show (11)
- 7) Bread (3)
- 8) Envelope (5)
- 9) To surprise (10)
- 10) Quarantines (11)
- 12) Clean (m) (6)
- 15) Bag (5)
- 17) Thirty (7)
- 19) I broke (5)
- 22) Letter P (2)
- 23) My (2)
- 25) His (2)
- 26) Season (9)
- 28) Comedian (9)
- 29) Auction (7)
- 30) Attacked (m.pl) (9)
- 31) Couple (6)
- 33) To laugh (4)
- 34) Temple (4)
- 35) Game show (8)
- 36) Mascot (7)
- 38) Draw (6)
- 39) I invaded (6)
- 42) They glance at (5)

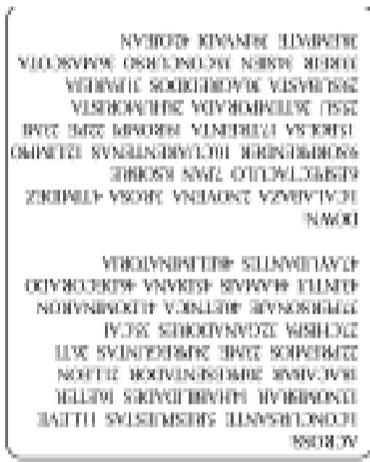


ANSWERS

Quiz answers

Of interest: Originally called "Bib-Label Lihthated Lemon-Lime Soda", it hit stores just two weeks before the 1929 stock market crash. It contained lithium citrate, a mood-stabilizing drug used to treat manic states, bipolar disorder and hangovers at the time.
Answer: Fennel
Of interest: The name "Marathon" comes from the Ancient Greek marathon or marathos meaning 'fennel'. It is believed that the town was originally named so because of an abundance of fennel plants around it.

Language Crossword



Cryptic Crossword

Solutions: Across: 7 Head; 8 Eyes; 9 Minutes; 10 Play; 12 Drawing; 13 Own; 14 Stand; 15 Room; 16 Amount; 17 Haps; 18 Friends; 19 Paint; 20 Party; 21 Keep; 22 Decamps; 23 Firm; 24 Enthusiast; 25 Dancer; 26 Camera; 27 Thinks; 28 Pinner; 29 Down; 30 Own; 31 Route; 32 Stand; 33 Room; 34 Amount; 35 Haps; 36 Friends; 37 Paint; 38 Party; 39 Keep; 40 Decamps; 41 Firm; 42 Enthusiast; 43 Dancer; 44 Camera; 45 Thinks; 46 Pinner; 47 Down; 48 Own; 49 Route; 50 Stand; 51 Room; 52 Amount; 53 Haps; 54 Friends; 55 Paint; 56 Party; 57 Keep; 58 Decamps; 59 Firm; 60 Enthusiast; 61 Dancer; 62 Camera; 63 Thinks; 64 Pinner; 65 Down; 66 Own; 67 Route; 68 Stand; 69 Room; 70 Amount; 71 Haps; 72 Friends; 73 Paint; 74 Party; 75 Keep; 76 Decamps; 77 Firm; 78 Enthusiast; 79 Dancer; 80 Camera; 81 Thinks; 82 Pinner; 83 Down; 84 Own; 85 Route; 86 Stand; 87 Room; 88 Amount; 89 Haps; 90 Friends; 91 Paint; 92 Party; 93 Keep; 94 Decamps; 95 Firm; 96 Enthusiast; 97 Dancer; 98 Camera; 99 Thinks; 100 Pinner; 101 Down; 102 Own; 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A group of residents quarantined at a marina have found a novel way to help fight the Coronavirus and support the local economy - by buying their supplies locally in La Línea.

Around 30 families have been stuck on their boats since the lock down began over a month ago at Alcaidesa Marina.

But rather than travel to the local supermarket and risk getting infected they voted to get all their goods delivered from local suppliers.

The community, which is made up of Brits, Belgians, Germans, French, Greeks, Dutch, Russians and Spanish, now get a weekly delivery of local produce, much to the delight of the local suppliers who are struggling with the economic cost of the lock down.

The move was made possible after a Facebook group was set up to help the residents communicate and prevent them from getting lonely - as some live on their own and have been confined to their boat.

Deborah Clarke-Topper, 52, who is originally from Yorkshire and lives on a catamaran in the marina with her husband and two Spanish waterdogs, set up the Facebook group after noticing that some residents were struggling with isolation and getting hold of basic supplies. She now compiles a shopping list for around 36 people a week, with supplies being delivered direct to the boats.

She told SUR in English: "We are using local suppliers rather than big companies as we thought they might be suffering after losing their business and customers during the lockdown.

"We're happy to support them and the quality we get is very high - our butcher for example, raises his own animals.

"The suppliers have been very supportive of our scheme and deliver to each boat."

Fellow marina resident Paul Breen-Turner told SUR in English



A local supplier makes a delivery at the marina. SUR

Community spirit thrives in the marina

Quarantine on the water. Local residents in Alcaidesa Marina in La Línea have rallied round to support each other and the local economy during the lockdown

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Deborah Clarke-Topper. SUR



Paul Breen-Turner. SUR

that his nearest neighbour was over 30 metres away and that the Facebook group was a great way to communicate - rather than shouting across pontoons to other residents.

Paul, 52, who is originally from London, but has lived in Spain since 1985 and is a former SUR in English contributor and La Liga football commentator, added: "We made a group decision to contact local people from La Línea to provide us with fruit, vegetables, fish, meat and wine and spirits.

"Local suppliers now deliver everything to us. When the people who deliver our food arrive in our marina they get applauded by everyone here. It's fantastic. We are getting better produce now than we would do at the supermarket.

"Although a lot of us have not left the marina in 32 days, we have managed to support the local community."

Paul added that each night at 8pm the residents stand on the highest point of their boat to clap.

"It gets pretty loud as there are a number of super yachts here too and a lot of fog horns being sounded," he said.

"So it's pretty deafening when we all go out to clap. It just shows a little bit of solidarity for those around us.

"I heard bad things about La Línea before I moved here, but it's a fascinating place. Throughout the crisis the people of La Línea have taken us to their hearts because we wanted to support the local businesses. They have a great community spirit here."

He added that although the lockdown has been tough, it has brought people closer together in the marina.

He explained: "People on boats are made of stern stuff. If you are crossing the Atlantic in your boat from the Canary Islands, you wouldn't get off your boat for over a month. So if we can't survive this lockdown confined to our boats, we've got some serious problems for our sailing future."

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