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The Royal Family wave from the balcony of Madrid's Royal Palace. :: EFE

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King Felipe VI and Princess Letizia en route to the Royal Palace yesterday in an open-top Rolls Royce. :: EFE

Spain salutes King Felipe VI

The new monarch was sworn in as Head of State as he called for "a new era"

Felipe VI has taken over the throne from his father Juan Carlos and has promised to head "a new monarchy for a new time" during the proclamation

:: SUR

The first royal transition in Spain since democracy was restored in the 1970s took place this week as Felipe VI, 46, was sworn in as Head of State.

The country has begun a "new era" in its history as the King promised "a renewed monarchy for a new time", the only phrase that he repeated twice. He then expressed his "faith in the unity of Spain", a Spain in which "there is space for the distinct forms of feeling Spanish".

During his speech inside Congress yesterday, Felipe VI continued: "We will work together, each one of us with our own personality to enrich the collective project. We will do it with loyalty and face the common objectives that the 21st century confronts us with. Because a nation is not just its history, it is also an integrating project, felt and shared by all, that looks to the future."

Juan Carlos didn't attend the coronation in Congress so as to not steal the limelight

As the new King's brother-in-law is facing embezzlement and money laundering charges, Felipe now aims to improve the public image of the monarchy. "Today more than ever citizens demand that our public life be exemplary to others," he said.

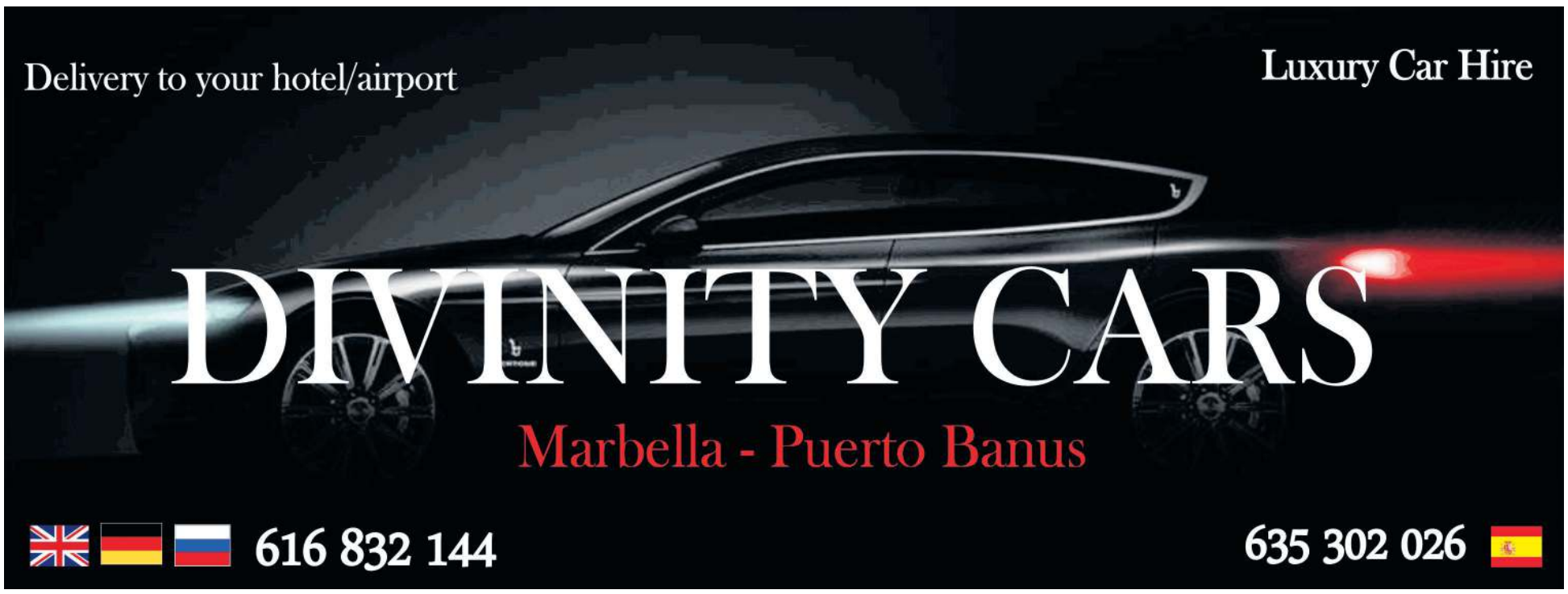
During his extensive speech he spoke of victims of terrorism, the role of women in modern society, the economic crisis and new technologies as well as international relations.

"I feel proud of the Spanish people and nothing would honour me more than, with my hard work and daily effort, the Spanish population feeling proud of their new King," he said.

Historic process

The process of the first abdication in post-Franco Spain began on 2 June when Juan Carlos announced his decision to give up the throne. Then, on 11 June Congress endorsed the King's abdication by 83 per cent following a three hour debate.

This Wednesday, King Juan Carlos officially abdicated in the Royal Palace in the presence of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, the leader of the opposition and the major-



King Felipe VI has stayed clear of the scandals that have affected the Royal Family

ity of regional presidents.

Juan Carlos, 76, could barely contain his emotion as he received a standing ovation for more than two minutes by those in attendance. The Royal Guard then paid their respects for the last time with a 21-gun salute.

On the stroke of midnight the throne was officially handed over, and a day of official activities took place yesterday. At 9:30am Felipe was handed the sash by his father that signifies his role as Chief of the Armed Forces.

Then, accompanied by the new Queen Letizia, the Princess of Asturias, Leonor, and Sofía, Felipe travelled to Congress to make his speech - but not with Juan Carlos.

He paid his respects to the "exceptional reign" of the former monarch. "Forty years ago my father stated that he wanted to be King of all the Spanish people, and he has done exactly that." He also showed his gratitude to his mother who "all her life has worked in the service of Spain's population".

Royal procession

After the speech, the new royal family left Congress and presided over their first military parade that was made up of more than 800 members of the Armed Forces and the Civil Guard.

At 11.30am the royal family made their way through the streets of central Madrid in an open-top Rolls Royce Phantom. A cavalry division of the Royal Guard accompanied them to the Royal Palace as thousands lined the streets, chanting "¡Viva España!"

Upon reaching the Plaza de Oriente, where the Royal Palace is located, King Felipe VI greeted the 10,000 people present placing his hand on his heart. The official ceremony ended at 1pm as the King and Queen entered the palace to greet more than 2,000 guests, including representatives of various parts of society.

Change of an era

Juan Carlos was one of the world's most popular monarchs as he coordinated the country's transition to democracy following the death of Franco. However in recent years his popularity has diminished, as has his health.

The new King, however, has managed to escape the problems that have affected other members of his family and he begins his reign as a proportion of the population are discontented with the monarchy. A pro-republican protest took place in the centre of Madrid at the same time as the coronation was happening.

Yesterday's events were not attended by other royal families or foreign leaders in an effort to reduce its cost. Indeed, one of the challenges that Felipe will face as his reign begins will be the growth of the economy as it recovers from the financial crisis.

Another challenge that the new King will face is the issue of Catalonia's call to carry out a referendum on independence. Felipe VI ended his speech by saying thank you in the four main languages of Spain: Castilian, Catalan, Basque and Galician.

Juan Carlos embraces his son following the official abdication on Wednesday. :: EFE

THE KING AND QUEEN HOST ROYAL RECEPTION

2,000 distinguished guests from the world of politics, culture and business attended the event following the proclamation yesterday. The King and Queen greeted each guest one-by-one. Those invited included ex-prime ministers Felipe González, José María Aznar and José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, tennis player Rafael Nadal, film director Alejandro Amenábar, president of Andalucía Susana Díaz, singer Pablo Alborán, architect Rafael Moneo, MotoGP driver Marc Márquez and writer Juan Manuel Caballero Bonald.

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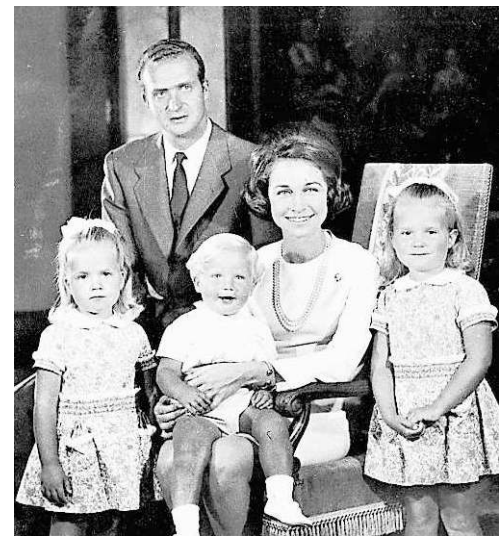
IN PICTURES **THE 46 YEARS OF FELIPE VI**

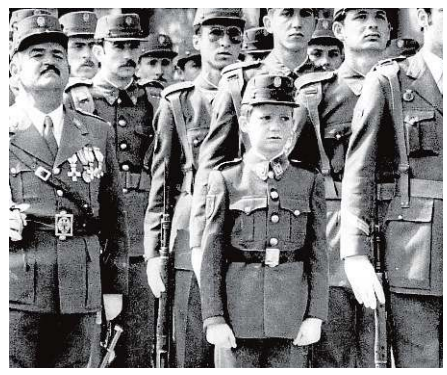
▲ **1968.** Queen Victoria Eugenia holds Felipe in her arms, next to godfather Juan de Borbón, on his christening, the 8th of Feburary in the Zarzuela.



▲ **1969.** Official photo of the Royal Family; the prince had just turned one year old.

▲ **1973.** First day of class at Santa María de los Rosales school in Madrid.

▲ **1975.** Juan Carlos being proclaimed King in November.

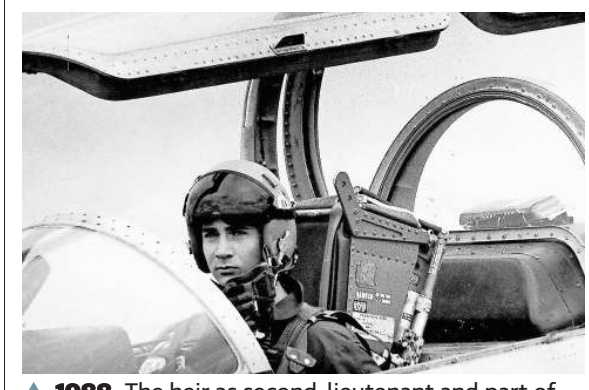


▲ **1977.** Don Felipe, in uniform, takes part in a parade for the Guardia Civil.

▲ **1981.** Official first speech given during Premios Príncipe de Asturias.

▲ **1983.** With Prince Charles, Princess Diana and their children in Marivent.

▲ **1986.** The heir swearing on the Constitution 30th of January, after coming of age.

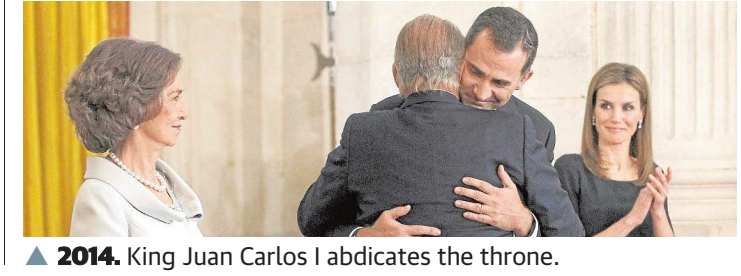


▲ **1988.** The heir as second-lieutenant and part of the 41st class of the General Air Force Academy.

▲ **1992.** Carrying the flag for the Spanish Olympic team.

▲ **2004.** Wedding day to Letizia Ortiz.

▲ **2005.** The birth of their first daughter, Leonor.



▲ **2014.** King Juan Carlos I abdicates the throne.

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A life marked by a terrible nightmare

Raymond Nakachian, whose daughter's kidnapping made headlines, died this week

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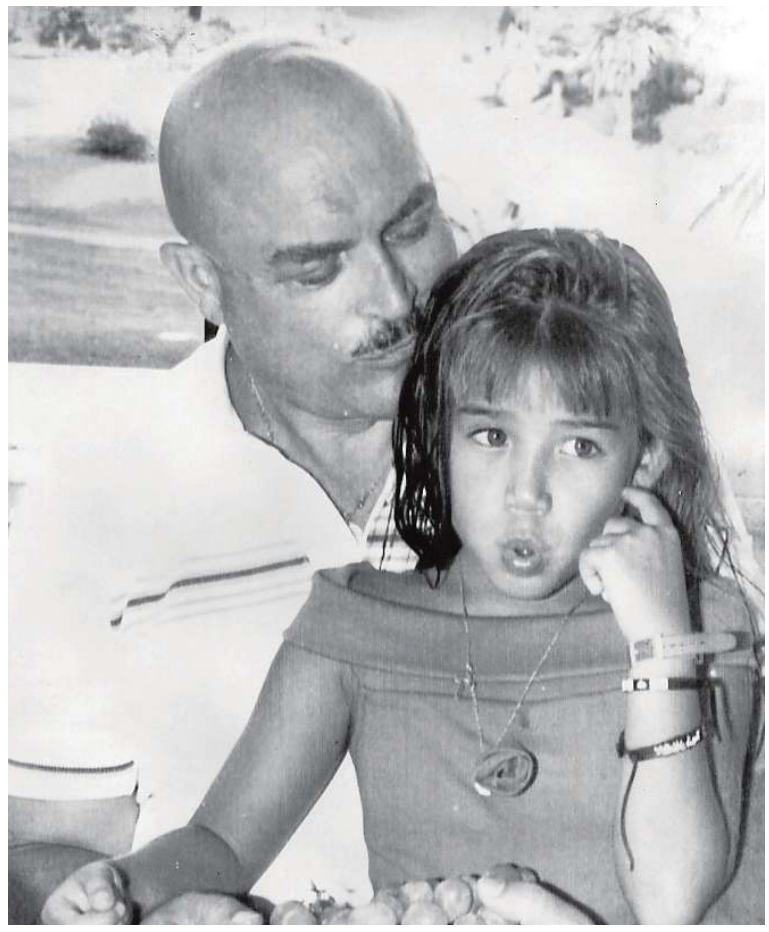
MARBELLA. He was a wealthy business tycoon. He was a regular at jet-set parties and charity galas in Marbella and was married to a famous opera singer from South Korea.

The name of the multifaceted Raymond Nakachian, who was born in Tripoli in 1932 and died on Monday in Estepona, could sound familiar for a number of reasons. However he is best remembered for a terrible event: the kidnapping of his five-year-old daughter Melodie in November 1987.

Nakachian, of Lebanese origin, who made his fortune from oil and construction in Saudia Arabia, had only been in living on the Costa del Sol for five years when a gang of French criminals kidnapped his daughter Melodie on the way to school with her older brother.

The kidnapping was a meticulously organised professional operation. Nakachian's elder son's car was blocked by two members of the gang and they took the girl from the car in a matter of seconds. They were heavily armed and were wearing hoods.



Nakachian and Melodie in 1989, two years after the kidnapping. :: SUR

The event shook public opinion around the world and for eleven long days all attention was focused on the Costa del Sol, more specifically on the gates of 'Villa Melodie,' the luxurious villa where Nakachian lived with his wife, Kimera, and his two children.

With a surprisingly calm temperament, Nakachian appeared in public to inform of the daily developments in the case. The only time that his spirit seemed to waver was when the kidnappers sent him a lock of his daughter's hair in the mail. The kidnappers demanded 13 million dollars, an amount that was substantially reduced in the days that followed.

A happy ending

The chilling event thankfully had a happy ending. A clue found in Torremolinos led the GEO (Special Operations Force) to an apartment in Torreguadiario, Cadiz, where Melodie was being held captive by one man.

In consecutive operations carried out in Spain and France all the members of the gang were captured including Nadine Ettiene, a French citizen and Marbella resident, whose child was in the same class at school as Melodie. Her participation was crucial in providing information to the criminals prior to the kidnapping.

She was sentenced to 12 years in prison in 1992 by the Provincial Court in Malaga, but disappeared without trace before her sentenced was ratified.

Friendships

The event sparked a close friendship between Nakachian and the police officers who directed the operation, and who were said to be generously rewarded. Nakachian put his luck down to his religious beliefs.

Two years ago saw the 25th anniversary of the kidnapping. In an interview Nakachian told SUR that the 17 gang members were either in prison for other offences or dead, except for Nadine Ettiene, whose whereabouts remain unknown.

In the last few years, Nakachian had stopped going to the Marbella parties and galas he used to frequent. He said that his business success had diminished and it appears that he sold the majority of the land on which 'Villa Melodie' stands, although he kept the house where he lived until his death.

Raymond Nakachian died on Monday at four o'clock in the morning accompanied by his wife, Kimera, and his children Melodie and Amir. He was 82. His body was cremated in Estepona on Thursday afternoon.

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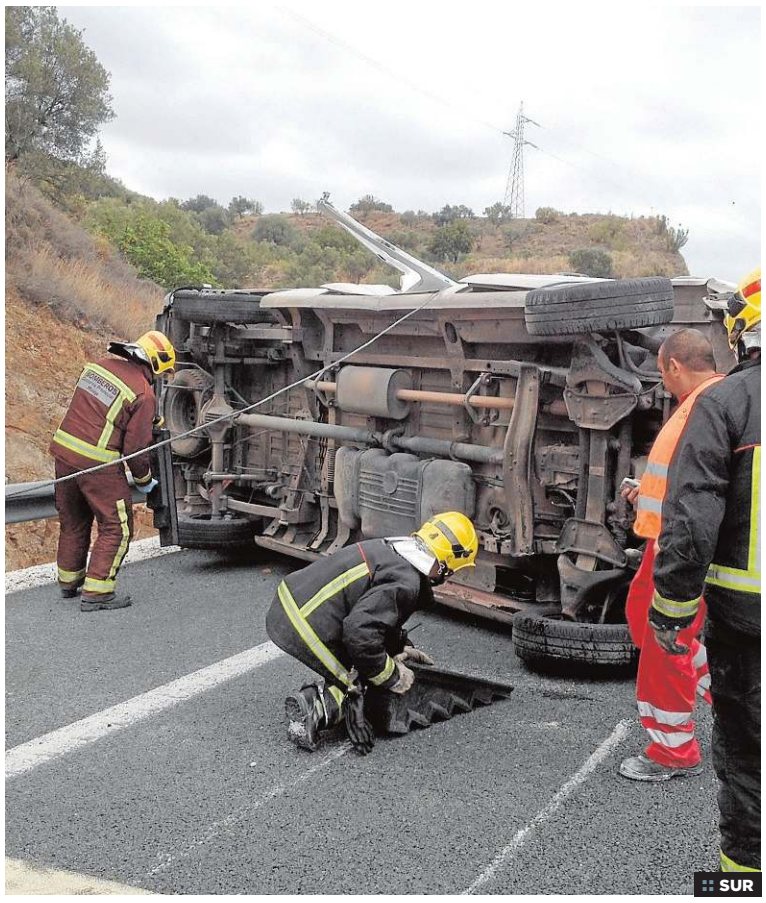
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LABOURER KILLED IN A-7 CRASH

A traffic accident on the section of the A-7 close to Vélez-Málaga on Monday morning resulted in the death of a 59-year-old man and left four more injured. All were part of a gang of builders from Almeria who travel each Monday from their home city to work in Malaga. It is believed that the accident, in which the van turned over several times, was caused by a rear tyre blow-out and the subsequent loss of control.

HERE AND THERE

Illegal poker ring in Ronda broken up

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:: **V. M.** Specialist police from the Junta de Andalucía have dismantled an illegal poker ring in Ronda.

The officers found approximately 3,000 gaming chips with a value of 14,000 euros used for betting.

The clandestine games were being played in the storage space of a bar and large quantities of cash were involved, according to the Junta. The players were obliged to buy the chips in the bar and the organisers of the illegal ring took a 10 per cent cut.

Cards, chips and cash. :: SUR

Held for attack with 50 centimetre machete

MALAGA

:: **J. C.** A man has been arrested for attacking a number of youths with a machete 50 centimetres long.

According to sources the attack resulted from a neighbourhood dispute in a block of flats in the Carretera de Cádiz area of Malaga.

One of the youths had just bought the keys, for 150 euros, to an unoccupied flat and was intending to live in it as a squatter. He invited his cousin and three friends round to see it. When they turned up the neighbour came out from his home and attacked them.

One of the youths received a serious slash to his right hand, cutting the tendons, and was rushed to hospital where he was operated on. Two others suffered minor injuries.

Fire alert ahead of dry hot summer

MALAGA

:: **A. F.** The lack of rain over the winter means that this summer will be hotter than normal with an increased fire risk, according to regional and state authorities.

The Junta de Andalucía has earmarked 21.6 million euros to help combat forest fires and has urged its citizens to take all precautions.

Weapons recovered. :: SUR

Romanians arrested for hold-up in a brothel

MALAGA

:: **J. C.** Two Romanian men, 23 and 26, have been arrested as the result of a police investigation into a violent robbery at a brothel in Guadalmar.

The clandestine domestic set-up, run by a 56-year-old Spanish man, was contacted by a man with a foreign accent making an appointment for the following day. When the brothel owner let the client into his premises, he was attacked by two men in masks who fled with a thousand euros.

One of those arrested for the crime is in jail while the other has been released on bail.

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Recycling plant or rural tip?

Residents wonder whether Friday 13th was an inauspicious day to launch a plant they claim is no more than a 'rural tip'

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Local and regional authorities at the opening last week. :: SUR

Not a recycling plant, just a tip in the countryside say opponents. :: SUR

COÍN. Residents living in the countryside around a new waste recycling plant in La Jarra, Coín, were surprised to see heavy machinery delivered to the site on Thursday last week for the official inauguration of the facility on Friday 13th.

At a ceremony attended by local mayors and councillors as well as the regional head of Economy, Innovation, Science and Employment, José Sánchez Maldonado, the leader of Coín council declared that the new facility would be a "perfect combination of ecology and economy" as the leading waste treatment plant for the Malaga province.

Ultimately planned to serve a population of 400,000 inhabitants, the 'Recicla Andalucía' plant received its first deliveries of construction rubble and organic waste in advance of last Friday's official ceremony.

La Jarra resident Lynda Elliot, who lives opposite the rural site, said she and other neighbours were surprised to see the machinery arrive in the field for the ceremonial opening, as court cases against the development are still under way.

She told SUR in English "Seprona (environmental police) have investigated the proposed development and are still to report; there are active court cases over the use of a private road to access the field and according to our lawyer, the 'recycling plant' doesn't even have a licence yet."

Lynda added she saw large clouds of concrete dust emanating from the site as the rubble crusher was tested prior to the arrival of the dignitaries.

"There are olive groves and sheep farms all around the site. I can't believe they can just allow the concrete dust to blow all over. They never started up the machinery when the mayors were on site," said Lynda.

According to neighbouring Álora council, as well as demolition rubble, the site will eventually also recycle industrial scrap metal, fridges, washing machines and other electrical apparatus, scrapped cars and other waste.

While the neighbours of the plant continue their legal actions to prevent the site from opening, the owner and promoter of the project to build the recycling plant has the backing of local councils, with the mayor of Coín officiating at the inauguration of the facility from a marquee erected on the site especially for last Friday's event.

"The recycling machinery hired for the official ceremony was collected on Friday afternoon but lorries continue to dump rubble contaminated with plastics and paint on the site all the time. It is not a recycling centre, it is just a tip in the middle of the countryside," says Lynda.

First 'Sabor de Málaga' market to be opened in Coín

:: R. LEACH

COÍN. Coín is to be the location of the first permanent 'Flavour of Malaga' food market which will showcase some of the province's best traditionally grown and prepared foods.

Unveiling the project to create a new permanent indoor market for up to 40 stalls, the mayor of Coín, Fernando Fernández, said that the new facility would become a centre of interest for food and drink from across Malaga. He added that the market would be the first created specifically to promote the 'Sabor a Málaga' brand that has been developed to boost demand for local foods, such as olives from Álora, citrus fruits from the Guadalhorce valley and Bulls' Balls tomatoes from Coín.

The mayor announced that a 1,400 square metre plot of land on the La Trocha industrial estate on the outskirts of Coín has already been allocated as the location for the new project and work to develop the site would begin in September or October thanks to initial funding of 300,000 euros provided by the Diputación de Malaga (provincial government). The food market is forecasted to open its doors in the early part of 2015.

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High season comes early in Marbella

The town's hotels already have occupancy levels that are normally experienced in July and August

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Tourists sunbathing in a hotel above one of the town's beaches. :: JOSELE-LANZA

MARBELLA. Summer has arrived early in Marbella this year. Hotel occupancy rates in the town have been exceptionally high since the Easter holidays and it appears that the normal peak season has been extended.

During June and much of May seafront promenades, shopping centres and, above all, hotels were visited by similar tourist numbers as those expected in July and August.

The increase in visitors can be seen predominantly in luxury hotels and resort managers predict that it will continue at least until October.

After Holy Week, which was very successful for the tourism industry, hotels have been catering to more tourists than is customarily expected at this time of year. The highest level of occupancy rates is generally between Thursdays and Sundays, although some hotels are full now throughout the whole week.

Jorge Manzur, manager of the Puente Romano hotel, puts the lengthening of the tourist season down to a number of reasons. For example, the recent growth of the economy in tourists' home countries - this is especially relevant in terms of the traditional British tourist market.

Manzur also said that there has been a rise in tourists coming from new countries. In the case of the Puente Romano, the hotel has experienced an increase in the amount of Russian, Scandinavian and American holidaymakers. According to its manager, the trend is expected to go on throughout the summer and could last until October.

Fernando Al-Farkh, manager of the Los Monteros and Guadalmina hotels, said that in both establishments the high numbers during Holy Week have continued up until now with the hotels completely full for weeks.

For Al-Farkh, this expansion is due

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to a number of reasons.

Hotels were forced to invest in bringing tourists from new markets due to the crisis. "The more channels that are open the better, and recently there have been many more. For example, for us the number of Russian tourists doubles year after year. Although it is still a minority market for us, the increase is very important," he said, crediting some of this to the promotional work of the Costa del Sol tourism board.

Domestic tourism on the rise

Al-Farkh also attached great importance to the behaviour of the domestic tourist market as there is a growing confidence about the economic situation.

The manager of the Don Carlos Hotel, Mariángeles Martínez, also drew attention to the domestic market. In her opinion, after years of holding back on expenditure Spanish tourists are now beginning to travel more. She also pointed out the rise in Nordic visitors.

The director of the Don Carlos Hotel noted how the increase in tourist numbers has been achieved without a reduction in price and that more people are arriving independently, rather than as part of a tour group.

"We have had to reserve rooms for individual clients during months when normally we would depend mainly on group tourists," she said.

According to Martínez, this lengthening of the tourist season on the Costa del Sol is not a phenomenon that is taking place in other coastal areas of Spain.

Marbella launches new campaign to increase numbers on its census

The council asks foreign residents' groups to help add 5,000 residents to the 'padrón' which would mean more municipal funds

:: **HÉCTOR BARBOTTA**

MARBELLA. The figures are not exact but various indicators suggest that Marbella has more than 200,000 permanent residents. The tonnes of rubbish collected, the number of active bank accounts and the amount of phone lines and internet connections all point to this.

But in terms of getting the necessary funds to run municipal services, what really matters is the number of people registered at the town hall ('empadronado')and Marbella only has 145,000 residents on the 'padrón'. For this reason the council has asked for help from foreign residents' groups in order to reach a figure of 150,000.

The mayor of Marbella, Ángeles Muñoz, and the councillor for tourism, José Luis Hernández, held a meeting with the representatives of local foreign residents' associations to inform them about a new council campaign to add people to the register and the benefits that come from being on the census.

Muñoz did not shy away from her objective. "Our goal is to supercede the 145,000 people on the register and reach the figure of 150,000 residents here which will allow us to obtain more finance from central funds and thus more facilities for the town."

Muñoz pointed out that central funds are given on the basis of resident numbers and with 150,000 residents or more Marbella would move up to the highest possible band of the four.

The mayor added that as much as 40 per cent of Marbella's popuation is made up of foreigners which is why the council is keen to get foreign residents' groups on board in the new campaign.

She stated to those at the meeting that it was not necessary to be a tax resident to be on the 'padrón' and that, on the contrary, one of the benefits of registering is a large reduction in the IBI or council rates.

Malaga City Card will include three unique tourist routes

:: **PILAR MARTÍNEZ**

MALAGA. For tourists who want to make the most of their time on the Costa del Sol, local business 'Entertainment' has launched the Malaga City Card this week. It is hoped that it will be bought by between 20 and 25 per cent of visitors to the city.

It is an electronic card that costs 39.95 euros and allows tourists to chose between three routes which include museum visits (withno queus) and gastronomic experiences.

The product will be sold in 25 countries through an agreement with Logitravel.com, as well as at various locations in the city including hotels. At the launch of Malaga City Card, that took place at the Picasso Museum, general manager of 'Entertainment', Alberto Cohen, said that the three routes take between four and five hours. Visitors can either discover Arabic Malaga and Picasso, folklore and Costumbrismo art and the city's link to the sea.

It is hoped that 30,000 cards will be sold abroad and 15,000 along the Costa in hotels, tour agencies and holiday apartments.

The first route gives visitors entrance to the Picasso Museum, the Picasso Foundation, lunch in the art gallery and tickets for the Alcazaba and Gibralfaro Castle.

Lovers of tradition can discover the folklore and culture of the city through the second route which includes the Popular Art Museum, the Wine Museum, the Music Museum, the Glass Museum and tapas tasting in Calle San Juan.

The art and sea route begins with a visit to the Revello de Toro Museum, then moves to the Bullfighting Museum and lunch at the Keleido restaurant in Muelle Dos. Finally visitors board a boat for a tour of the bay and finish at the Alborania Museum.

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IN BRIEF

Mayor Esperanza Oña (centre) on Fuengirola's seafront. :: M.C.J.

Final phase of seafront upgrade goes ahead

FUENGIROLA

:: **M. C. J.** The fourth and last stage of a programme of works to upgrade Fuengirola's seafront has been given the green light, after a delay of more than a decade.

Works on the stretch of coast which runs from the former El Bote restaurant to the limits of Benalmádena will begin in November and are expected to last for a period of 14 months.

The mayor of Fuengirola, Esperanza Oña, has commented that "a completely renovated seafront, with a unified aspect and up-to-date facilities is very fitting for what is a tourist destination".

Jet2 route to connect Malaga and Belfast

MALAGA

:: **P. M.** Airline Jet2 is to run a new route, twice weekly, between Malaga and Belfast. The route between the two cities is forecast to increase to three times a week by the summer of 2015. Steve Heapy, of Jet2, which flies to eight cities in the UK from the Costa del Sol, said, "Malaga is a very important destination in our network."

Marbella launches employment app

MARBELLA

:: **M.P.** Marbella council has launched a new app, 'Marbella Impulsa', which brings together all the job offers in the area, both in the public and private sectors.

The app, also available as a website (www.marbellaimpulsa.com) and on Facebook, is free and can be downloaded from Google Play and the Apple Store.

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Chema Vera has been the head of Oxfam Intermón for two years. :: SUR

"Pitching poor people here against those elsewhere to justify cutbacks is such an unfair thing to do"

José María Vera General director of Oxfam Intermón

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"The people are teaching the administrations a lesson in solidarity," says the Oxfam chief who has had close links with Malaga since his youth

MALAGA. The vocation for charity work began in Malaga, between El Palo and Pedregalejo, where José María Vera, known as 'Chema', lived until he was a teenager and where his parents and teachers instilled values in him that he has never lost. First as a volunteer in the streets, learning at first hand about situations of extreme poverty, and for the past two years as general director of Oxfam Intermón, an organisation based on international cooperation but which also focuses on the needs of Spanish society. The industrial chemist recently returned to the city where he spent his childhood, and with which he retains strong links, to lead a conference on inequality and poverty.

–You became the head of Oxfam Intermón at the height of the crisis. Was that worrying?

–Yes, because I knew that the situation of NGOs in general was, and still is difficult, because there had been some brutal, absolutely indiscriminate and unbalanced cutbacks in the budgets for social action in Spain as well as in support for development, and these were imposed by the government, the regional authorities and local councils. And that was in addition to the fact that it wasn't a good time for the private sector either, because the economic climate is not ideal for obtaining funds from members. But, on the other hand, if anyone asked me which post I would most like to hold here in Spain it is this one, the director of Oxfam Intermón, an organisation with a great deal of power and strength, which works for good causes, finds the root of problems and tries to tackle them. Those were the reasons that I decided: "I'll go for it!"

–Do you need to be a fighter to lead this organisation when there are so many cutbacks?

–Yes, you have to be a bit of a fighter, because of the current situation and for the causes we defend. But not only that, you also have to be a strategist and you have to be rigorous. And above all, absolutely passionate about what you are doing; you couldn't continue without a passion for the causes on which we have embarked.

–With this post, do you feel you have now fulfilled your aims regarding support and cooperation?

–For me this post is a dream come true, but I would like to return to the countries. Although I will be monitoring them, I miss the year that I spent in Peru as soon as I qualified, being closer to the situations, in more direct contact with the people in need.

–What effects are the cutbacks having on support for development elsewhere?

–They are costing human lives, that is the final synthesis. Many authorities have tried to tell us that it is Spain's turn now, that the increase in poverty here means that we cannot help people elsewhere, and I believe that this is a dilemma that is not only false but also ethically reprehensible because it is pitching poor people against poor people. The reality is that in spite of the fact that the situation has become worse in Spain, and those of us who have a vocation in solidarity are the most sensitive to poverty wherever it may be, the situation in the Sahel continues to be 50 to 1 with regard to income and I use this as an example because the Sahel is not that far away. If we stop doing what we are doing there, there will be nothing left. And they say that they have cut back on international support in order to increase social budgets here in Spain but that isn't so, because those have been reduced as well. When they draw up the budgets, they show a general insensitivity about poverty and social exclusion, here and elsewhere.

"The cutbacks on cooperation with development are costing human lives"

Social conscience

–Do you believe that pitching the poor against the poor is a strategy by the administration to justify the cutbacks.

–Yes, definitely. There have been many public administrations, central, regional and municipal, that have told us that it is Spain's turn now, but when there is a food crisis in the Sahel with 18 million people at risk of dying from hunger you can't think like that. They ask us: "What interests people most, the health centre in their village or the humanitarian situation in the Sahel? And I ask, why do we have to pose that as the dilemma? Why not the health centre and the humanitarian action in the Sahel or the bank bailout? Putting poor people against poor people is the most unfair thing you can do.

–Are people more generous despite the crisis?

–Yes, and not only about the situations of poverty and social exclusion here in Spain but also internationally. Last year we gained 4,000 members. People are reacting with their contributions, voluntary work and a greater awareness about what is happening around them, but without ignoring what is happening in the African countries. This shows social awareness and strong solidarity values.

–Would you say that people are teaching the public administrations a lesson when it comes to solidarity?

–Yes,but that cannot be an excuse for the governmental sector. They have a public responsibility and they can't now place responsibility for international or local solidarity on families.

–Does Oxfam Intermón have any specific programme to help needy people in Spain?

–As a direct and specific programme, not yet, but we are considering this and it is possible that we might start something. What we don't want is for it to be detrimental to what we are already doing. We are strengthening our alliances, joining other campaigns and bringing our knowledge to them. We have already produced reports which discuss not only world poverty and that in Latin America and Africa, but also Europe and Spain, because in the end you realise that, apart from different starting points, there are huge similarities.

Malaga council is one of the few that still provides support for development

Although in general the public administrations have cut back on financial support for development and these cutbacks have amounted to about 70% since 2010, José María Vera stresses that Malaga council and the Junta de Andalucía are two of the few that still have a budget as such in this sphere. In the case of the regional government, it has reduced the funding for support from 99 million euros to 44 million, "but the amount channelled through the NGOs remains almost intact," says José María. Malaga council, with a budget of one million euros which has "barely been cut" also shows, he stresses, the same willingness and sense of solidarity as before. These figures contrast with the "zero euros from Madrid council and the barely 200,000 from Sevilla". With regard to the economic situation of the organisation he leads, he says it is "stable", fundamentally because it manages to obtain public financing outside Spain. In Malaga, Oxfam Intermón has 4,700 members.

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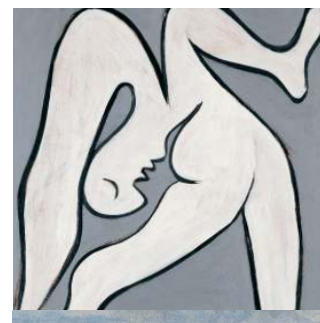

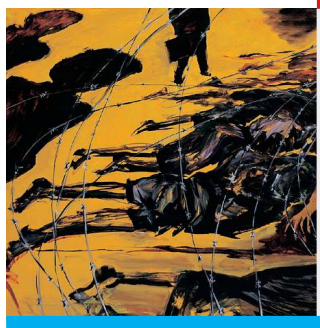

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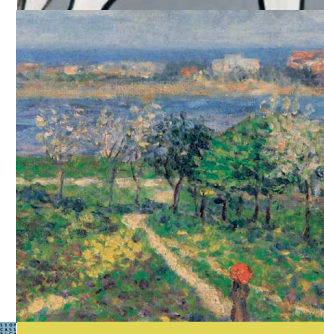

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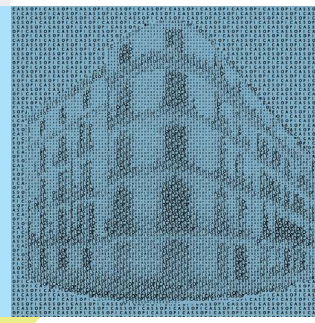

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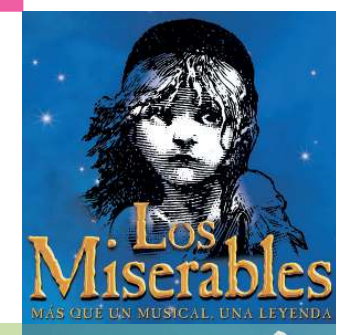

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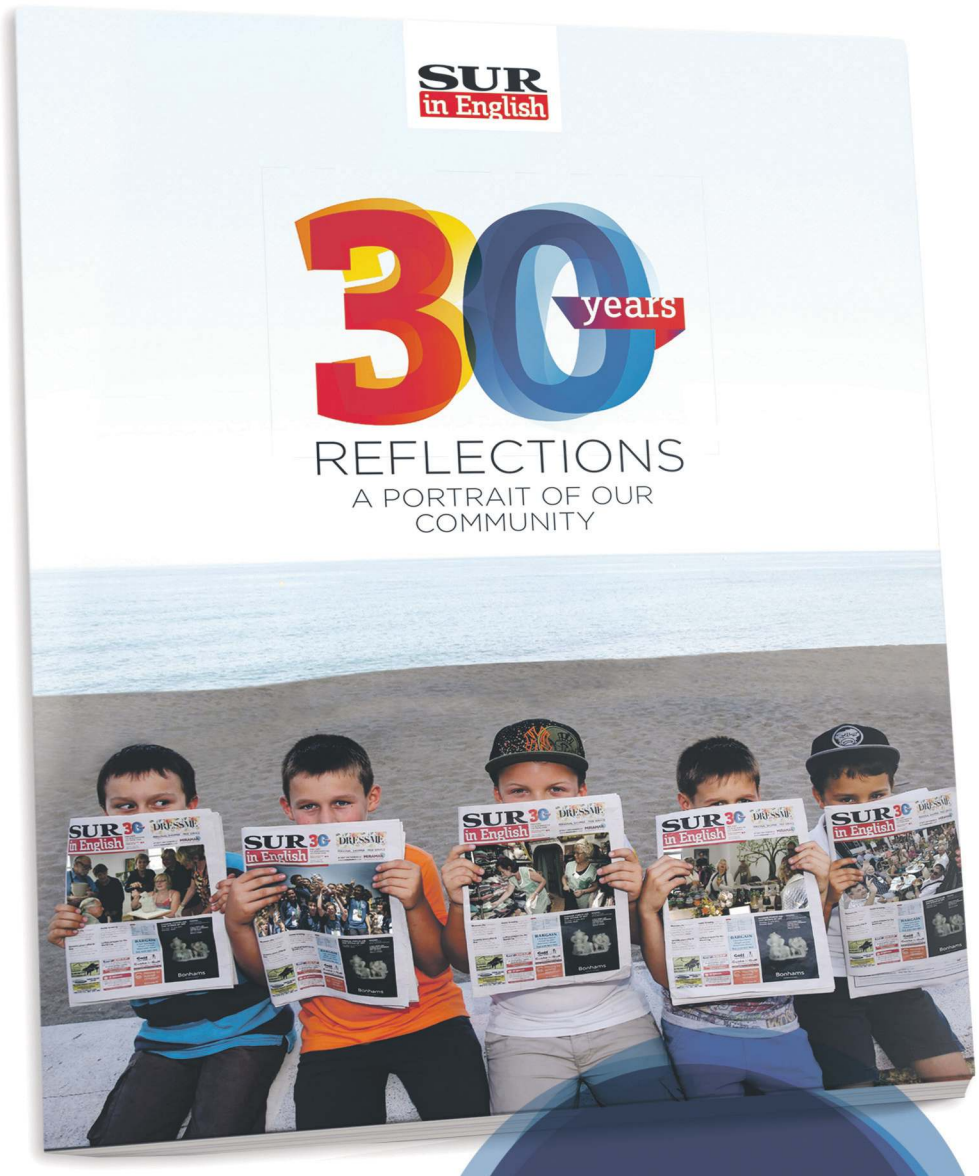

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Work on Casapalma-Coín road to continue

COÍN

:: **IVÁN GELIBTER.** Following dozens of protests, funds have finally been made available for the construction of the road that will link Coín with the Guadalhorce A-357 motorway.

Expected to be completed in 2011, building work has been stalled for years and remains 87 per cent complete. The total construction costs 15 million euros.

There have since been numerous protests by local residents who have called for the road to be finished. Spokesman for the main citizen platform for the issue, Francisco Rueda, said that they are that the happy that decision has been made. "We have waited four years for this decision, but after all that has happened and the amount of times that we have been misleaded, until we see the machines and cars on the road, we can't relax," he said.

Five structures are still necessary for the completion, including four overpasses.

350 schoolchildren miss classes in protest

MIJAS

:: **MARI CARMEN JAIME.** Only half a dozen of the 450 enrolled students went to class in the new Las Lagunas de Mijas school on Monday. Both parents and students gathered in protest outside the school gates to call for the start of construction of a permanent site. Up until now the school has consisted of prefabricated buildings.

The head of the Association of Mothers and Fathers of Students (AMPA), Mariló Olmedo, said that the group wanted to make public their rejection to the "constant delays in the implementation of the building work that, in theory, is a priority".

Officials from the Andalucía Education Department have said that it is "acting with all speed and diligence". The building works will soon be put out to tender for companies interested in carrying out the works. 200 more children are set to begin their studies in September.

Protests at the school. :: M. C. J.

Citizens voting. :: L. P.

Casares residents vote on local projects

CASARES

:: **LEANDRO PAVÓN.** In the three zones of the municipality, 604 people voted on which local building works should be carried as part of a programme called Citizen Participation which is in its second year. In the centre of the town, residents voted for improvements to be made in the Espiletas hill - a project that will cost 65,000 euros.

Theatre to be named after King Felipe VI

ESTEPONA

:: **L. P.** It has been revealed this week that the new Costa del Sol Theatre-Auditory will be named after the new king. The building process began in May 2013 and is expected to be completed in September when it will be opened to the public. The new centre has cost 5.7 million euros to build and will primarily consist of a 600-seater main hall.

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PREPARATION:

Cover the bottom of a paella dish with oil, when hot add the noodles and let them brown equally. Remove and reserve. Saute the chopped garlic until golden, add the de-seeded dried red pepper quickly to avoid burning and the peeled, chopped tomato. When the tomatoes have reduced, remove and blend with the fish stock. Place the noodles in the pan, add a little less than twice its volume in stock. Cook for 10 minutes, until the stock is dry, leave to rest covered for 5 minutes and serve noodles accompanied by ali-oli.

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At the very least we can establish two large families and places of origin; China and the Mediterranean. For a long time it was mistakenly believed that it was Venetian traveller Marco Polo who took pasta from China to Italy at the end of the 13th century, but the truth is that during that time pasta was already being produced for export to various parts of the Mediterranean in Sardinia and Sicily.

NOODLES IN SPAIN

Noodles are the most popular pasta in Spain. An anonymous text about Almohad cuisine, dating from the 13th century, includes a noodle recipe and mentions several types of pasta: long, short and round. The book also includes a macaroni recipe which is more like the 'fideuá' of Valencia than the Italian style macaroni we know, even though it's made with bits of lamb, spices and fat.

Pasta 'kataifi' is also mentioned: very fine noodles that are eaten fried. Kataifi pasta is still used in Arabic pastries and in the modern cuisine.

In traditional Malaga cuisine, noodles have been the pasta type par excellence, used as an ingredient added to soups and casseroles and made in small, local factories in the 19th and 20th centuries.

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Currently there are countless types of pasta on the market, fresh and dried. Every type offers different possibilities, but generally, long pasta requires an oil based sauce (oil, cream) to make the rest of the ingredients stick so they don't end up at the bottom of the dish.

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REF. J.C.H.

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In principle, it seems that the person who owes the money to you could have committed an alleged insolvency offence. Therefore, irrespective of whether the debtor had any other assets that could be seized, it would be necessary to study the possibility of taking criminal action against the debtor, then in the assumption that you could prove the commission of an alleged insolvency offence, there might be a possibility of receiving the money that he owes you.

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Gibraltar improves its border zone

:: F..H..P.

GIBRALTAR. The Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo, visited the Rock's border area at the end of last week with the head of customs, John Rodríguez, to see the improvements made to the zone.

Both men oversaw the functioning of a control point for commercial vehicles and also checked the electronically controlled access barriers for pedestrians and cars.

Additionally the pair watched barriers being electronically raised and lowered along the queues of vehicles entering the Rock. The idea of these barriers is not to control traffic flow but to allow HM Customs to isolate and examine specific vehicles.

After inspecting the covered area designed for the registration of vehicles, Picardo inaugurated one of two new roads entering Gibraltar.

The Chief Minister said, "With these improvements the government of Gibraltar has shown its willingness to comply with EU regulations. This is in complete contrast to the total absence of any similar initiatives on the Spanish side of the border."

John Rodríguez and Fabian Picardo. :: SUR

PSOE guesses successful applicants for municipal jobs

:: AGUSTÍN PELÁEZ

BENAMOCARRA. The opposition PSOE party of Benamocarra was so certain who would be offered 15 new municipal jobs that its spokesman, José Antonio Díaz, made a sworn statement in front of a notary with the 15 relevant names.

He got 14 out of the 15 right. Though the vacancies were put out to tender, "everyone knew who was going to get them", says Díaz whose party has requested an investigation into irregularities in the selection process - which favoured those linked to the ruling PP party.

The mayor of Benamocarra, Abdeslam Lucena, denies any wrongdoing, saying that his party was not involved in the selection process and that he is the target of a harassment campaign against him.

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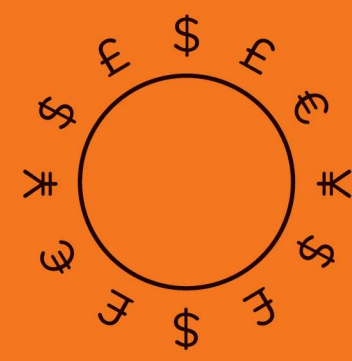

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Praise for the health service

THIS WEEK'S WINNING LETTER

I feel that I must put into words the praise I have for the health centre at San Pedro de Alcántara. Having had a very bad fall on to my face, my husband took me to the 'Urgencias' there. In less than two minutes I was seen by a medic who cleaned, bandaged and gave me medication, then gave me a tetanus injection.

I was then seen by a doctor, who gave me a thorough physical examination to make sure there was nothing broken or that I hadn't sustained concussion. All in all it was a fast and comforting, experience that ended up with written instruction (in English) as to what I should, and should not do. I wish I could say that in England I would have received such immediate attention. Many thanks to the Spanish health service.

DESIREE A. V. BISHOP
BY EMAIL

123 bus thanks

This is just to say we have had a pleasant trip to Churriana by bus thanks to the letter sent by Graham Cherry (SUR in English, April 11th)correcting my previous complaint about the service. The 123 will stop where the reply said but there is no way of knowing this if you live at our end of the village. We are all pleasantly surprised. Thanks again.

JOHN MUSTON
TORREMOLINOS

Pleasant stay

We are now back home in the North of England but want it to be known we had a wonderful holiday in Fuengirola in May. We do love our time down there and witnessed the Friendship with UK event in Mijas and it was so lively and the beautiful Spanish embraced it so well.

We also love the Salon Variétés theatre in the centre of Fuengirola and enjoyed the Magic of the Musical; it would stand up with any London West End show with wonderful singing, dancing and acting. The theatre is a unique venue and during the day it is the place to mingle and meet Brits who live in Fuengirola. Also the coffee and brandy and the food served at the theatre are excellent

SUR in English newspaper is so comprehensive and is such a wealth of information for the British while over on the Costa del Sol and long may it continue to be so.

We do enjoy this part of Spain, with very friendly people, excellent service for the holidaymaker and of course the weather, which generally does not disappoint.

We hope you all have a super summer."

HEATHER CARR
UK

Annoying balls

I complained to the Ayuntamiento in Benalmádena a month ago that lots of kids play football in front of my window every single day.

I live on the ground floor and they hit my walls and metal bars on my windows and I cannot watch TV, relax or sleep in the afternoon. I have complained to parents but that did not help at all.

Every single day is the same. I work very early and have to sleep in the afternoon. Just three minutes' walk from here is Centro Cultural Manuel Estepa and in front of this there is big place for kids to play ball.

Two minutes away is a sign saying 'Prohibido jugar a la pelota'. I asked Ayto. de Benalmadena to place one of these signs here as well but nothing has been done. What else can I do?

MARCIN KOWALSKI
BENALMÁDENA

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Do you own a dog? Sport a tattoo? Ever munched on a cupcake or smoked a vapour cigarette? Do you have a beard (no madam, not you) or a silver-coloured fridge? If one or two of the items on this list apply to you, you're a mildly functioning member of society who pays attention to the fashions around them but who isn't swept along lamely like a blind sheep. If, on the other hand, all of them apply to you, well, I'm sorry to have to tell you, but you've been swept along lamely like a blind sheep.

Don't worry, though, there's something worse you could be. Me. None of the above form part of my life which presumably means I'm a sad misfit in need of immediate psychological help. You might argue that not getting involved shows an enviable independence of spirit but, let's face it, it's more a question of living on the margins of society looking on incredulously as your friends and neighbours behave in a patently absurd manner.

For the fact that dog ownership has risen exponentially in the last ten years, I blame Paris Hilton. She carried a little one in her horrible handbag a long time ago and lots of people who watch daytime television thought this was a brilliant idea and tried their luck with a Pitbull.

I don't know where all the tattoos came from but, in the absence of any other obvious culprit, let's blame Paris Hilton.

Cupcakes look sickly and horrible but that hasn't stopped them from taking over the universe recently. Everywhere you go there are turquoise lumps of sugar tripping you up, looking - and,for all I know, tasting - remarkably like Play-Doh.

Vapour cigarettes are a reasonable idea and, I believe, have helped a good number of people to give up smoking, but there were never going to be enough customers for the zillions of shops selling them that sprang up overnight, were there? That's why they've all closed now.

Fridges are supposed to be white, that's a fact. Buying a silver fridge is messing with the natural order of things; it's like having your pudding before your tea. Don't do it.

Meanwhile, sales of tinned spaghetti will undoubtedly have plummeted recently as a result of the current beard craze and Mr Heinz will be looking for someone to blame.

Sadly, I fear it may be difficult to pin that one on Miss Hilton.

A king and a football team

RACHEL HAYNES

Fancy getting a new king in the middle of a World Cup. At least the coronation, or rather proclamation as they prefer to call it (I don't think there were any crowns going around) came as a kind of antidote to the hangover Spain woke up with on Thursday morning.

The World Cup holders, La Roja, the kings of football, had been knocked out of the tournament after just two matches. However the bars and souvenir shops were able to keep their red and yellow flags out for another day in case anyone felt like celebrating the change of Head of State.

If your national football team fails you then there's always royalty, but being in the biggest tournament in the world perhaps arouses a little more passion and patriotism than having a new king.

I don't know how many people waited outside the royal palace on Thursday to see the new and old monarchs wave from the balcony, but certainly there were a few million fewer than the numbers that lined the streets to welcome the triumphant Spanish football players home from South Africa four years ago.

The new King Felipe must be disappointed that his first official engagements will not include a reception with a victorious Spain squad and another World Cup.

But he has more serious issues to worry about. He has inherited a country with a string of problems from a financial crisis to calls for independence from some regions. What's more people suffering the effects of the crisis have the added frustration of finding corrupt practice coming out of the woodwork in more and more political, business and even royal circles.

Felipe VI could have done with another World Cup win to raise spirits among the Spanish people while he gets used to the new job. But things don't always work out like that, even for a king.

The construction and refurbishment warehouse

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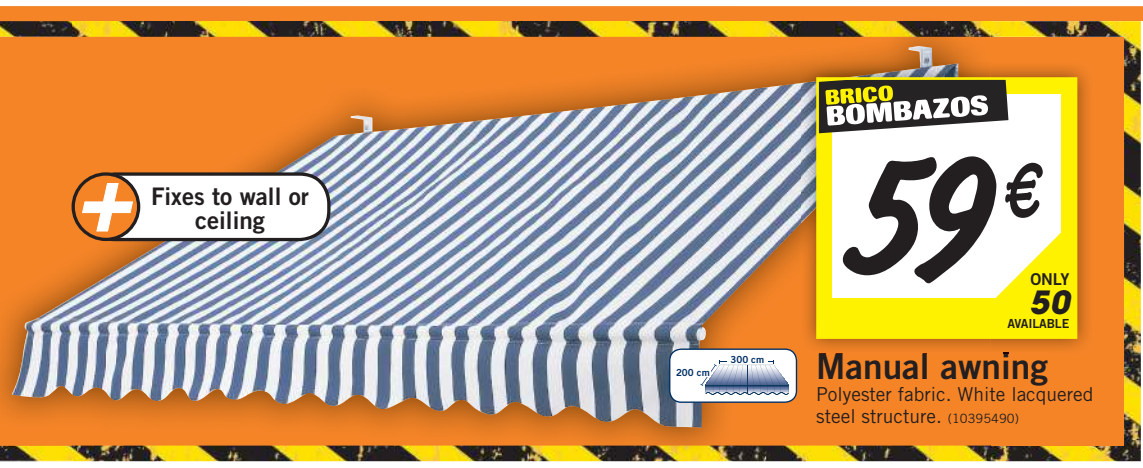

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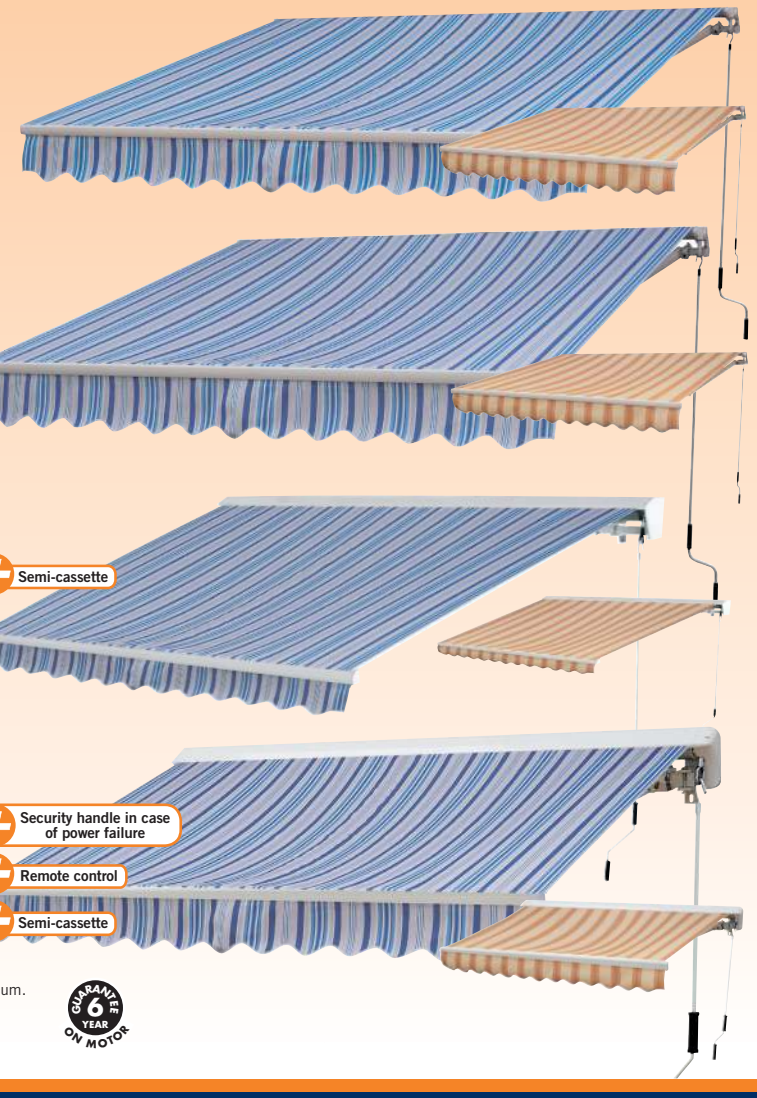

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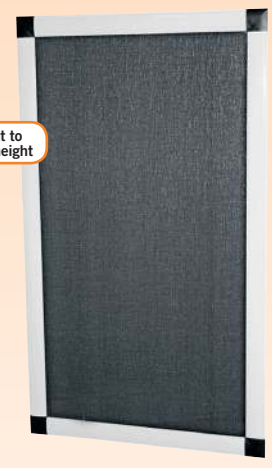

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Portrait of the artist

Roger Cummiskey Painter, poet and Bloomsday activist

Roger is chairman of the Andalucian International Artists and organises Bloomsday each year

Last weekend's Bloomsday reading. :: JOHN DUNCAN.

Seven o'clock on Sunday morning in Fuengirola. The sun is a flaming golden orb rising above the sea in the pale blue light and while party-goers stagger blearily out of the Mai Tai disco, a man in a bowler hat is getting ready for a literary event on La Cepa beach.

In his distinctive headgear, worn for Bloomsday - an annual celebration and recreation of the one Dublin day, June 16 1904, that Irish writer James Joyce wrote about in his epic novel, Ulysses - Roger Cummiskey bears an uncanny likeness to his own drawings of Leopard Bloom, everyday hero of Joyce's masterpiece.

It's more than the hat, though. Roger, who retired to live in Las Lagunas, Mijas Costa, 12 years ago, was born and brought up in south Dublin and his happy childhood, with four brothers, is threaded through with memories of the city Joyce wrote about.

"As a boy I used to go swimming in the 'fortyfoot'; the Martello tower which is written about in the first chapter of Ulysses is located there, we knew that. As kids we were all familiar with it," says Roger in his distinctive Dublin accent. Though he speaks softly, Roger is a great talker with a gift for story-telling and a seemingly endless supply of rambling tales, punctured with literary and Latin quotations and a quick dry humour.

Like Joyce, Roger had a classical education and loved languages, studied at University College Dublin and was a teacher for a while. Then he became a company man, working for the family firm and for a furniture department store business. He ended up at the Rehab Group, a large organisation which runs training programmes for people with disabilities, rising to a senior position and, after 20 years, taking early retirement and beginning to draw, paint and write poetry full-time.

He had always had an interest in the arts. "There was a time in the early days when there wasn't an event that I wouldn't go to. I was on the list of runners and riders for most exhibitions and I used to go to them because I had a good suit."

Roger's parents had a second home in Fuengirola and he had been coming here most of his life for holidays before he moved out permanently with his wife, Dolores. "I just loved it. You know how some people take to a place and I did."

There's nothing Roger doesn't like about Spain, even the mosquitos - "they like Dolores but not me" - and plenty he loves: the Cercanías train service, the speedy coastal motorway, the Mediterranean diet and the outdoor life.

"I find it very easy living, very civilised living and now I go into Malaga city which I think has come on in leaps and bounds in the last few years.

"You can be certain of the weather here, knowing you don't need an umbrella and you know you don't need a raincoat and you probably don't need to wear a pullover, so that's predictable, then you can plan an event."

In terms of organising events, once Roger arrived he wasted no time getting stuck in. As well as belonging to numerous local artists' organisations and NADFAS, he is one of the founding members of the AIA (Andalucian International Artists) group who are very active, with a number of artists working in distinct media and from various countries. They hold exhibitions all year round. Right from the start he has been chairman of the AIA. "My forte always seemed to be in organising events and also anything I've been involved in my life has been solvent, says Roger, adding that like Dickens's Mr Micawber, he is happiest when the books balance.

Aside from his wife, Dolores, also from Dublin and though once a nurse now an artist too and two children, Paul, a drum and bass DJ in New York, and Nicola, a hairdresser as well as five grandchildren, Roger has a number of other passions.

For many years in Dublin he played rugby at a top level, for Munster and the London Irish, as well as being a champion swimmer. More importantly there is art, -"I would love to sell a painting but if I don't I'll still paint tomorrow," he says - and there is James Joyce.

When Roger started to work seriously as an artist he was, like the organiser he has always been, focused. "Rather than just painting mountains and sky and sea and a few sheep and a couple of houses, I applied my interest in literature and I took as my theme the writings and wanderings of James Joyce."

Which brings us back to daybreak and Bloomsday and Roger on the beach reading from Ulysses with others in their own languages (Spanish, Swedish, German this year) in an event - the only one of its kind among a plethora of Bloomsdays held worldwide - that he has run for the last four years.

"I just thought it was a super idea. One year we had someone reading in Thai. But, you know, it's not that difficult to organise - if people turn up, then well there's a willingness."

THE SUR IN ENGLISH CONNECTION

"I cut out pieces of the paper to keep as a scrapbook"

:: P. R. B.

Roger cites SUR in English as one of his art group's longest and chief supporters. "For every single event that the AIA run we write a press release and we send it in with a number of photographs and I think that SUR in English has always published them religiously.

"I read the paper every week. I look at the pictures, minimum," says Roger jokingly, adding that now "I look at it online initially and then if we get a mention I will get the paper and cut out the piece and keep a sort of scrapbook and circulate it around members. I then put it on Facebook and a lot of people seem to be interested in that."

Seagulls flock inland to support England

A new inland group of Brighton and Hove supporters held their first gathering recently to support England in the World Cup

:: R. LEACH

COÍN. As the England football team prepared to play their first World Cup match last Saturday, a new inland group of Brighton and Hove Albion football club supporters enjoyed their first gathering in Coín.

Supporters of the club, known by its nickname 'The Seagulls', came together from Alhaurín el Grande, Cártama, Tolox, Alozaina and Coín to watch the England game and to share stories of their favourite team. Pete Carter, a life-long, dedicated supporter of the Brighton based side, said "We all love The Seagulls and I thought it would be a great idea to get together, celebrate our team's recent successes and enjoy the World Cup together."

Although the members of the group have different jobs and lifestyles, Pete told SUR in English that their love of Brighton's famous blue and white strip brought them together. "We have a geo-dome builder, an English teacher, an estate agent and two rug makers in the group but no matter how our day-to-day lives differ, we all enjoy sharing stories about 'The Albion'."

Pete, who admits he has even thought about painting his car in blue and white stripes, says although England lost their first match of the World Cup, getting together with other Seagulls fans really made the evening. "It was just great to share the evening with other fans of my all-time favourite team."

Dedicated 'Seagulls' fans. :: R. LEACH

Sherlock and a mad scientist in T.A.P.A.S Victorian 'whodunnit'

:: R. LEACH

COÍN. Members of The Andalucia Performing Arts Society (TAPAS) donned heavy Victorian costumes and paraded through the busy Sunday market in Coín last weekend to promote their upcoming Murder Mystery featuring the famous literary detective, Sherlock Holmes.

"We thought that wearing the costumes around the market would be a good way of promoting our event," said Andy Busby, who admitted that his tweed waistcoat, frock coat and deerstalker hat were really too warm for a sunny day in June.

Set in the late 1800s, the TAPAS Murder Mystery follows the story of Dr Oppenmeister, a mad scientist determined to master recreating life, who falls victim to scientific skulduggery.

"There are nearly 20 people involved in the cast and crew for the show but it is the audience on the night who get to work out 'whodunnit', with a little help from Sherlock Holmes," explained Andy.

"Who killed the mad scientist" is being performed by TAPAS on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st June at 7.30pm at Venta Los Arcos between Coín and Cártama. For tickets and information call 635 293 714 or visit www.tapassociety.com

Members of the cast. :: R. LEACH

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"I'd prefer to die on stage than on a sofa holding the remote control"

Albert Hammond Singer and songwriter

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The musician who wrote 'Nothing's gonna stop us now' and 'Entre mis recuerdos', will now take us through "Five decades of nostalgia" at the Starlite Festival

Albert Hammond will be performing some of his greatest hits on 26 July. :: SUR

MALAGA. Thirty years away from the stage were enough for Albert Hammond. Full of energy and with the urge to experience again the adrenaline of performing live, the singer and songwriter made a return to the stage three years ago... and now he has no wish to leave it. He is celebrating his 70th birthday with an international tour which includes the Starlite Festival in Marbella on 26 July. He may have been out of the spotlight for a long time but his songs have never been forgotten, including the legendary 'When I need you', 'Nothing's gonna stop us now', 'Eres toda una mujer' and 'Entre mis recuerdos', with which he will take us through five decades of nostalgia.

–You have some intensive months of concerts all over Europe ahead of you. How do you cope with that?

–Until December I will be performing in Europe, South Africa... all over the place. I don't do it because I need to, I do it because I like to, because music is a part of me and I would prefer to die on stage than sitting on a sofa with the remote control in my hand.

–You could stay at home and rest or spend more time with your family, but you have chosen to travel the world with your music...

–I stayed at home for 30 years after my son was born and now they have all grown up and left home I have the opportunity to travel. It isn't very difficult. The only thing I have to do is look after my voice a bit, because I'm doing five concerts in succession. I give up certain things: I don't drink, I don't smoke, I don't go out at night... that's when I'm working; when I'm free I enjoy myself more!

–Did you need the adrenaline of performing on stage?

–Yes, it's a nice sacrifice. Those two and a half hours on the stage are so great that nothing can replace them.

–Are you allowing yourself a second youth?

–It's very good to reinvent yourself. Three years ago I did it with 'Legend', a disc of duets, then I produced 'Legend II' and now I have done my first live album 'Songbook', which hasn't come out here but it has been published in the rest of Europe. It will come out in Spain some time, but at present things with the companies are very difficult.

–Things are even difficult for Albert Hammond?

–Things are difficult for everyone. For some worse than others, but for me too, I don't like the world the way it is. I would like it to be more like the world I knew, the one I grew up in.

–When you went back on stage after 30 years, was it how you remembered it?

–It's like when you learn to ride a bike; even when you haven't done it for years, when you get on, it only takes three seconds to remember how. It's the same for me on stage. Before going on, I felt like throwing up and it all seemed too much, but after ten seconds on stage I said, "This is wonderful." It was fantastic.

–Do your songs sound better now than before?

–I believe they do; they sound the way I like them to sound, the way they did when I was young, although maybe now I sing them in a lower tone than 35 years ago!

–Some of your songs are now musical classics.

–I have many that will always be here and a hundred years after I have died they will be made famous all over again by some new artist of that time. Songs like 'When I need you', 'Nothing's gonna stop us now', 'Eres toda una mujer', 'Entre mis recuerdos'...

–Have you ever regretted giving a song to an artist?

–No, never, because the artists who have sung my songs have always been great human beings, I have had a good relationship with them and when they have asked me for help with that I have been there for them. Also, sometimes it's good to be behind the stage, to see one of your works being performed and how much people like it. It's almost something secret; I have done something and people don't know that I did it. Sometimes people have even said about me: "He's good, but he does a lot of other people's songs." But I wrote them all!

–And you have never minded being out of the limelight? I doesn't affect the ego?

–No, no. We all have an ego but you have to learn to manage it, not to let it influence your life and destroy you. Because in the end, ego destroys your life.

–What do you miss about the music of today?

–There is good music and bad music, as there was in my era. It's different and I have to move with the times as well. I worked with Duffy four years ago, a girl who is 40 years younger than me, but I didn't get left behind.

–And with your son, Albert Hammond Jr, apart from the duet that you did, are you planning to work together again?

–Yes, I hope so. My son is doing tours now, but I think we'll do something together some time. His mother wants us to; she nags us about it all the time. We'll do some work together and maybe even a tour as father and son, which would be great.

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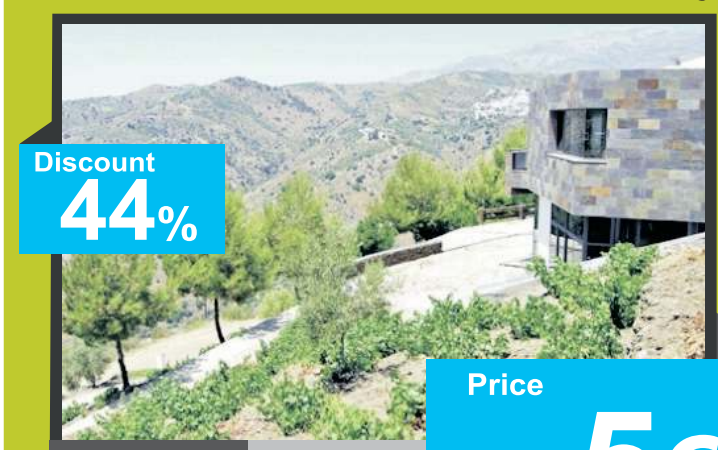

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Home and away in Estepona

Different nationalities showed off their best traditions from their home countries at the Foreign Residents' Day on Saturday

:: LEANDRO PAVÓN

ESTEPONA. The town of Estepona took locals and visitors on its own unique tour of the world on Saturday with the annual Foreign Residents' Day. Stands - this year in the street rather than in the congress centre - represented 25 different countries whose residents offered their own delicacies, from Scotch whisky to Slovakian cakes.

The plaque for Foreign Resident of the Year was awarded to British-born Ingrid Rogers, who has been involved in the volunteering programme at the town's health centres for 15 years.

One of the most active of the national groups was Mexico, as the Mariachis played old favourites making their way, accompanied by colourful dancers, along Calle Villa, the seafront and town centre.

This year's event saw a good turnout of Slovakians, keen to show their fellow residents more about their home country.

Mariachis and Mexican dancers brought their traditional music. :: L. P.

Ingrid Rogers receives her 'Resident of the Year' award. :: L. PAVÓN

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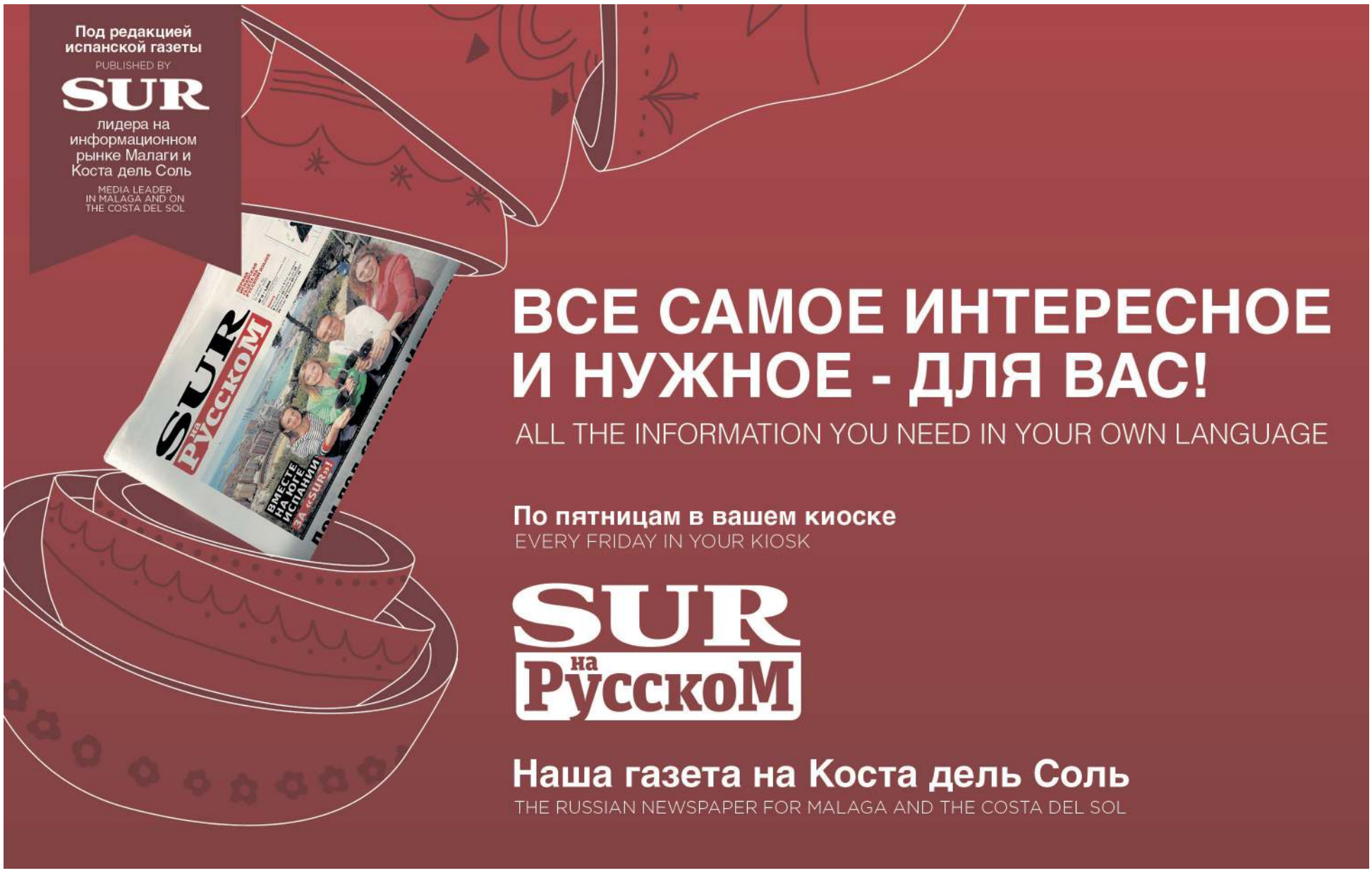
RECORD-BREAKING SEVILLANAS

Some 1,800 people got together on Estepona's fairground on Saturday evening to break the world Sevillanas dancing record. After the municipal officials had handed out all the numbered bibs they had prepared, the music began and 900 couples broke into the traditional Andalusian dance steps. The record was previously held by Cordoba when 780 couples danced together.



GOING TO MIJAS THIS WEEKEND?

What to look out for while you're there.

Flamenco performances will be one of the main features of the fair. To the right, the different activities being presented to the public and one of the rides. :: M. C. J.

LAS LAGUNAS PREPARES FOR ITS BIG WEEK

The fair will be celebrated from the 25th to the 29th of June with diverse activities for the public

:: **MARI CARMEN JAIME**

MIJAS. There are only a few days left till Las Lagunas dresses up for its annual fair, which takes place from June 25th to 29th. The most populated area in the municipality of Mijas will be working quickly to decorate and prepare for the fair that also serves to welcome summertime to the town.

The town hall is planning a variety of events, beginning with the inauguration on the 25th at 10.15pm at the fairground. The fairground is located next to the Camino de Campanales. The inauguration will include switching on the fair lights, by the mayor Ángel Nozal and other local authorities. The 'Grandfather' and 'Grandmother' of the 2014 Fair will be present, having been previously chosen at a dinner honouring senior citizens. They will also do the ribbon-cutting for the event.

Later on, at 10.30pm, the first of the performances will to include the local artist La Caletera accompanied by the Unión del Cante Rociero choir. This is also the only day the children's rides will cost 1.50 euros.

The next day, 26th, the fair will begin at 8.30pm in the municpial "caseta," with a performance by the Children's Dance Group of the Casa de la Cultura. The group A-Compás and the adult group from the municipal courses will provide entertainment during dinner.

At 11.30pm, one of the most important events of the fair will take place, as the 'King' and 'Queen' as well as 'Miss Simpatía' and the Maids of Honour will be crowned. The group Trío de Ases will wrap up the night.

Friday, the 27th, the day fair will begin with a performance by the charanga group Caramelo and Los Mijitas, beginning at 12pm. They will pass by the terraces of bars and restaurants located between the fairground and the streets María Zambrano and Miguel Hernández.

Two hours later, the official inauguration of the day fair programming will get under way with a horse ride that departs from the Peña Caballista close to the Cortijo Don Elías.

The group Mojinos Escozíos will star as the main performers for the fair as it promotes a number of local artists

Younger children will also be able to participate in the festival with the celebration of the Juegos Populares (traditional popular games) beginning at 6pm. In the afternoon, the 'Queen' and the children's Maids of Honor will be selected.

Friday will progress into a night of Fflamenco with the 27th Velero Flamenco Festival beginning at 10pm. La Cañeta de Málaga, Niño del Gastor, Isabel Guerrero and Juan de Córdoba will participate.

The big day

On Saturday, all who attend the fair during the daytime can partake in a free dish of paella and entertainment provided by the 'Aprende y Baila' dance school. During the night, the 27th annual fishing contest "Playa de Mijas", organised by the sports team La Dorada, will take place.

Returning to the fairground facilities, the official "caseta" will host a performance by Mojinos Escozíos. The cost of the ticket is 10 euros and can be bought at the Tourist Office, the Cultural Centre of La Cala or at the Casa de Cultura of Las Lagunas. Children under 12 years old accompanied by an adult can attend for free.

The last day of the fair will begin earlier than usual. Starting at 10am, the area surrounding the Cortijo Don Elías will have an interesting old-fashioned threshing display accompanied by traditional song. At 1.30pm a Sevillanas contest will take place on Calle Murillo.

During the evening, Las Lagunas Theatre's School of Dance and the children of AMPA Iberia will perform in the official "caseta" beginning at 9pm. Afterwards, Chiquetete, a singer from Cadiz, will put the final touches on the fair with a musical throw-back to the decades of his artistic growth and development.

DENISE BUSH

GARDENING

Paeonia suffruticosa

A stunning and surprisingly hardy, flowering shrub with enormous papery flowers. It can be grown in a large pot or in a border, preferably with some dappled shade

The tree peony is a member of the Ranunculacea family and is native to China. The botanical name is Paeonia suffruticosa but it is commonly called a Tree Peony or Mountain Peony. In Greek mythology Paeon was a disciple of the God of medicine, Asclepus. Suffruticosa comes from the Greek meaning shrub-like.

The Tree Peony forms a bush or a small tree while other types of peonies tend to be herbaceous. It is a lot hardier than the herbaceous peonies and lives longer but the flowers are susceptible to extreme heat, wind and rain and don't last long. It will survive in full sun but will bloom better in dappled shade. The flowers appear in spring and are large, upto 15cm across.

There are around 600 cultivars with blooms ranging from white and yellow through to coral, pink and deep red. The Tree peony is deciduous and rarely needs pruning, just remove any dead wood in the winter. The main shoot on newly planted specimens may die back but the plant should produce lots of new growth in the spring. Expect to wait 4- 5 years for it to flower.

Most Tree Peonies are grafted onto a root stock and any suckers that appear from below the graft should be gently pulled off.

They appreciate a high potash feed during the growing season and humus rich soil. Good drainage is essential and they will need watering regularly in dry months. A thick layer of mulch added around the base in early spring or autumn will help retain moisture.

Propagation is by seed, grafting or layering but all methods are slow to produce flowering plants. It is better, albeit more expensive, to buy mature plants at least three years old.

Red tree peony (with a genetic mutation) and a yellow variety. :: SUR

READERS' PHOTOS

:: ANDREW SLOAN

THE FABULOUS SCENT OF HELIOTROPE

Andrew Sloan sent in this photo of a Heliotrope, he says: "We like the flowers and the sweet fragrance of this plant. It benefits from a good pruning in the winter and right now is attracting all the local bees."

GARDEN TASKS FOR JUNE

Propagating lavender

Lavenders have nearly finished flowering now and are due a light trim. Before you get the shears out though, take some cuttings and increase you stock. Look for non-flowering side shoots and gently pull them away from the main stem taking a strip of bark or a heel with them. Place in a plastic bag until you have enough cuttings. Fill some pots with a gritty compost and water well. Take each cutting and pull off the lower leaves. Push the cuttings into the compost hormone rooting powder isn't needed, and firm gently. Cover loosely with a plastic bag and leave in a shady place. After a week remove the bag. The cuttings can be planted out the following summer.

PHOTOS

Calling all gardeners

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Southern Spain has a multitude of hidden corners just waiting to be discovered: this week we suggest you take the road to...

Andalucía

Casares, a diverse destination

The town set between Ronda and Gibraltar revels in its history and its location

Casares is one of the few towns that are located right in the heart of the mountains but also have well-kept beaches nearby

:: JAVIER ALMELLONES

MALAGA. A charming little town that is filled with history and surrounded by nature: this is what attracts thousands of visitors to Casares every year. The village is appealing for its Arab past, its well-maintained beaches and its tasty goat's cheese.

In order to understand the wealth this municipality has to offer, one has to see it all, from its two kilometres of coastline to the top of the Sierra Crestellina. This is the only way to understand the unique natural and historical heritage of the town, situated halfway between the Serranía of Ronda and the Campo de Gibraltar.

Iberians, Phoenicians and Romans were well aware of the importance of the location of Casares because they could visually monitor the Gibraltar Strait. In fact, the ruins of the town of Lacipo, located about four kilometres from the centre, are still preserved. This settlement of Punic origin reached its peak under Roman rule.

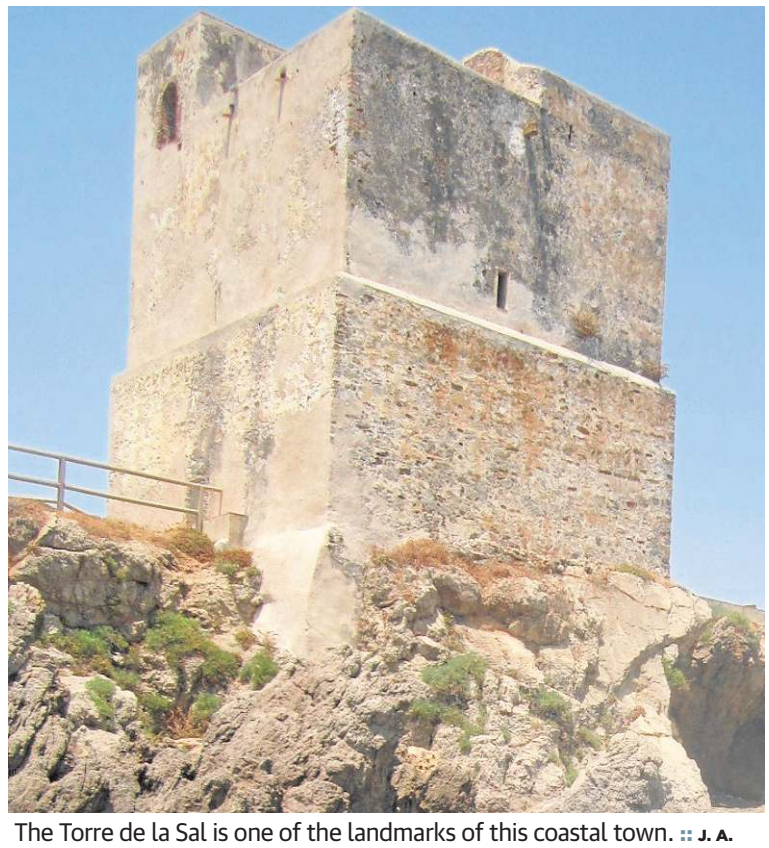
These are not the only remains from the Roman period that one can visit in Casares. Halfway between the centre of town and the beach are Roman baths of Hedionda, which contain waters rich in sulphur and iron. As legend has it, the hot springs were visited by Julius Caesar in order to relieve himself of a skin infection, before battling against the army of Pompeii.

A few metres away from the baths one can also visit one of the architectural legacies in the municipality, a 16th century bridge that crosses the Albarrá river. Casares has many more monuments and remains in the actual town itself, named as a "Conjunto Histórico Artístico".

This title is largely thanks to the street layout and the planning of the village, which conforms to the steep slope upon which it sits.

This cluster of white houses in the centre is known as the "hanging village", because its streets are cleverly positioned from the lower zone up to the peak of the mountain where we find the remains of what was once an Arab castle. This castle, built in the 13th century, dominates the expanse of land between the Campo de Gibraltar and the valleys of Genal and Guadiaro.

Casares is popularly known as the "pueblo colgante" (hanging village) because of how the houses are arranged on the mountainside. :: SUR



The Torre de la Sal is one of the landmarks of this coastal town. :: J. A.

The castle's surface area measures more than 23 thousand square metres, making it one of the most important walled enclosures in Malaga province. For many people though, the attractive aspect of this Andalusian fort isn't in its dimensions, but in its views and interior. The castle is home to the ancient Encarnación church, listed as an "Asset of Cultural Interest." It is a Christian church built on the site of a mosque, which was restored some years ago to turn it into a cultural centre.

In addition to its broad historical legacy, Casares offers visitors the opportunity to understand the ways of life of its past residents, through a tour of the Museum of Ethnohistory. The building, located near one of the entrances to the ancient Arab fortress, holds archeological remains and everyday tools, ranging from Prehistoric times to the last century.

In the iconic street of Carrera, one can visit the birthplace of Blas Infante, a notary who was born in the village at the end of the 19th century and is known today as the "father of the Andalusian homeland." Infante fought for the self-governing statute of Andalucía. The house now serves as a tourist information point and holds some of the works and belongings of Blas Infante.

Those who are nature lovers will also find unique locations in the Casares area, such as the natural park Sierra Crestellina, located close to the town; the Monte del Duque, which connects with the red-coloured Sierra Bermeja; and the karst Canuto de la Utrera, a rock formation of great archaeological value where various remains have been uncovered.

Despite the fact that the old part of the town sits 425 metres above sea level, it only takes about 20 minutes to reach the sea, where one can enjoy two kilometres of coastline within the municipal boundaries.

Casares has three beaches: Piedra Paloma, Ancha and Playa de la Sal. At the latter one can find the Torre de la Sal also known as the Salto de la Mora, which was completed during the reign of Carlos I, although it contains remains that date back to the Nasrid dynasty, the last Muslim dynasty to rule in Spain.

Dogs are allowed on the beach in Casares. In fact, this was the first locality in Malaga to allow people to bring their dogs to the beach.

FACTS & FACES

Salon Variétés president Geoffrey Bennetts with the birthday paella. :: CARLOS MORET

29 years of theatricals

FUENGIROLA. The Friends of the Theatre Association (FOTA) celebrated the 29th birthday of the Salon Variétés theatre in Fuengirola last week. Members and guests sat outside on the theatre's terrace to enjoy a buffet meal that included a giant paella.

A special birthday cake had been made to commemorate the anniversary of the theatre that is just one year younger than this newspaper. The first performance at the English-language theatre was on June 14th 1985, although the plans had been hatched several years previously.

FOTA is the fundraising arm of the theatre and members enjoy regular meetings, lunches and trips.

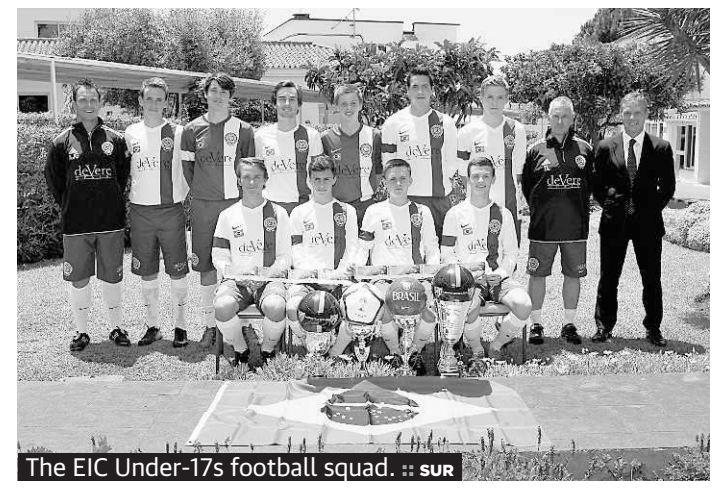
The Under-17 squad from the EIC head off to Río de Janeiro

MARBELLA

Back in December 2012, after winning their fourth International Schools European Title in three years, the Under-17 Football Squad from the English International College were invited by Tetra Brazil to travel to Río de Janeiro to test their skills against local professional teams.

The Marbella-based players have now received their World Cup match tickets and sponsored deVere tour kit.

The EIC players will attend Round 16 and the World Cup Quarter Final matches, on June 28th and July 4th respectively, both at the Marcanã International stadium in Río de Janeiro.



The EIC Under-17s football squad. :: SUR

Cheeky faces. :: SUR

BSM Summer fair raises cash for food bank

MARBELLA

A summer fair on June 7th at the British School of Marbella raised 537 euros for the Bancosol Food Bank in Marbella. There was a bouncy castle, a barbecue, second hand stalls, a raffle and games run by the teachers during the two-hour event.

One of the most popular games was a 'soak the teacher' stall where children lined up to throw wet sponges at teachers Miss Potter and Miss Fry. More photos can be found at www.facebook.com/britishschoolofmarbella

P. Hayward, M. Tovey-Mansfield, C. R. Hall, E. Smith and guest. :: SUR

Costa del Sol Photographic Society

ARROYO DE LA MIEL

On June 10th in the Casa de la Cultura in Arroyo de la Miel, president of the Photographic Society, Carl R. Hall, presented awards to members who had gained the most points for photographs submitted in the monthly competitions during 2013.

The winners were: Photographer of the Year, Alan Jones; Joint Gold Award, Peter Hayward and Eleanor Smith; Silver Award, Ken Arnold; and Joint Bronze Award, Debra Coleman and Monique Tovey-Mansfield. After the presentations members and friends celebrated with a meal at Bar Restaurante Pepe.

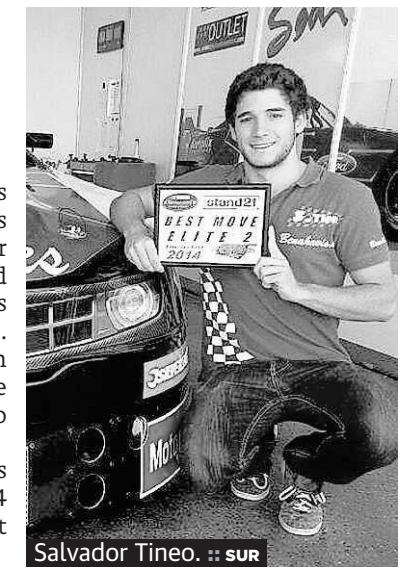
Further details of the society can be found on the website www.photoclubspain.com

Benahavís Nascar driver finishes fourth at Brands Hatch

BENAHAVÍS

Salvador Tineo, the Benahavís sponsored racing driver was placed last on the grid after damaging his car in the 2nd European Nascar held at Brands Hatch on June 7th and 8th. However, with a little help from the safety car and a great drive he climbed through the field to finish in fourth place

Salvador and the Benahavís car will be at the next Euro GT4 Ginetta Series at the Zandvoort circuit on July 4th and 6th.



Salvador Tineo. :: SUR

Masonic Society helps out with Age Care

FUENGIROLA

The Age Care association was recently handed a cheque for 1,300 euros from the Fuengirola Masonic Lodge 96.

The donation was presented by David Burns, Master of the lodge, who said, "Age Care is a local charity doing such a worthwhile job with the local older community. As we all know, money is very hard to come by, so we are happy to do all we can to help. Also, we are not getting any younger and some day we may need the help of Age Care."

This year the lodge has raised a total over 3,100 euros for local charities by holding dinners, races and quiz meetings. New members are always welcome.

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MIKE WILSON

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Unwilling occupant

Gerald Brenan - 'Don Geraldo' - was held in high esteem in Spain - so his dying wishes could not be respected

Ian Gibson was one of those who spoke at the interment of the ashes :: PHOTOS: SUR

The plaque in the Faculty of Medicine reads "This is the place where death teaches life. Teachers and students are grateful to all those who donate their bodies to teaching and research"

Gerald Brenan's name is almost invariably followed by the words "famous Hispanist". He was also, of course, a famous writer and, in his time, one of the most famous foreign residents in southern Spain, as he lived in Churriana and Alhaurín - a town which would have been only too happy to have him buried locally. Now he is one of the most famous occupants of Malaga's English Cemetery, but not because he chose this lovely garden either as his final resting place. Far from it.

Neither, though, did Gerald Brenan want his remains repatriated to the country where he was born. He loved Spain, was known to his neighbours as 'Don Geraldo' and he wrote his best works on the subject of this country (he is particularly remembered here for "South from Granada: Seven years in an Andalusian village" and "The Spanish Labyrinth: An Account of the Social and Political Background of the Civil War"). He came originally to live in Yegen in the Alpujarras in 1920, when he was 25, apparently because he thought - like so many have thought since - that his meagre income would stretch further in southern Spain. He had served in France in World War 1 and afterwards became acquainted with the Bloomsbury set, some of whom travelled out to the remote village to visit him, but he only returned twice to live in the UK, and then as a result of force majeure.

During Spain's Civil War he retreated to Gibraltar and then for a few years to Aldbourne in Wiltshire. His sympathies had been on the losing side and he was critical of Franco's regime, but as soon as he was allowed to return, he did so, coming 'home' in 1953. He only left again once, when he became so frail and dependent on care that a place was found for him in a nursing home in the UK. By all accounts he was not happy there, and waves were made until a care package was put in place in Alhaurín, and he was able to return.

So what did this man of letters want to happen to his mortal remains? When he died in 1987, Gerald Brenan opted to leave his body to medical science, allegedly telling his intimates that this move would save the expense of a funeral. Malaga's Faculty of Medicine accepted the donation but then a problem arose. Students use anonymous bodies for dissection, but Gerald Brenan was far from anonymous. Who could be allowed to dissect this eminent body? Nobody did. His body remained in formaldehyde for fourteen years.

Waves were made again, the University put up a plaque expressing appreciation of the Hispanist's generous gesture in favour of scientific research, and arrangements were made for cremation followed by the interment of the ashes in the English Cemetery, alongside the remains of Brenan's wife, the American poet Gamel Woolsey.

The interment was attended by prominent members of the Spanish and foreign communities including Brenan's fellow Hispanist, Irish writer Ian Gibson, who expressed his pleasure at the outcome and described the English Cemetery as the most beautiful in the Mediterranean region.

The epitaph reads simply:

R.I.P.
GERALD BRENAN
Escritor Inglés, Amigo de España

Silvia Grijalba, at Malaga City Hall last week. :: SALVADOR SALAS

"Brenan's house should recover the author's cosmopolitan spirit"

Writer and journalist Silvia Grijalba has been appointed coordinator of the cultural programme at Gerald Brenan's Churriana home

:: A. J. LÓPEZ

MALAGA. Last week Silvia Grijalba was in the middle of a tour around Spain to promote her latest novel 'Tú me acostumbraste'.

She found time however to come to Malaga to be officially appointed coordinator of activities at Gerald Brenan's house in Churriana.

She explains that she was born in Madrid (in 1967) "by accident" but that her roots lie in Torremolinos. She grew up in a place where La Carihuela fishermen's children played alongside the offspring of the sophisticated foreigners who started to settle in the area.

The renovated Brenan house in Churriana. :: SUR

It is this atmosphere of local and international that she wants to transfer to the building where the British Hispanist lived for the last part of his life and wrote a large part of his works.

"The house of Gerald Brenan has to recover the cosmopolitan spirit of Churriana and of the writer himself," she said last week.

Writer, journalist and cultural manager, Silvia Grijalba, comes to Brenan's house knowing exactly what she wants.

"We have to offer activities that are interesting enough to attract people to Churriana. We are going to be open to any artistic expression," she said adding that Malaga already has centres devoted purely to literature.

The house's programme starts in November with a seminar about writer and anthropologist Julio Caro Baroja. The first year will also see a competition for young local artists based on Brenan, the setting up of a "modest" residence for artists in the building and the opening of a library that will become a focal point for study about the Hispanist and the Bloomsbury set.

The new coordinator explained how she wants local people to see Malaga and Churriana in the same way as visitors from other countries saw and still see the area. "To see ourselves through the eyes of a traveller," she said.

The cultural activities organised by Grijalba will share space in the Brenan house with Spanish courses for foreigners. The local authority will put the contract to run the courses out to tender and it will be the winning firm that "pays for the maintenance of the building" according to the councillor for Culture at the City Hall, Damián Caneda. The building will also serve as a base for the foundation devoted to poet and writer Pérez Estrada.

THE NIGHT SKY

KEN CAMPBELL

Summer solstice

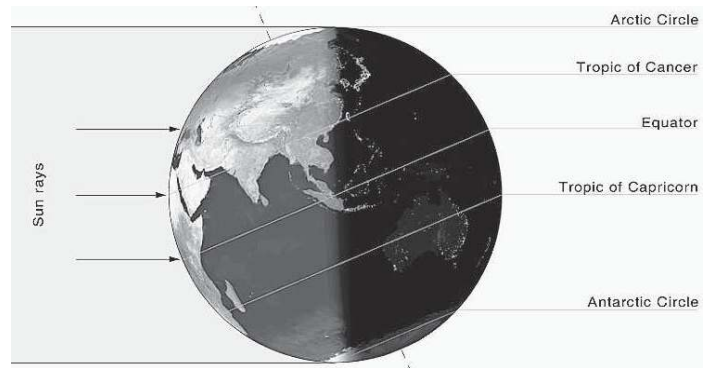
The day when shadows disappear

The Earth is not standing up on its end, instead it is tilted over by about 23.5 degrees and it is this tilt that gives us our seasons. In June the northern hemisphere is tilted toward the Sun and so we get long hot days of summer. But the opposite is true for the southern hemisphere, for them it is now the depth of winter with short days and cold weather.

Therefore it stands to reason that there must be a longest day in summer and a shortest day in winter. The shortest day of the year for the northern hemisphere occurs on December 21st, the winter solstice, while the longest day occurs tomorrow (Saturday 21st June). At exactly 12.51pm the North Pole of the Earth will be tilted at its maximum toward the Sun creating the summer solstice.

Mapmakers have placed imaginary lines running around the Earth to mark off the Sun's relative position in the sky during a year. At the summer solstice tomorrow the sun will not set at any point along or above the Arctic Circle, it will remain in the sky all night long. Likewise, anywhere along and below the Antarctic Circle in the southern hemisphere the sun will not rise at all.

Another line called the Tropic of Cancer runs at 23.5° latitude around the Earth and it is on this line that the sun will be directly overhead tomorrow. As southern Spain is only about 13° above the Tropic of Cancer then you can try this for yourself. Go outside at 2.19pm tomorrow when the Sun will be at its maximum altitude above southern Spain and you will find that you have practically no shadow as it will be beneath your feet. Try looking at lampposts or any other tall objects and they too will be almost shadowless.



The summer solstice has been celebrated for many thousands of years. It is believed that the druids originally built Stonehenge in southern England to celebrate the solstice. Tomorrow morning hundreds of modern day druids will descend upon Stonehenge to witness the Sun rising above the heel stone and its first rays of light streaming down the central corridor and into the stone circles.

The winter solstice was also a Pagan celebration until the Romans invaded Britain and then the winter solstice was turned into what we now call Christmas.

Many other nations have ancient customs to celebrate the solstice and in Spain the festival of San Juan is timed around the night of the solstice when bonfires are lit on the beaches and the locals walk backwards into the sea at midnight.

The down side to all this though is that after tomorrow the days will start to get shorter and the nights get longer. By the time we get to September 21st the Earth will have travelled a quarter of the way around the Sun and we will have reached a point where the days and nights are equal 12 hours each no matter where you stand on the Earth. This is the autumn equinox.

So may I wish you a very happy solstice!

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Almuñécar celebrates a hundred years of Laurie Lee

One of the Andalusian towns the author wrote about, Almuñécar, is marking the writer's centenary with a programme of events next week

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ALMUÑÉCAR. Talks, a dramatised reading, concerts, an exhibition and an official act of tribute - these are all part of a three-day commemoration of the centenary of the birth of Laurie Lee taking place in the Granada town of Almuñécar next week.

Laurie Lee, who was born in Slad, Gloucestershire in 1914, famously wrote about walking through Spain in his book, "As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning".

The book recounts the characters and landscapes Lee encountered in Spain in 1935 and 1936, on his journey from Vigo in Galicia to Almuñécar on the Granada coast, then a modest fishing village (which he named Castillo to protect those he wrote about) where his long journey on foot ended.

The centenary events, organised by Almuñécar Town Hall, will take place between Wednesday June 25th and Friday June 27th.

Thursday 26th sees the official act of tribute with the unveiling of a new plaque in Paseo del Altillo along with a wreath of flowers. This will be attended by the mayor of Almuñécar, Trinidad Herrera, the British vice-consul in Malaga, Rosslyn Crotty, and the municipal band.

BBC Radio joins in

As part of the centenary celebrations, the morning show presenter from BBC Radio Gloucestershire, Chris Baxter is going to recreate parts of Lee's famous walk.

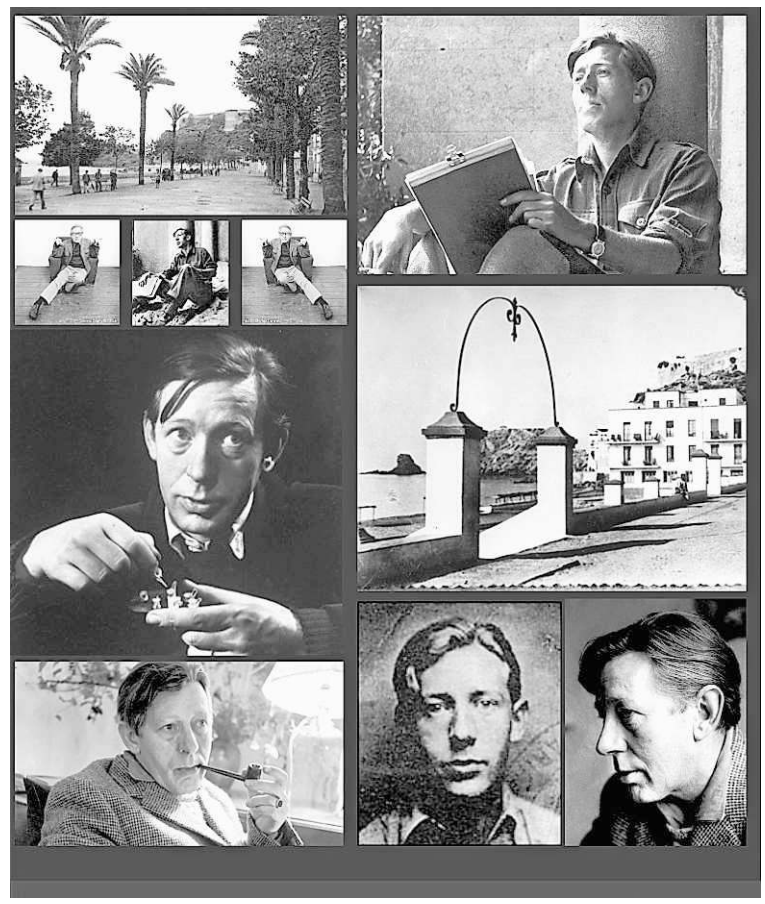
Starting out from Slad where Lee's family lived, Baxter is visiting London before arriving in Almuñécar on June 26th, from where he will present a show between 9am and midday (GMT).

Managing editor of BBC Radio Gloucestershire, Mark Jones, said, "This is a hugely ambitious project for us.

"When we reach Spain we'll reflect the commemorations in Almuñécar and meet the people who knew him and were inspired by him".

Laurie Lee's tale of his trip to Spain in "As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning" was published in 1969, ten years after perhaps his most famous work "Cider With Rosie".

In 1991 he published "A Moment of War", about his return to Spain in December 1937 to join the Republican International Brigades.



Part of the poster advertising next week's events. :: SUR

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

▶ **Wednesday June 25th.** In the Palacete La Najarra from 8pm, lectures and at 10 pm a dramatised reading takes place.

▶ **Thursday June 26th.** In the Paseo del Altillo from 8pm, unveiling of plaque and live music. Photo display and readings from 9pm in the Paseo del Altillo, Plaza de Ayuntamiento, Peñón del Santo, and Palacete La Najarra. Presentation of book "Almuñécar es Castillo" at 10pm in the Palacete La Najarra.

▶ **Friday June 27th.** In the Palacete La Najarra, a round table at 8pm and a lecture at 9pm. At 10pm the closing ceremony and a violin concert.

Laurie Lee wrote about his travels through Spain, ending up in the village of Almuñécar

PET CARE

PETER HARRISON

Keep your dog safely tethered in the back of the car

It is tempting to let your dog lean out of an open window on car trips

People do get influenced by what they see on television. That is why TV commercials exist. Regrettably they can also suggest activity and not always for the better although it can be unintentional.

I was concerned to see a television advertisement for a well known car which showed dogs in various stances being transported. They were enjoying the ride but were in danger. Some were hanging out of the open window of a moving vehicle, some were in an open car. This was an accident waiting to happen and accidents give no advance warning.

If you travel by car with your dog for whatever reason it is extremely dangerous to allow him or her to lean out of the window or be loose in an open car. It is tempting to do this as summer approaches and your dog will love it. Animals are unpredictable creatures and can act without warning. Freddie spots a juicy cat or a rival dog, maybe a bitch in season, and leaps from the car. It is dangerous for the dog, dangerous for the following traffic, dangerous for pedestrians nearby and dangerous for the driver who would be startled. The danger could lead to a fatality.

I spoke with David Searl, the author of that very useful book "You and the Law in Spain" and he advises: "The law in Spain requires a dog to be carried in the back of the car and separated from the driver by a metal wire screen. The dog should be tethered to the floor by a strong lead or chain."

Most jeeps or multi-purpose vehicles (MPVs) have tethering points built in. The alternative is to provide your dog with an airline approved dog carrier. Being airline approved means that the carriers have been tested for suitability and durability.

To transport animals the windows should be slightly open to have an airflow but not open enough for a dog to escape. A determined dog has an amazing ability to shrink to achieve its aim.

A few years ago when I was driving through Coín the car in front had a dog leaning out of the window. He suddenly jumped out of the window. This left him hanging as the lead had become a hangman's noose. The driver stopped but was in a panic. I was able to help and released the lead from the tethering point and returned the dog to the owner who exclaimed, "He has never done that before; he is a bad dog." Not so! He was a careless owner.

We all make mistakes but do ensure you do not make this mistake. All it needs is care.

Dogs travelling in cars should be separated from the driver by a metal wire screen

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EXHIBITIONS

Artistas Eclécticos
La Cala de Mijas. *Venta el Jinete (Carretera La Cala Golf, Km4.5). Until 30 June, 12pm-10pm. Tel: 952 119 170.*
Four artists from the group Artistas Eclécticos have a new exhibition in Jinete.

Picasso: The Minotaur in its Labyrinth
Malaga. *Fundación Picasso (Plaza de la Merced, 15). Until 28 September, Mon-Sun: 9.30am-8pm.*
15 paintings are on show with the minotaur theme to bring attention to the 1935 work by Picasso called 'La Minotauromaquia'. The pieces will also be accompanied by drawings from the complete collection of the Parisian magazine 'Minotaure' which had front covers designed by artists including Salvador Dalí.

#Under35
Malaga. *Galería Gacma (C/ Fídias, 48-50). Until 25 June, Mon-Fri: 10am-2pm & 4pm-8pm; Sat: 10am-2pm.*
20 artists under the age of 35 who were born in Malaga or are associated with it have their diverse works on display

Urban Utopias
Malaga. *Salas de la Coracha del Museo del Patrimonio Municipal (Pº de Reding, 1). Until 22 June, Tue-Sun: 10am-2pm & 5pm-8pm.* Exhibition in which 24 artists visually transform public spaces of the city.

Final Days
Malaga. *CAC Málaga (C/ Alemania). Until 22 June, Tue-Sat: 10am-8pm.*
"Final Days" consists of five sculptures from the collection "companion" produced by American artist Kaws. The works on show are noteworthy for their impressive size.

Time Stopped in Africa
Malaga. *Sala Siglo Unicaja (Plaza del Siglo s/n, 1ª planta), Until 27 June, Mon-Fri: 5pm-8pm.*
The exhibition presents 50 photographs taken by Andalusian photographer Alicia Núñez during her time with one of the most remotest tribes in Africa,

Christian-Luque

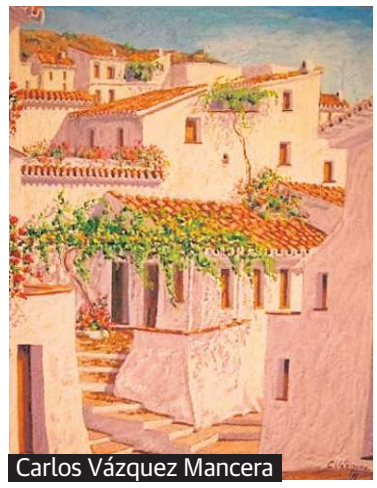
Surmas. The exhibition's official name is 'Surmas, time stopped'.

Involución XXI
Malaga. *Sala Alfajar (C/ Cister 1, Puerta 2, Málaga). Mon-Fri: 10am-2pm & 5pm-8.30pm; weekends and holidays: 10am-3pm & 3.30pm-6.30pm. Until 29 July*
Christian Luque's exhibition will be revealed at its inauguration in Sala Alfajar on the 20 June.

Fabio McNamara
Malaga. *La Térmica (Avda. de los Guindos, 48). Until 26 June, Tue-Sat: 11am-2pm & 5pm-9pm; Sundays and holidays: 12pm-3pm & 4pm-7.30pm. Free.*
Fabio McNamara is an icon of the Movida movement that took place in Spain during the 1980s. He has 20 of his works on show from the past 34 years.

Carlos Vázquez Mancera
Manilva. *Manilva Green Apartamentos Turisticos (Camino de Peñoncillo, 21) Until 30 June.*

Santiago López.
Vélez-Málaga. *Las Carmelitas exhibition centre (Plaza Carmelitas, 12). Until 21 June, Mon-Fri: 9am-8pm; Sat: 9am-1pm.*
The exhibition is called "Ópticas de Viaje" and consists of 16 paintings of the artist's travels to places including the Austrian Alps, Paris, Cordoba, New York, Cádiz, Venice and the remote is-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lands of Scotland.

CHARITY

T.O.P.S. Charity Cabaret night
Alhaurin el Grande. *Venta La Recta (on the Grande – Torre Road). 27 June, 9pm. €6.*
A lively evening of entertainment with popular songs ranging from classics, country & western and ballads to up-beat numbers. This will be followed by a disco and a special price two course meal is available from 7.30pm for €7 (payable directly to the restaurant). More information available by contacting 952 112 057.

Triple A Dog Walk
Malaga. *Paseo Marítimo. 22 June, 10am.*
The second dog walk takes place this Sunday along Marbella's promenade. The route begins at Plaza del Mar. 7.50 euro donation includes coffee and cakes as well as treats for the dogs. Registration required whether you want to bring your own dog or walk a Triple A dog. Contact Lily on: 622 910 214 or lily4triplea@gmail.com for more information.

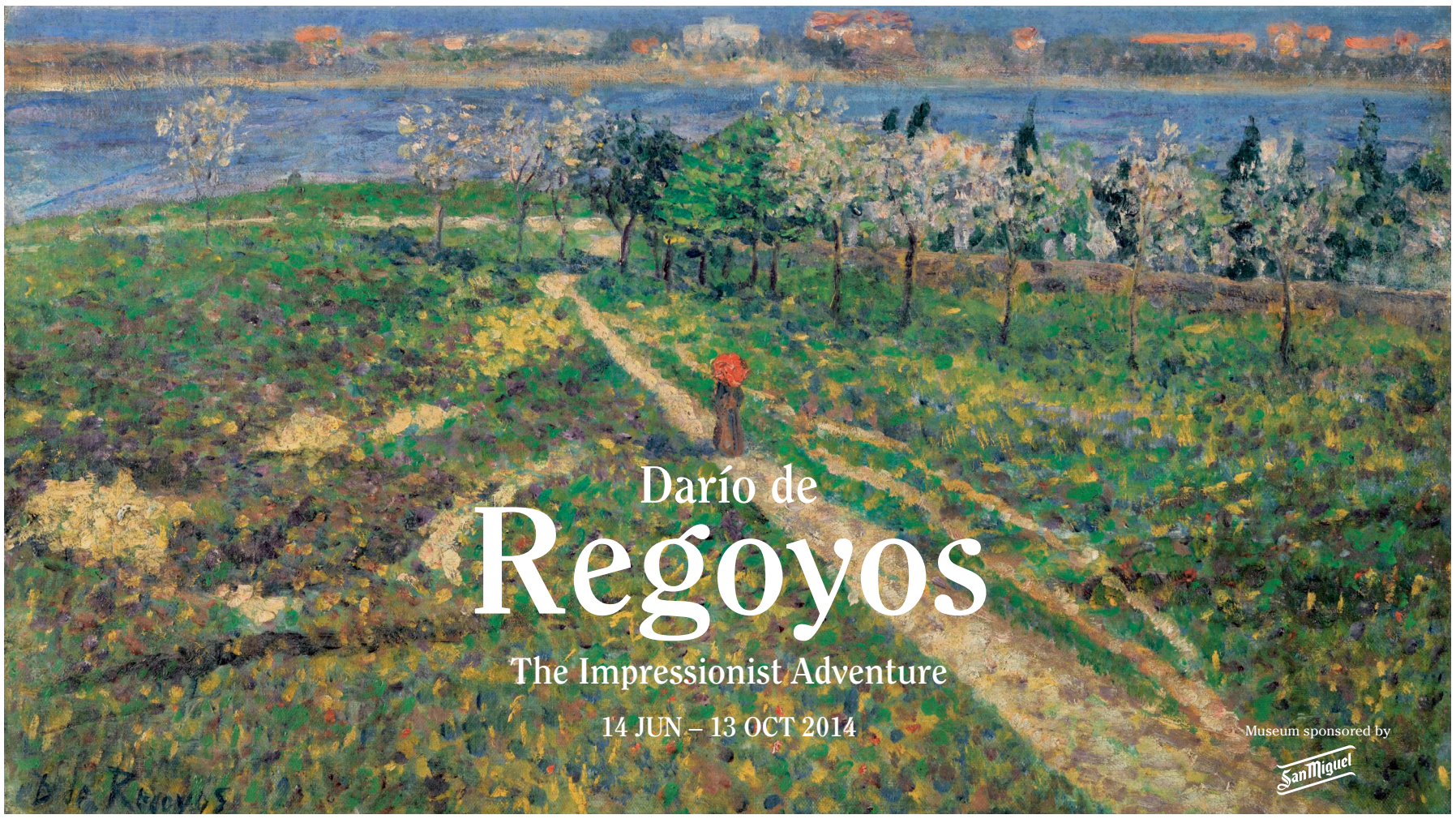
MUSIC & DANCE

Riogordo Freedom Orchestra
Axarquía. *Ethnographic Museum, Riogordo. 28 June, 7pm.*
A festival of improvised music with free entry.

Forest Sacre African Music
Estepona. *Centro Cultural Padre Manuel. 27 June, 8.30pm. €6, reservation necessary.*
El Ballet Africain Sunugal is bringing 'Forest Sacre' to Estepona. Based on the traditional music and dance of the continent, particularly in Senegal, Mali and Guine, the show will include percussionists and dancers from the country.

The BooDevils and Ric' & The Rocks
Estepona. *Sala Louie Louie. 21 June, 10pm.*
A night of Rock'n'Roll, Garage, Rockabilly, Blues and other sounds comes to Estepona. The BooDevils will be coming from Madrid to collaborate with Ric' & The Rocks, specialists in vintage sounds.

Museo CarmenThyssen Málaga



Almond Trees in Blossom, 1905 (detail). Carmen Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection on loan to the Museo Carmen Thyssen Málaga

Bhai charity gala for orphans in India

Cristiana Úrgel, known for her role in Ciega a Citas. :: SUR

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Benalmádena. A charity gala, set to be presented by the actress Cristina Úrgel, is being organised by the Colegio Internacional Torrequebrada aid of the orphaned children of India later this month. The night will feature a live performance from the Madrid-based pop rock group, Cables Cruzados, the debut of Maeva Fernández's first album and an evening of music, including DJ José Ropero.

The rock band from Malaga, Miss Gin, will be performing covers from the likes of U2, Oasis, The Beatles, Bruno Mars and Amy Winehouse, and dancer-cum-choreographer Sat Atma, is travelling from Barcelona to provide Bollywood dance entertainment. As well as a dinner and cocktail, there will be free parking at the Torrequebrada hotel and a shuttle bus.

INFORMATION

▶ **When.** 27 June, 8.30pm.

▶ **Where.** Colegio Internacional Torrequebrada, Benalmádena Costa

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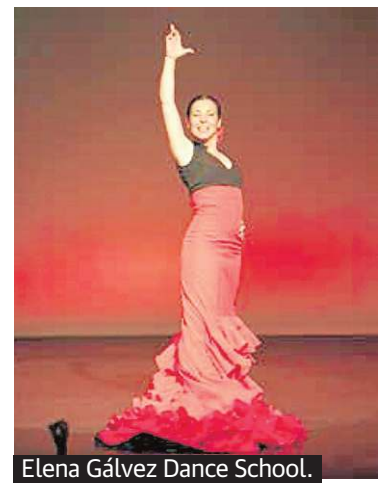
NYX Trio Recital
Gibraltar. *Convent Ballroom. 25 June, 9pm. €20, €10 for senior citizens and students (limited availability).*
Latvian chamber music ensemble NYX Trio consists of a violinist, flautist and pianist who aim to popularise Latvian culture. Includes performances of Bach, Gaubert and Bizet.

God Save the Queen
Malaga. *Sala Paris 15 (Calle de la Orotava, 27). 21 June, 9.30pm. €26 in advance, €30 on the door.*
Queen tribute band God Save the Queen are stopping in Malaga tomorrow night during their world tour. The Argentinian group will be performing some of the band's greatest hits including: 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'Radio Ga Ga' and 'Another One Bites The Dust'.

The Wall Bar
Malaga. *Hotel Vincci (Pasillo Sta. Isabel, 7) 20 June & 27 June, 11.00pm. Free entry.*
20 June: Il Caos e Dana.
27 June: Nacho Artacho.


Elena Gálvez Dance School.

SMS Festival
Malaga. *CAC Malaga (Calle Alemania, s/n). 20 & 21 June, 5pm.*
The second edition of Soho Malaga Sound takes place this weekend. The independent music event brings together 13 groups from around the country including Guadalupe Plata, Standstill and Airbag.

Jazz
Marbella. *Hotel Vincci Estrella del Mar, Marbella. 22 June - 30 June, 9.30pm. Free entry.*
22 June: Rosa Ruiz & Foky (Jazz and others)

NYX Trio Recital.

27 June: Baker Street dúo (Jazz)
29 June: Susan Valery (Jazz)
30 June: Sophisticatz (Blues, Soul, Pop)

Flamenco show
Mijas. *Tenencia de Alcaldía (La Cala de Mijas). 26 June, 9.30pm. €10.*
Flamenco show by dance company Aznar Valverde. For information and reservations call 685 850 422.

Dance Performance
Nerja. *Nerja Cultural Centre (Calle Granada, 45). 21 June, 9pm. €5.*
Students from the Elena Gálvez Dance School present choreography from their courses.

PamMusic International Music Day
Torremolinos. *Shelter Music (Avda. Carlota Alessandri, 127). 21 June, 10.30am-12.30pm. Free entry.*
The "Music family" mini-workshop group of musical expression for families will be taking place at 11.15am. The day will culminate with the Summer Music Festival, which will begin at 12.30pm and will feature vocal, guitar, piano, saxophone, flute and drum performances from the students of the school. Those who wish may make a voluntary donation of €1.

EVENTS

4th Ed. of Cherry Day
Alfarnate. *21 June, 12pm.*
From noon on Saturday thousands of people will be coming from far and wide for the ninth edition of this cherry-tasting event. There will be musical performances, fandangos, orchestral performances typical of the region and flamenco shows in addition to the 600kg of cherries available for sale and for tasting, as well as the other local products and typical dishes being sold on the twenty stalls (such as morrete, a kind of omelette).

Artesan Flower Market
Benahavís. *20-22 June.*
The 'mercado artesanal de las flores' has parades, fire eating, a display of birds of prey and a host of kids activities.

Murder Mystery Play 'Who Killed the Mad Scientist?'
Coín. *Los Arcos (km6 A7059 Coín/Cartama road). 20-21 June, 7.30pm. €12.*
TAPAS (The Andalucia Performing Arts Society) will perform 'Who Killed the Mad Scientist'. It's Doctor Frankenstein meets Sherlock Holmes in this humorous, gothic tale of Victorian skulduggery. Ticket price includes one course dinner of chicken and chips (vegetarian available upon request.) Box Office Tel 635 293714.

El Campanario Charity Gala
Granada. *El Campanario Golf & Country House (after Diana Park Hotel, Ctra. N340, Km 168, Estepona 29688, Málaga). 27 June. €80 per individual, €800 per table.*
Charity gala evening within the club's surroundings to raise money for ACISS, an association which flies doctors from Malaga to Ghana to provide lifesaving medical treatment. A welcome drink and canapés will be provided to all ticket holders, and the menu will include lobster and chocolate truffles. Andres Martinez will be singing live on the terrace.

International Day
Mijas Costa. *St. Anthony's College (Camino de Coin, Km 5.25) 20 June, 2.30pm.*
Celebrating a wide range of cultures and nationalities, the event will include international dishes, cakes, drinks, costumes, games, and activities, music and dance for children and parents. All welcome.

The shortest night
Malaga. *Museum of Glass and Crystal. (Plazuela Santísimo Cristo de la Sangre, 2) 21 June, 10pm. €5.*
The Museum of Glass and Crystal celebrates the beginning of summer with a noctural visit. One can experience the beauty of crystal by night and the San Felipe Neri church. Tickets must be bought in advance. In honor of the 5th Anniversary of the museum, there is also a new painting on display by José Antonio Díaz Barberán.

Nacho Artacho.

El Balneario Summer Party
Malaga. *Baños del Carmen (Paseo Cerrado de Calderón, 18). 20 June, 9pm. €20 in advance, €25 on the door.*
To mark the start of summer the beachfront Baños del Carmen (also known as El Balneario) is hosting a summer party. Includes live music and free cocktail on entrance. To reserve a ticket or find out more information phone: 637 502 568.

International Cultural Forum
Nerja. *Sala Mercado (Plaza de la Ermita, 12), Nerja Cultural Centre (Calle Granada, 45) and Salón de la Cueva de Nerja. 20-22 June.*
A range of arts, cultural, science and spiritual events take place this weekend at the eighth edition of Nerja's International Forum. For more information visit: http://www.foroacce.com/

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San Juan festivities and fireworks mark the longest day

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As the tilt of our planet's semi axis is inclined closer towards the sun, one of the biggest celebrations in Spain takes place.

Marking the year's longest day, its shortest night, and the start of the holidays, the summer solstice is steeped in superstition and history and has been of great significance in many cultures and civilisations for thousands of years. In Spanish culture, the celebrationalso coincides with the eve of the feast of John the Baptist, on 23rd June.

Despite many traditions pertaining to paganism having died out through years of strong Christian influence, there are a few that have survived.

People of all ages will be taking part in the large bonfires that light up the Costa del Sol each year by throwing in old unwanted items or wishes written down on pieces of paper, and as the feast coincides with the end of the exam period, many students too will be bidding their books farewell by burning them on the beaches.

'Juanillo' or 'Júa' figures will also be burnt, and tradition has it that hopping over the bonfire on the night of San Juan will burn away burdens and troubles, and perhaps bring good fortune and fertility.

Around midnight, hundreds will also be descending into the sea to make three wishes.

If you can, it is recommended to visit towns where San Juan is the patron saint such as Alhaurín de la Torre and Arroyo de La Miel.

David Civera, Cantores de Híspalis and Sergio Contreras will be entertaining this year's crowds as well as others in Alhaurín de la Torre. 20 June will see the choosing of the Gala King and Queen in the town along with performances by Agrupación Folclórica Solera and others and the firework display.

The following days will include a children's party, a feria with paella and drinks tasting, and performances from the aforementioned artists.

As well as in Alhaurín de la Torre, the Feria de San Juan is celebrated yearly around 24 June in Arroyo de la Miel in Benalmádena.

There is usually a week long party with music, fairgrounds, flamenco and various cultural events.

As many of the towns will be hosting special activities and firework displays, it is certainly a unique celebration not to be missed.

SAN JUAN 2014

▶ **What.** Noche de San Juan

▶ **Alhaurín de la Torre:** Caseta Principal, 20 June - 24 June

▶ **Arroyo de la Miel:** Plaza de la Mezquita, 23 - 29 June

A city of cultural encounters

Architectural clues throughout Malaga display a blend of three distinct cultures

Gibralfaro castle

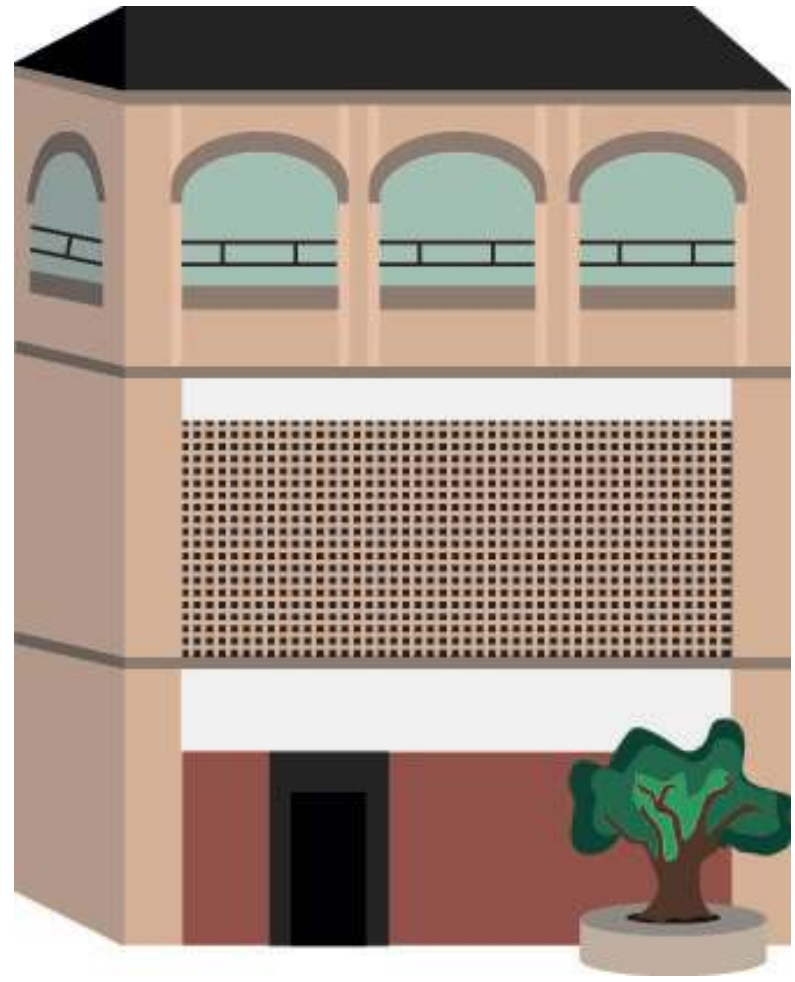
Malaga, being one of the oldest cities in Europe, has been a place of diverse cultural exchanges over many centuries

:: CARMEN ALCARAZ

The history of Malaga has been influenced by the fact that it is one of the oldest cities in Europe, the gateway from the Mediterranean sea to the Iberian península.

The province has been inhabited since time immemorial, as can be seen from the dolmens in Antequera and the wall paintings inside the Nerja Cave, which could be the first work of art known to Man. However, the Phoenicians were the first to settle in this region as a civilisation and they were followed by a succession of peoples who found the pleasant Malaga landscapes an ideal place to establish themselves and to trade.

This multiculturalism was at its greatest between the 7th and 9th centuries when, after the fall of the Byzantine Empire, the Arabs conquered the area and founded the kingdom of Al-Andalus, which included Malaga. Three different peoples with their respective cultures and beliefs coexisted in most of the province. Muslims and Jews mainly lived in the streets of the city, in relatively differentiated districts and areas. The Christians were the minority in those days, but they became the main



Múdejar Tower

inhabitants of the city with the arrival of the Catholic monarchs.

When the Arabs took control, they set up an Islamic system which was based on the development of the towns and the proliferation of irrigated fields and farms in rural areas. They built a wall around the city, guarded by five huge gates of which the names Puerta Oscura and Puerta del Mar still remain. In addition, an important pottery industry grew up in the rural area, beside the districts in which the Genoese merchants and the Jewish community lived.

Muslim Malaga

A walk through the Moorish remains of the city just has to begin at the Alcazaba, the palace and fortress of the rulers. Built between the 11th and 15th centuries, it sits upon the remains of a previous Phoenician building on the side of the Gibralfaro hill, in the historic city centre. It is designed as a series of rectangular patios and passageways around its gardens and ponds. The military aspect of this palace makes it one of the most important Moorish remains in Spain, with its towers, battlements and other defensive features. Although it no longer remains today, it is known that in the same area there used to be a district with an advanced system of sewage disposal and with latrines in almost every house, unlike fuedal Europe of that time.

The Alcazaba is connected with the Gibralfaro Castle via a steep mountain passageway, but it is advisable to visit it by using the number 35 bus line. This construction must have existed before the Roman domination, but it was the Moors who strengthened the fortress and converted it into a castle. For a while it was considered the most impregnable fortress in Spain, with its two lines of walls and eight towers. Divided into two parts, the upper part is known as the principal patio and this is where the Information Centre is located, and where its history is shown through its inhabitants. The lower area, or courtyard, held the troops' barracks and the stables.

Very close to the Alameda Principal and Calle Larios, the backbone of the city, is Calle Carretería, which, like its neighbours, still retains the layout of the wall of the Moorish Medina, of which some stretches still remain along the way. As one end is a passageway leading to the Guadalmedina river, whose name means 'the river of the city' in Arabic. It passes beside the Atarazanas market, which was built on a naval workshop of Nasrid origin, something which influenced its design and its name. The architecture of its main entrance is in Neo-Arabic style with Nasrid and Caliphal elements.

Jewish Malaga

The Jewish presence in Malaga is documented in 612, a century before the Moorish invasion. After this took place, they conformed to the new regulations and settled in the Jewish Quarter of the city. This district was between Calle Alcazabilla and Calle Granada, including the streets of Santiago, Zegrí and Postigo de San Agustín. The latter two, and in general the whole area, still retains a mediaeval ambience. The synagogue was built in the Alcazabilla gardens and the Jewish cemetery was on the Alcazaba hill.

When Malaga was conquered by the Catholic Monarchs, the Sephardic community were evicted from their homes and expelled. The houses and gardens were given to Christian families, who later built over them.

From this period, the layout of the streets of the district still remains, characterised by narrow cobbled passageways which offered shelter and fresh air and were organised around the religious centre. At the moment, a Mudejar tower has just been restored and it houses the Ben Gabirol Visitors Centre. This building, as well as being used for tourist information purposes, is an information centre about the Jewish Quarter of Malaga and the figure of the Jewish-Andalusí philosopher and poet Ben Gabriol, who is also known as Avicebrón. Just beside this building is the recently restored Plaza de la Judería, and there are plans to build a synagogue and Sephardic museum in the area.

Church of Santiago

Christian Malaga

After the first centuries of Muslim domination, few Christians remained in Malaga. Some moved to the mountainous region of the province, others fled to Christian lands and most of those who remained converted to Islam.

In 1487 the Catholic Monarchs reconquered the city, using the Moorish fortress of Gibralfaro as a detention centre for the population and the vanquished army.

During the process of Christianisation, numerous churches and religious centres were constructed but without a doubt the one which best represents Christian control of the city is the Cathedral, La Catedral de la Encarnación. Built over the Main Mosque of the city, its architecture is a mixture of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassic, due to the 254 years it took to build. The southern tower was never finished, which is why the cathedral is known locally as 'La Manquita', or 'Little one-armed lady'.

As soon as the Christians took control, they built four churches in the city: El Sagrario, which is dedicated to San Pedro, San Juan, Santiago and Santos Mártires. Later, the urban layout of the city changed and new buildings were constructed. The churches and monasteries which had been built outside the walled area were included into it, bringing the population together and creating districts such as La Trinidad and El Perchel, which are now the oldest in Malaga.

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"My cancer is like a cobweb"

The ex model María Pineda has been fighting one of the deadliest forms of lung cancer - known as bronchioalveolar cancer - for the last five years

:: RUBÉN CAÑIZARES

MALAGA. Her name first became famous when she entered the Miss Spain competition in 1978 in which she came runner up. This served to thrust her into the limelight and a successful career in modelling, both here and abroad, during the 80s and 90s.

Later on, her love affair with the flamenco dancer, Joaquín Cortés, propelled her again into the pages of the tabloids. In fact, everything was looking very rosy for María Pineda (born in Malaga, 7 November 1960), the beautiful Andalusian with the enchanting smile.

However everything changed in 2009. At the age of 48 she was diagnosed with cancer, the Achilles heel in her family. "From 2007 to 2009 I had been feeling tired and depressed. I didn't know what was wrong with me.

"I remember going to a performance of Sara Baras three days before I was supposed to be leaving for India, where I was working for the Fundación Vicente Ferrer. I became extremely ill in those 72 hours, was admitted to the Hospital Universitario in Madrid and had to cancel the trip. At first they thought it could be TB or pneumonia. Six weeks later, the results of a biopsy confirmed something far more serious. I had lung cancer", she says. And it wasn't just cancer. What María had was bronchioalveolar, one of the deadliest forms.

A genetic legacy

"My cancer is typically found in Asian women and non smokers, but somehow I had got it. The worst thing is they cannot operate, it is like a spider's web. The only cure is to have chemotherapy for the rest of my life to keep it under control.

"It is genetic. Many family members have had it. My parents both died of it. My mother's seven brothers too. They all died from cancer", she explains.

Before the chemo sessions which she undergoes every 21 days in the Carlos Haya Hospital in Malaga, María went to the States and to Germany, where, thanks to hyperthermia treatment, her quality of life has improved. "It is the way forward in cancer treatment. The process consists of heating the tumour (up to 28 degrees centigrade) to weaken it. It is very costly, but in Germany and Italy it is paid for by the state. Not here though and I hope it happens soon", she says.

"My cancer is genetic. My parents and seven of my mother's brothers died from it"

"My doctors are marvellous and the treatment I'm having is great, but the secondary effects from the chemo are very bad"

Keeping positive

This method of treating cancer was discovered by her close friend, Carla Duval (she died of cervical cancer in 2010). From her she learnt a lot on how to tackle the disease:

"I try to help everyone around me who is also having a hard time to keep optimistic. I am going to enjoy life right up until the end, no matter how ill I am. I have to keep positive. This is what Carla always told me," she says, her voice full of affection for her friend.

María has been fighting the disease now for five years. She has experienced sudden weight changes, lost the hair of her eyelashes and eyebrows and her joints have been destroyed by the chemo.

María Pineda, ex model, who was diagnose

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The introduction of radiotherapy at the birth of the 20th century, followed in the fifties by cytotoxic chemotherapy opened the era of modern oncolgy science. Helped along by the powerful statistical methods that lie at the heart of the large clinical trials, a multidisciplinary science emerged that gathered togheter surgeons, radiotherapists, medical oncologists, pathologists an many other medical specialties that achieved remarkable results in the figth against the disease.

The fight against chilhood cancer has been one of particularly rsuccesful, with the mortaly rate dropping dramatically in the last 50 years. Considerable improvements in treatments mean that for every ten children diagnosed with cancer, almost eight (78%) will survive for five years or more, compared with just three in ten (28%) in the late 1960s. Leukemia, lymphomas, germ cell tumors have an excellent prognosis. And the mortality curves of most solid tumor of adults have started a very promising downward shift.

Hard work combined with inventive, resourcefulness and ingenuity have produce astonishing results. Consider Glivec, a drug that is able to obliterate chronic myelogenous leukemia and GIST, a rare sarcoma of the abdomen wich whom it shares the same genetic alteration: the activation of the oncogene c-KIT.

Or perhaps ipilimumab, the new wonder drug in the therapy of metastatic melanoma; it has increased survival at 5 years from virtually nil to almost 20 per cent, and, never mind, it does nor even attack the tumor cell!. Instead it gets the breaks out of the patient inmune system and allows it to figth the tumor.

Of the many wonders designed to figth cancer that are being diseigned my favourite is one catheter called chemosat, manufactured by an american company named Delcath. It is used to administer chemotherapy to patients that have metastases in the liver wich are too big or too many for surgery. The catheter is placed in an artery leading into the liver and the chemotherapy is injected directly into the liver; well, up to this point nothing is different from other forms of regional therapy; The funny part begins when another catheter is placed in the vena cava to collect the blood that comes out of the liver loaded with the chemo, and passes it through a purifier filter before sending it back to the blood stream free of chemotherapy! And a second very intelligent twist: the drug used for the chemotherapy, melphalan, is very gentle with normal cells of the liver, so a very high concentration of chemo is achieved with little toxicity from it. Make an appointment and get further information at:
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ed with a particularly virulent form of lung cancer five years ago. :: JOSÉ RAMÓN LADRA

After a period of treatment in Madrid during which she did not feel entirely satisfied with the results, she has found the perfect place in her own home town.

The Carlos Haya Hospital, now called the Hospital Regional de Málaga, is one of the most advanced in treating lung cancer nationally and internationally.

"Miracle" doctors

"My oncologist, Manuel Cobos, and my traumatologist, Cecilio Casermeiro, are marvellous. I am following the treatment and doing great, but the side effects of chemo are very high and I'm not sure if I can continue with the suffering for the rest of my life. Chemo therapy destroys you inside. The key role of my doctors is to minimise the damage.

"It is because of these two doctors that I live in Malaga and, above all, because of doctor Casermeiro, the miracle doctor," she explains emotionally.

"I have 'miracle doctor'; he works using natural methods and gives me a better quality of life"

The methods used by the doctor who specialises in dealing with trauma pain is a blessing for his patients. "He works using natural methods and has given me a much better quality of life.

"I have seen elderly people confined to wheelchairs that have been able to stand and take a few steps thanks to his abilities," relates the ex model. Another natural remedy that María uses is vitamin C. Each time she travels to Madrid from Malaga, doctor Víctor Méndez gives her an injection.

"It helps prevent the chemo from doing too much damage and helps the body to resist infections."

María has had a very difficult winter - she caught pneumonia which very nearly killed her. Now she has recovered, and with summer just around the corner, she has some good news.

"We've got the disease under control, it's sleeping. I am feeling much better and in a few months I'm going to tie the knot with my partner."

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"With good publicity, the clinics will fill up with health tourists"

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Enric Mayolas during the interview with SUR. :: YHASMINA GARCÍA

MALAGA. Good publicity and working together will promote Malaga's private health service abroad - these are the keys to making health tourism profitable. According to Enric Mayolas, an expert in health and health tourism, if things are done right, clinics on the Costa del Sol will be filled with medical tourists. Mayolas recently participated in a conference in Malaga.

–As the chair of Tourism, Health and Wellbeing, you have been invited to lecture in Malaga. What are the main elements on which you base your thesis?

–I concentrate on the health tourism phenomenon, which is a very simple thing, but we make it very complicated. It's about seeing how we can organise the flow of people who are looking for treatment outside their home country or city and travel from where they live to where they can receive treatment.

–How did the concept of health tourism arise?

–It started around seven to eight years ago, I suppose. The problem is when you all sit round a table together and start debating you realise that everyone is talking about different issues. In short, health tourism refers to people that are looking for treatment away from home, either on their own initiative or because the government in their country has an agreement with another nation. The reason for the trip may be that the treatment that is needed is not available where they live or that the treatment is cheaper elsewhere, because of legal restrictions, or purely to look for the best doctors available.

–What can Spain in general and the Costa del Sol in particular offer the health tourist?

–I believe that here in Spain we have an excellent health service but they do not know this overseas. We have not created nor promoted the brand yet. This is an important obstacle to attracting people here. The brand, whether it is the Costa del Sol, Andalucía or Spain has to be put 'out there' and inspire trust. Spain has to provide an image that people will be convinced by. We have to explain that the system is very good, very transparent, that we offer good value, have an airport, etc. The regions in Spain that have a strong tourist image and which develop a strong image for health tourism, will have a lot to gain.

–Malaga and the Costa del Sol are well known tourist destinantions. That is to say, they already have something that will grab the attention of the sick, don't you think?

–Of course, but you have to make a good job of explaining that, besides the beaches and the sunshine, there are quality private clinics and health services too. The way to promote this is at fairs, conferences and other channels. You have to look at health tourism as an industry. And we need to work together. If everyone goes about it in their own way it just won't work as the competition is so high. To find a place as a quality brand for health tourism in the international market, you have to work as a team. It is also neccessary to have medical interpreters that can translate the words of the professionals.

–The hotel and health sectors of the province of Malaga are placing a lot of hope in the arrival of foreign patients. Do you think you can fulfill their expectations?

–This is a complex project. Health tourism moves thousands of people a year, not millions. Nor will it fill hotels in the low season.

It is a business which is bound to be profitable, but believe me, that will not happen overnight. We'll probably have to wait at least a couple of years to see the results. The Costa del Sol has many elements that could help this project to succeed. Therefore the promotion of this project needs to be grouped under a common brand. If it's done right, the clinics will be filled. It is vitally important to have a strategy and a brand that will work in the overseas market.

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Spain crash out of the World Cup

Germany and Holland are strong contenders for the title after La Roja's early exit

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The biggest footballing event on the planet got under way last week and there have already been some major upsets and controversies.

The hosts, Brazil, got off to a fantastic start by beating Croatia 3-1. Although the scoreline seems convincing, the Brazilians seemed nervous in front of their home crowd; many people feel Croatia were robbed due to some terrible refereeing.

Brazil's second game saw them play Mexico in one of the most thrilling 0-0 draws in recent history. Recently-released Guillermo Ochoa had the game of his life in goal, making a total of five world-class saves to keep the Mexicans in the game, including a pointblank stop from a Thiago Silva bullet header.

Following Croatia's 4-0 victory over Cameroon, Brazil are placed first with Mexico who are level on points in second. Croatia sit in third on three points. Cameroon were knocked out of the competition after this defeat.

Holding champions Spain have been eliminated at the group stage following two extremely poor performances, and two impressive displays by both Holland and Chile. The Dutch came out flying in this competition as they ripped the Spaniards apart in a 5-1 victory.

Mexico's Ochoa denied Brazil their second win with a spectacular performance in goal

Holland have won both their opening two games and have scored eight goals in the process

The Chile game was a different story. Del Bosque opted for a slightly changed lineup, but the Chilean's moved the ball with such precision and ease around the Spanish defence that they simply could not keep up. A questionable goalkeeping decision by Casillas delivered the final blow in their 2-0 defeat.

Holland's second group game saw them narrowly beat Australia 3-2 in what could have easily been a victory for the Socceroos. Tim Cahill scored the goal of the tournament to level the scores at 1-1 with an outrageous over-the-shoulder first time volley on his weak foot. Following this result, both Chile and Holland have qualified from Group B and Australia and Spain leave the competition.

Unlucky England

England faced the much feared Andrea Pirlo and his Italian side in their first game. Following the disappointing pre-tournament friendlies for Roy Hodgson's squad, England played some very attractive football, but once again they did not anticipate or plan for Pirlo, who once again controlled the game with his delicate passing. The match finished 2-1 to Italy and England face an uphill battle to qualify from Group D (they faced Uruguay last night).

Many football pundits and fans have selected Argentina as favourites to win the competition, but after seeing their lacklustre performance against Bosnia, some may be rethinking their bets. It took Argentina until the second to half liven up with Lionel Messi scoring his first world cup goal since 2006. Argentina won 2-1, however if they perform like that against some other big sides, the competition may not be as successful for them as previously expected.

The Germans, the mighty Ger-

mans: Portugal stood no chance in their opening game, even with Cristiano Ronaldo on the field who was kept quiet all game by Jerome Boateng. From minute one Germany looked favourites to win. The ball moved effortlessly around the pitch and more often than not ended up in a Thomas Müller goal, as he scored the tournament's first hat-trick.

Müller now has now scored eight goals in nine shots on target during World Cups and he looks to continue that record in this outstanding German side. The game ended 4-0 to Germany, a strong contender for the final and maybe a deserved winner.

Müller celebrates scoring with Götze and Khedira. :: REUTERS

Dark horses

Alongside Germany, the French also looked very convincing in their opening game which saw them win 3-1 against Honduras. The Hondurans are renowned for their dirty style of football but Les Bleus prevailed in what was one of the most impressive performances of the World Cup so far. Antoine Griezmann shone in the place of Franck Ribéry and it seems like the Bayern Munich winger will not be missed much during this campaign.

The dark horses of the competition, Colombia, showed everyone why they should be considered as threats as they beat Greece convincingly by three goals to nil in their opening game. This match was also of importance as they proved that Falcao's absence would not be a hindrance to the national side.

Another underdog in the competition is Belgium. Marc Wilmot's team went 1-0 down to Algeria through a clear penalty given away by Jan Vertonghen. The Belgians didn't look too special for the first 45 minutes, but as soon as Dries Mertens was bought into the game, the dynamics changed and with a Marouane Fellaini header and a Mertens strike, the game was turned and Belgium came out victorious.

The United States scored the quickest of the tournament as Clint Dempsey put them 1-0 up against Ghana within 40 seconds. Ghana did come back into the game but it wasn't enough as they lost their opening game 2-1 to Jürgen Klinsmann's side.

PAUL BREEN-TURNER
FROM THE COMMENTARY BOX

BLAME DEL BOSQUE

It's difficult to find the words to explain the hurt and deception that surrounds Spain's shock elimination from the World Cup. The Spanish media have tried to put a positive slant on things by thanking the team for an incredible six years where they won two Euros and a World Cup.

The uncomfortable truth, however, is that this is not ageing as the media has said so much. If that was the case, we can write off Argentina, the tournament's 'pensioners', with an average age of 29 compared to Spain's 28.

La Roja's disaster was more about calamity tactics by the usually so reliable coach Vicente del Bosque. This well respected and intelligent man got sucked into changing everything for one man, Diego Costa. When Atlético's Brazilian-born star striker chose Spain over his home nation there was euphoria here, and anger in Brazil.

I was a little worried as Spain perform brilliantly with a false 9 formation which Costa wouldn't fit into. Many expected Del Bosque to start with the system that won them the big prize four years ago by using David Villa (5 goals in the last World Cup) or Cesc Fàbregas as an extra attacking midfielder. The formation was changed to accommodate Spain's new favourite son. It immediately backfired with the 5-1 humiliation against Holland.

Del Bosque did not return to the false 9 against Chile - Costa hardly got a kick. To make matters worse, the coach then brought on Torres just as he did against the Dutch. The rest is history and Spain have left the tournament through the back door without showing us the enormous talent we know they have.

It's sad to see such a great team fall from grace so dramatically; it's for this reason that Vicente del Bosque must step down and allow changes to take place with or without Diego Costa.

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4. CROATIA	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
3. CAMEROON	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. HOLLAND	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
2. CHILE	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
3. AUSTRALIA	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
4. SPAIN	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. COLOMBIA	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
2. I. COAST	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3. JAPAN	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
4. GREECE	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. COSTA RICA	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
2. ITALY	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3. ENGLAND	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
4. URUGUAY	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. FRANCE	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
2. SUI	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3. ECUADOR	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
4. HONDURAS	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP F

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. ARGENTINA	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
2. IRAN	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
3. NIGERIA	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
4. BOS-HERCE	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP G

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. GERMANY	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
2. USA	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3. GHANA	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
4. PORTUGAL	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

GROUP H

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. BELGIUM	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3. RUSSIA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
4. S. KOREA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
2. ALGERIA	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

GROUP STAGE

	12 Thursday	13 Friday	14 Saturday	15 Sunday	16 Monday	17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday	22 Sunday	23 Monday	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday	26 Thursday
Río de Janeiro Maracaná				Argentina vs. Bosnia **2-1**			Spain vs. Chile **0-2**				Belgium vs. Russia **18.00h.**			Ecuador vs. France **22.00h.**	
Brasilia Estadio Nacional				Switzerland vs. Ecuador **2-1**				Colombia vs. Ivory Coast *				Cameroon vs. Brazil **22.00h.**			Portugal vs. Ghana **18.00h.**
Sao Paulo Itaquera	Brazil vs. Croatia **3-1**							Uruguay vs. England *				Holland vs. Chile **18.00h.**			South Korea vs. Belgium **22.00h.**
Fortaleza Arena Castelao			Uruguay vs. Costa Rica **1-3**			Brazil vs. Mexico **0-0**				Alemania vs. Ghana **21.00h.**			Greece vs. Ivory Coast **22.00h.**		
Recife A. Pernambuco			Ivory Coast vs. Japan **2-1**						Italy vs. Costa Rica **18.00h.**			Croatia vs. Mexico **22.00h.**			USA vs. Germany **18.00h.**
Salvador Fonte Nova		Spain vs. Hollanda **1-5**			Germany vs. Portugal **4-0**				Switzerland vs. France **21.00h.**					Bosnia vs. Iran **18.00h.**	
Porto Alegre Beira Rio				France vs. Honduras **3-0.**			Australia vs. Holland **2-3**				South Korea vs. Algeria **21.00h.**			Nigeria vs. Argentina **18.00h.**	
Belo Horizonte Mineirao			Colombia vs. Greece **3-0**			Belgium vs. Algeria **2-1**				Argentina vs. Irán **18.00h.**			Costa Rica vs. England **18.00h.**		
Manaos Arena da Amazonia			England vs. Italy **1-2**				Cameroon vs. Croatia **0-4**				USA vs. Portugal **00.00h.**			Honduras vs. Switzerland **22.00h.**	
Natal Estadio das Dunas		Mexico vs. Cameroon **1-0**			Ghana vs. USA **1-2**			Japan vs. Greece *					Italy vs. Uruguay **18.00h.**		
Cuiabá Gov. José Fragelli		Chile vs. Australia **3-1**				Russia vs. South Korea **1-1**				Nigeria vs. Bosnia **00.00h.**			Japan vs. Colombia **22.00h.**		
Curitiba Arena da Baixada					Iran vs. Nigeria **0-0**				Honduras vs. Ecuador **00.00h.**			Australia vs. Spain **18.00h.**			Algeria vs. Russia **22.00h.**

(*) Played last night

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ROUND OF 16

Saturday 28 **18.00 h.**	1st GROUP A vs. 2nd GROUP B	Saturday 28 **22.00 h.**	1st GROUP C vs. 2nd GROUP D	Sunday 29 **18.00 h.**	1st GROUP B vs. 2nd GROUP A	Sunday 29 **22.00 h.**	1st GROUP D vs. 2nd GROUP C	Monday 30 **18.00 h.**	1st GROUP E vs. 2nd GROUP F	Monday 30 **22.00 h.**	1st GROUP G vs. 2nd GROUP H	Tuesday 1 **18.00 h.**	1st GROUP F vs. 2nd GROUP E	Tuesday 1 **22.00 h.**	1st GROUP H vs. 2nd GROUP G
Belo Horizonte		Rio de Janeiro		Fortaleza		Recife		Brasilia		Porto Alegre		Sao Paulo		Salvador	

IN BRIEF

Capello is the World Cup's most expensive manager

HE EARNS 9.6 MILLION EUROS

:: The manager of Russia, Fabio Capello, leads the ranking of the World Cup's most highly paid managers, according to the magazine Forbes. The Italian earns 9.6 million euros, above Brazil's Luiz Felipe Scolari (6.2 million), England's Roy Hodgson (5.5), Italy's Prandelli (4.1), Germany's Löw (3.4) and Spain's Del Bosque (3.4).

Fabio Capello.

Pele suspects there will be more surprises

HE PICKS OUT GERMANY

:: The former Brazil player said this week that after the first section of the competition there are no clear favourites for the title, although he does believe there will be surprises. He believed that Germany are the strongest European team and talking of Brazil, he said how they now have a strong and well organised defence but still have some difficulties in attack.

Rakitic completes move to Barcelona

BARCELONA

:: The Croatian midfielder, who has played for Sevilla since 2011, signed for Barcelona earlier this week in a deal that will keep him at the club for five years. Ivan Rakitic, 26, plays as an attacking midfielder and has been bought to replace the outgoing Cesc Fàbregas who has signed for Chelsea. Rakitic is the second purchase of new Barcelona manager, Luis Enrique, after André Ter Stegen.

No yellow cards after the quarter-finals

FIFA RULE

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The price for visitors is 100€ and at a reduced rate of 50€ for Santa Maria members. All proceeds will be going to the Fuensocial charity (based in Fuengirola) which is the Parent's Association for physical, sensory and mentally disabled children and adults. It is also possible to attend the evening only and entries are being taken by Gary O'Neill on 952 931 769 / 666 644 910.

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Players and organisers of the tournament, last weekend in El Paraíso. :: JOSELE-LANZA

Final qualifying round of the SUR in English Golf Tour

12 more golfers qualified for the final of the tour that will take place on 28 June at Los Flamingos course in Benahavís

:: ALBERTO GÓMEZ

ESTEPONA. El Paraíso course, in Estepona, hosted the final qualifying round of the SUR in English 30th Anniversary Golf Tour last weekend. This was the last opportunity for players to progress to the grand final that will take place on 28 June at Villa Padierna complex, which includes one of the world's best hotels.

Andreas Maaland, Iván Rudiez and Javier Peréz came first, second and third in the higher category, while Saúl Naz, Carlo Nuvoletta and Jaime Parladé were the top three in the lower category. All these golfers have qualified for the final of the tournament.

The first three rounds of the tour took place at Atalaya and Río Real, in Marbella, and Doña Julia, in Casares, among the most important courses on the Costa del Sol.

El Paraíso course was designed in 1973 by Gary Player, who is said to be one of the best golfers of all time. Located in the valley of the same name, the course is set among pine and palm trees and has a par of 71. Each year it hosts the Andalusian PGA tour and the 18 holes are challenging for both amateur and professional players. The participants in last week's event praised the good conditions of the course.

The 30 years circuit is organised by SUR in English and Costa del Golf. It is sponsored by the Mancomunidad de Municipios de la Costa del Sol Occidental (the authority that covers several municipalities on the western Costa), Acosol, jewellers Aurelio Marcos, Rivervial Grupo and car dealership C. de Salamanca. Andalucía Golf Select, Golfriends, Turismo Andaluz, BoConcept, Copyrap and the courses where the five rounds take place: Río Real, El Paraíso, Villa Padierna, Atalaya and Doña Julia have all collaborated with organisers.

STANDINGS

First category

1. Olan Andreas Maaland
2. Ivan Rudiez Smargiassi
3. Javier Pérez Gómez
4. Francisco Javier Cintas
5. Peter Grutter
6. Ken Spencer
7. Gonzalo García Frías

Second category

1. Víctor Saúl Naz
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4. Manuel Alguacil Sevilla
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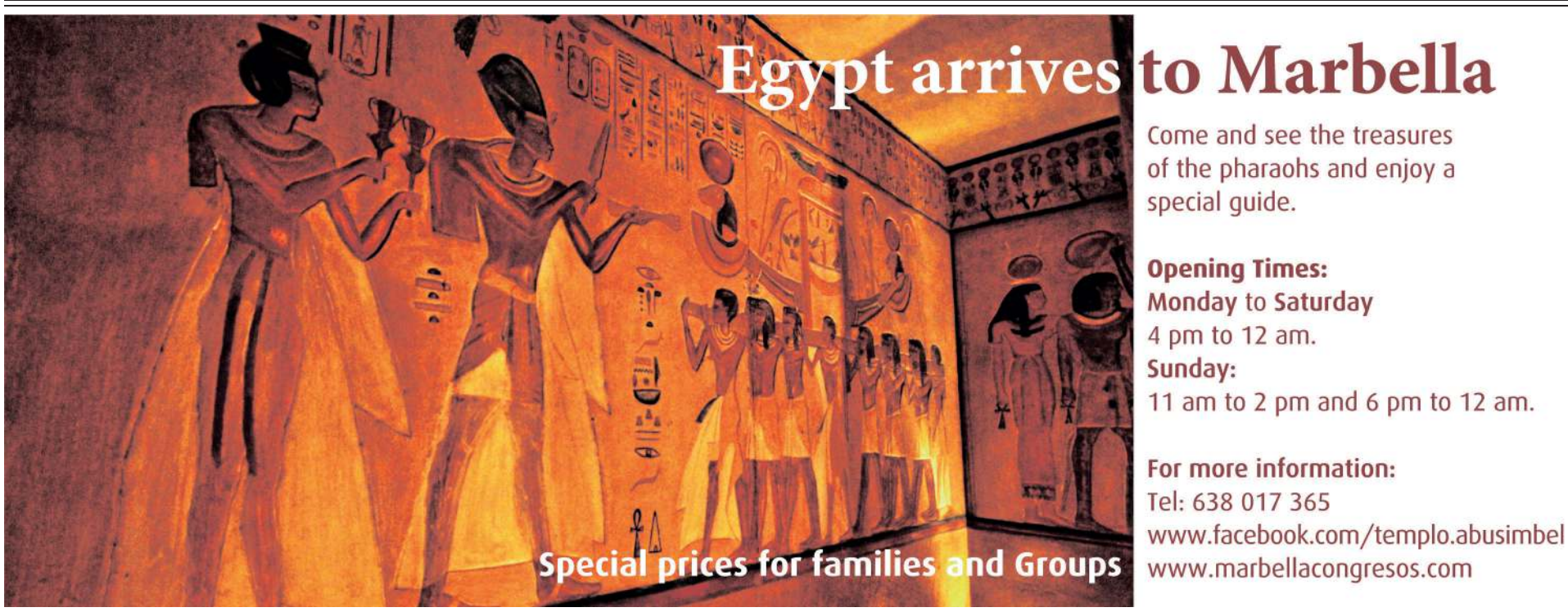
▲ **Lawn Bowls.** Graham and Ann Rowley won the first FootBowl World Cup at Miraflores WC, beating Lenny and Amber and Dineen in the final 2-1. :: SUR

▲ **MotoGP.** Marc Márquez, 21, won his seventh consecutive MotoGP in Catalonia. "It's so nice to win in front of my home fans," he said. Márquez is now on 175 points in the drivers championship, while Valentino Rossi is on second with 117 - five points ahead of Dani Pedrosa. :: EFE



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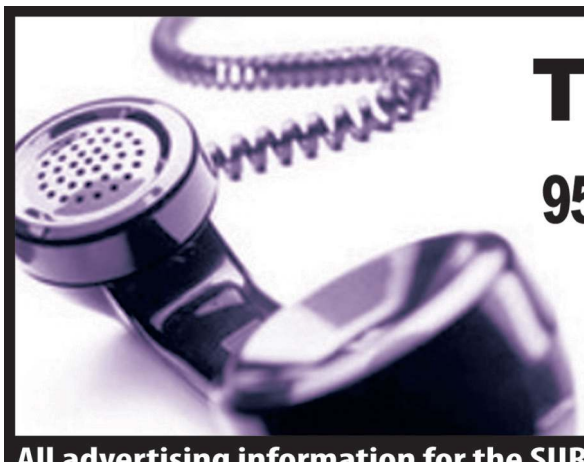

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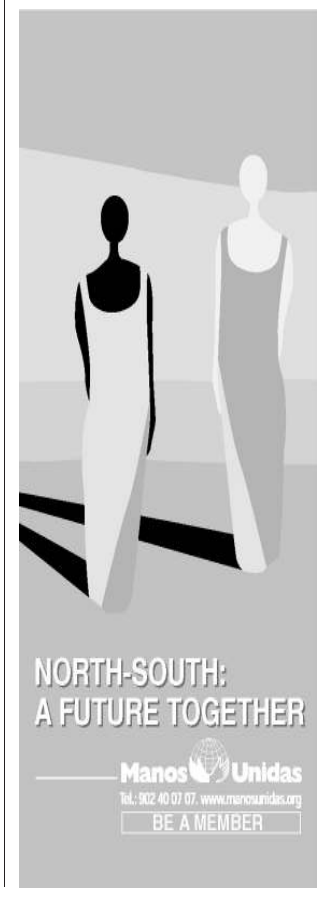

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Malaga, St George's Church (in the English Cemetery, Av. de Príes) Sunday Holy Communion 11am. Contact: 952290173
Torre del Mar, La Antigua Capilla de S. José, Calle Linares 7, Vélez-Málaga. Sundays 10.30am Contact: 952407050.
Salinas, Suspended until further notice.

Anglican Chaplaincy of St. Andrew, Costa del Sol (East)
Chaplaincy Office 952580600.
Los Boliches, St. Andrew's Edif. Jupiter, Avda Padre Jesús Cautivo 74. Sun. 11.30, Wed. 9.30am.
Benalmádena Costa, San José chapel, Carmen Church, Plaza Bonanza, 9:30am. Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sun; MP 2nd and 4th Sun
Calahonda, Ermita de San Miguel, 9.30am. HC 2nd and 4th Sun; MP 1st, 3rd and 5th Sun; Sunday school every Sunday.
Coín, Iglesia Cristo, 2nd and 4th Thurs. at 10.30am.
Alhaurín el Grande: Cemetery Chapel Sun. at 10.30am.

Costa del Sol (West)
San Pedro, Sunday 10.15a.m. (Holy Communion) in hall of the Parroquial Virgen del Rocio;
Sotogrande, Sunday 11.45am. (Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays) in La Iglesia de Nuestra Sra. de la Merced. Chaplaincy House 952808605
Nerja: Sun 12 noon, San Miguel church, Wed. 9.30am. (Church shop, C/Malaga 952 522 460.) Rev. Geoffrey Johnston, 952521339.
Almuñécar: Capilla de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, (Fishermen's chapel) Chinasol. Sun. 9.30am. (not August) Priest as Nerja.
Torre del Mar: St Barnabas IERE, 11am. Morning Prayer 1st and 3rd Sunday, H.C. 2nd and 4th. Lux Mundi centre. 952030461.
Gibraltar: Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Sun 10.30. Tel. 78377.
Benalmádena Costa: Songs of Praise, Interdenominational church service, Castillo Bil Bil. Sun. 5.30pm. Oct. - May. 648666152.

MUSLIM

Marbella: Mezquita del Rey Abdulaziz. Friday 2.30pm. 952774143.
Fuengirola: Mezquita del Centro Cultural Suhail, Parque Doña Sofía. Friday worship 2.30pm. Tel 952473916.
Malaga: Mezquita, C/San Agustín 11. Friday 2.30pm. 952228595.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Marbella: Santo Cristo del Calvario Church, Avda. del Calvario: Holy Mass in English, 11am. every Sunday. Tel: 952774 899.
Fuengirola: Capilla San José, Las Rampas (Upper Level), Daily Mass (in English): Monday-Friday 11am. Saturday 7pm. Sunday 11am.
Fuengirola: Lux Mundi, C/ Nueva Sunday 12 noon
Calahonda: Ermita de San Miguel, 12 Sun.
Benalmádena Costa: Parish Church of La Virgen del Carmen, Avda. Bonanza. Bilingual mass English/Spanish Sunday 10am.
Torre del Mar: Lux Mundi, Avda. Moscatel,1-"I" (antigua Casa de la Viña). Saturday. Winter 5pm, summer 6 pm. 952543334.
Chiclana (Cadiz): Nuestra Señora de Europa church, Urb. Novo Sancti Petri, RC Mass in_English and German, Sunday 10.30am
Pueblo Nuevo de Guadiaro - Sotogrande (Cadiz): Mass in English, Saturday 7pm and Sunday 10.30am at Sanctuario de la Divina Misericodia

METHODIST CHURCH

Gibraltar: Methodist Church, 297 Main Street. Sun 11am and 8pm. +350 200 77491/+350 200 40870. Rev. Fidel Patron.
Sotogrande: La Iglesia de Nuestra Sra. de la Merced 1st and 3rd Sundays 11.45a.m. For more info. call 952 895 102.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Mijas international: 10 am Sun Calle Rueda 7 , Los Boliches, 952469392 / 607521032.
Motril: Sun10 am. C/ Jesús del Gran Poder 34. 958 825665.
Malaga: Sun 10.30 am, C/Babel 1.
Algeciras: Sun 10.30 am. C/Sevilla 43. Tel. 956630894.
Nerja: Sun. 10.30 a.m. C/Granada,83. Tel. 607 522 671

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Torremolinos: Avda Sorolla, Edif. Apolo, planta baja, local 1. Sunday 12.30pm, Wed. 7.30pm. Tel. 952561170.
Fuengirola: Kingdom Hall, Plaza Hispanidad, Service Meeting, Fri 7.30pm. 952469082.
Malaga: C/José Palanca, 20. Service Fri 8pm., Tues 7.15pm.
San Pedro: C/ Amor 6, Fuente Nueva. English: Sun 4pm & Wed 7.30pm. Contact Jan Schoof 952818595. Tagalog: Sun 1.30pm & Tues 7.30pm. Contact David Garrido 637516187.
Torrox Costa: Local 17, Urb Costa de Oro. Sun 11 a.m., Weds 7pm. Tel. 952526740.
Torre del Mar: Calle Infantes, Conjuntos Islas del Sol. Scandinavian Sun 6pm, Thurs 7pm. German Sun 11am and Fri 7pm.
Coín: Calle Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente. Weds 7.30pm, Sun 11.30am. 952499239.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH / BAPTIST CHURCH

Los Boliches: Evangelical Church, at Paseo Marítimo 77. Sun:Worship and Bible teaching at 4pm. Weds: Bible study and prayer 7.30pm. Phone 952460728
Torremolinos: Evangelical Community Church. Sun service 11am, various weekly meetings. C/Gregorio Marañón 4. Tel 952384706
Torremolinos: Gloryhouse International Christian Center. African Pentecostal style service. Sun 11am C/ Danza Invisible, 7/8, Bloque D, Nogalera. Pastor Moses. 679740825, 951210300
Nerja: Fellowship of the King, Pasaje San Miguel, Sun 10.30am 958658439.
Nerja: Community Bible Fellowship, C/ Pintada 35, 2nd floor. English/ Spanish Worship, Sunday 10am. 952521776.
Torre del Mar: Presbyterian. Salon Torre, Hotel Mainake, C/Los Fenicios, 1. Sun 11.30. Rev. Colin Dickson. 654884658.
Torrox Costa: Informal community church meets Thursdays at 11am at El Ancla. Telephone 654884658.
Calahonda: The Evangelical Christian Fellowship, Ermita San Miguel. Sun 4.30pm. Rev. Peter Riggall, 952 588 160.
Arroyo de la Miel: Arroyo Baptist Church, Sun 4pm. Conjunto Zodiaco, Edif. Aries, C/ Sagitario. Tel. 95244796/952386716.
Calahonda: Baptist Church, Calle San Jeronimo 1, Worship Sunday 11 am with Sunday school. Rev. Ian Bell 952831741.
La Línea: Asambleas de Dios. C/San José, 41. Thurs 9pm. Sun 11am & 8 pm.
Marbella: International Christian Fellowship. Sun 11.30 Ed. Aries 42, Urb. Carolina Park. Tel. 952932216 .
Puerto Banús: Christian Church (The Wave) Worship Service: Sun 11am. The Wave Café: Wed 11am. Prayer: Fri 12pm. 637408194/5 puertobanuschurch.com
Salobreña: Fellowship of the King. Sun 5pm. Thurs 11 am. 958658439.
Almuñécar: Fellowship of the King. Sun 11am. Hotel Helios, Weds 10.30am. 958658439.
Almuñécar: Evangelical Reformed Church, C/ Torres Quevedo 5. T958 639 529, 677 699 490. Sunday 11 a.m.
La Viñuela: Fellowship of the King Sunday Worship 11am. Under Maroma Inmobiliaria, Cruce de Puente don Manuel. 952518185.
Gibraltar: Brethren Assembly, Queensway Quay. Sun 11am, Minister Francis Baldachino.
Granada: Granada Christian Family Centre Int, Calle Cercuvalancion Encina No.15, La Chana, Worship- Sun 6pm, 605329074
Benalmádena: Benalmádena Christian Family Centre Int. Calle Carril de Sirocco No.1, Worship- Sun 11am, Fellowship- Friday 7.30pm, 602392139,
Benalmádena Costa: Elim Family F'ship. Sun 11am. Pastor Dave 695115496 www.elimfamilyfellowship.com
San Pedro: Elim Family Fellowship. Sun 3.30pm. 695 115 496
Fuengirola: Ark Christian Fellowship Family Worship. Sun 11am, Las Rampas. Tel.: 952 592 171.
Fuengirola: Christian Family Centre Int. Worship Sun 11am, Fellowship Tue 7.30pm Calle Ricardo Leon No.1. Tel.: 605329074
Fuengirola: Costa del Sol Bible School, Healing Clinic and "The Beauty of Holiness". Rev. Joyce McNaughton 663706806.
Fuengirola: The Way - Christian Counselling Ministry. Tel. 634 369 414 or 663 708 224.
Malaga: Believers Loveworld Inc.(Christ Embassy) Sunday11am, Wed 7pm, Sat 5pm. C/Cantimpla 11, Av. de Europa 951955354/672805789.
Malaga: Malaga Heaven´s Gate Ministry Int, Calle Inginiero de la Cierra No.30), Worship- Sunday 1pm, Fellowship- Sunday 7.30pm, 605329074
Marbella: House of Judah (Jewish & Gentile Believers) Bilingual Fri. Worship 7.30pm - Alanda Marbella Hotel Tel: 605924555.

DUTCH EVANGELICAL

Fuengirola: Skandinaviska Turistkyran. Ed. M del Carmen. Paseo Marítimo 77 Los Boliches, Sundays 9.30.
Torremolinos: Sun 11.30 in Holland Huis. Ed. Number One. Avda. de Montemar, 10-A.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (PRESBYTERIAN)

Fuengirola: Sun 10.30am at Lux Mundi Ecumenical Centre, C/Nueva 3. Tel 654328016 or 951260982.
Gibraltar: St. Andrew's Church, Sun 10.30am. Tel 20077040.

BAHAI

Bahai Information Office, C/Ricardo Soriano, 35, Marbella.
Marbella: 952 90 21 21
Fuengirola: 951 259 742.
Malaga: 952 214 052.
Benalmádena: 952 442 424.
Alhaurín de la Torre: 952411496.
Rincón de la Victoria: 952 402 870.
Gibraltar: +350 200 73287.

SYNAGOGUES

Torremolinos: Beth Minzi, Av. Palma de Mallorca 55; Castillo San Luis, Local 14. Daily services. 952052550.
Marbella: Beth El, Urb. El Real, Km 184. Services, Fri in summer 8.30pm winter 7pm Sat & holidays 10am 952859395

QUAKERS

Malaga: Quakers (Society of Friends). Info: zvi@gotadsl.co.uk

NORWEGIAN SEAMEN'S CHURCH

Calahonda: El Campanario, Av del Cortijo 3. Sun 4 pm, 952939800 www.sjomannskirken.no/costadelsol

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Fuengirola: Services each Sabbath (Sat) at 10am. Bible study, worship and fellowship. Calle Palangreros, 60. 952456672 / 633716651 ww.adventistasfuengirola.es.

CONSULATES

Great Britain	C/. Mauricio Moro Pareto 2- 2. Málaga	902109356
USA	Av. Juan Gómez 8. Ed. Lucía 1-C. Fuengirola	952474891
Holland	Avda Palma de Mallorca 57, Torremolinos	952380888
Belgium	Carretera de Cádiz, km 202, 29649 Mijas Costa	952599159
Denmark	Calle Córdoba 6 404, Malaga	952211797
Norway	Avda Los Boliches, 60, Edf Rosenkranz, Fuengirola	952667955
Canada	C/Cervantes, Edif. Horizonte, Malaga	952223346
Germany	Mauricio Moro Pareto 2, Malaga	952363591
Sweden	Calle Córdoba 6, 5th floor, Malaga	952604383
Ireland	Avda. Los Boliches, Fuengirola	952475108
France	1, Plaza de Santa Cruz, Seville	954293200
Italy	Calle Lagasca, 98, Madrid	912106910
Austria	Alameda de Colón 26, Malaga	952600267
Finland	Calle Blasco de Garay, 7, Malaga	952212435
Saudi Arabia	Mauricio M. Pareto 2 bloque Sur 2º, Malaga	952310358
Greece	Salitre, 16, Malaga	952311847
Iceland	Paseo Marítimo 91, 29640 Fuengirola	952661200
Philippines	C/Marqués de Larios 4, 2º, Malaga	952222757
Hungary	Av. de Andalucía 26 29007 Malaga	952308393

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES

Emergency operator	112
National Police	091
Local (municipal) Police	092
Medical	061
Fire	080
Guardia Civil	062
Sea Rescue	900202202
Crime report	902102112

ENGLISH-SPEAKING HELP

Samaritans in Spain	902883535
Alcoholics Anonymous	600379110
Age Care	952933409
Age Concern (Estepona)	650163928

ANDALUSIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Salud Responde (doctors' appointments & advice)	902505060

ESTEPONA

Bus Station	952800249
Taxi Service	952802900
Tourist Office	952800913
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	952823409
Taxi Service	952774488
Tourist Office	952771442
Town Hall	952761100
Foreign Residents Dept.	952771442

MIJAS

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

NERJA

Bus Station	902422242
Taxi Service	952520537
Tourist Information	952521531
Town Hall	952548400
Foreign Resident Dept.	952548401

TORREMOLINOS

Bus Station	902143144
Taxi Service	952380600
Tourist Office	952371909
Town Hall	952379400
Foreign Residents Dept.	952374231

BENALMADENA

Bus Station	902450550
Taxi Service	952441545
Tourist Office	952442494
Town Hall	952374231
Foreign Residents Dept.	952442494

VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA

Bus Station	952503162
Taxi	952540016
Town Hall	952559100
Tourist Office	952541104

GIBRALTAR

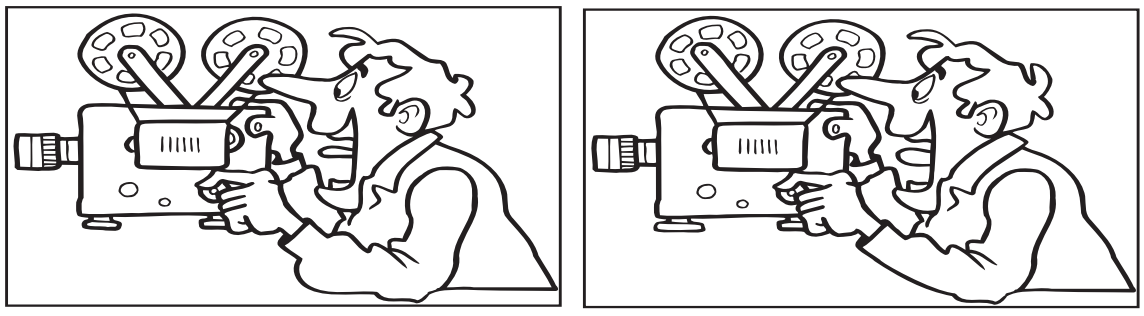
General emergency	199/112(mobiles)
Fire/ambulance (emergency)	190
Tourist Office	(00350) 20074950
Taxi	(00350) 20070027

MALAGA PORT INFORMATION

CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENTS (SOURCE: MALAGA PORT AUTHORITY)

Ship	Date	From	Next port	Docks	Sails
Wind Surf	01/07	Almeria	Cadiz	08.00	17.00
Europa 2	02/07	Cadiz	Valencia	07.00	24.00

THE SEVEN DIFFERENCES



THE STARS

Aquarius
January 21 - February 19
Opportunities come slowly but can mean a boost to finances. Partnerships need attention.

Pisces
February 20th - March 20th
Improving your exercise and relaxation periods will see you through some confusing moments.

Aries
March 21st - April 20th
Those who have a partner receive good news, perhaps regarding a child or marriage in the family.

Taurus
April 21st - May 21st
Lots of possibilities present themselves both at home and work. Your joy is to be able to sort through them.

Gemini
May 22nd - June 21st
Your chance of attracting others is at a pinnacle and blossoming.This could be a time of finding that perfect love.

Cancer
June 22nd - July 23rd
The continued movement of Mars through this week keeps your business and home life full of interest and light changes.

Leo
July 24th - August 23rd
With Mars active for you again, matters move swiftly and sometimes bring surprises! Gossip about someone from your past may reach you.

Virgo
August 24th - September 23rd
Time spent working on your career brings slow but significant results long-term.

Libra
September 24th - October 23rd
Extra energy and enthusiasm is what makes success and you have plenty of it! Travel and new ventures are well aspected.

Scorpio
October 24th - November 22nd
Intuition and creativity really can show you the way forward at this time. Progress should be slow but sure.

Sagittarius
November 23rd - December 21st
In a dynamic week, any changes in plans need dealing with quickly. Jupiter urges you to make your life bigger and better.

Capricorn
December 22nd - January 20th
Foggy communications could mean misunderstandings. Be clear and simple and, ideally, get things in writing.

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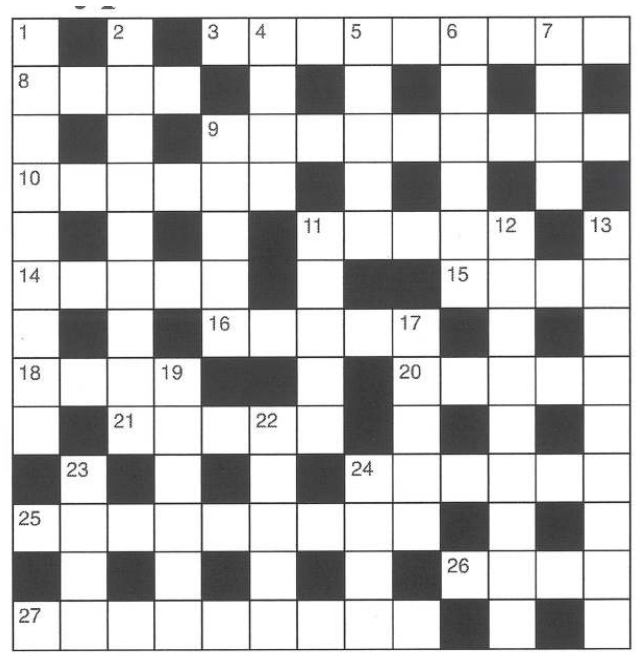


Across

3. Fell in love, but became discouraged (4,5)
8. An encore from the choir (4)
9. Is perhaps disposed to produce objects of worth (9)
10. He preaches equality before a member of the younger generation (6)
11. Tessa returned with something useful (5)
14. Cares about competitions (5)
15. Words of wisdom with bite (4)
16. A sign differs very largely (5)
18. Row about a custom (4)
20. Plain net (5)
21. Concerning a morning's papers (5)
24. Ruin a metal bird (6)
25. Press fastener? (5,4)
26. Unpleasant film on the surface (4)
27. Not bubbly, but nevertheless a grape product (5,4)

Down

1. Self-restrained, though consumed with anger (9)
2. Novel personality (9)
4. Love followed a certain course in N.Africa (4)
5. Thin strips of paste (5)
6. Eastern team the French made outcasts (6)
7. Rush in three directions at once! (4)
9. Thus America produced a composer (5)
11. Wrong a young lady (5)
12. Check an open invitation to shoplifters (4,5)
13. Experts in it will tell you if a stray moon is about (9)
17. A bit of a punch-up (5)
19. Make something known for the prodigal (6)
22. Parrot gives a Scotsman an awful start! (5)
23. It's held to a be a quick way to lose weight (4)
24. The air in Amiens (4)

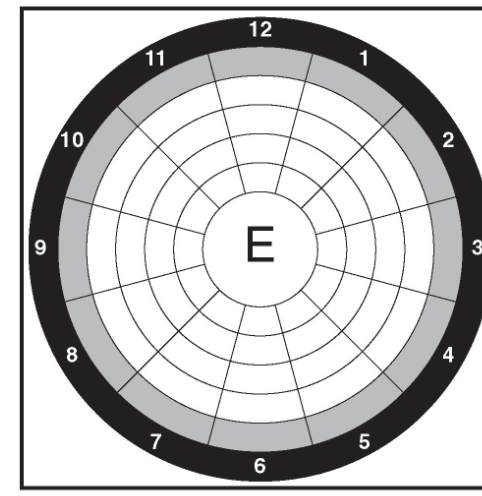
SUDOKU BY HANZO

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

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

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter E in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a British actress.



1. Safe
2. Referee
3. Calm
4. Scrape
5. Strip of pasta
6. Agile
7. Busy
8. Lowly
9. --- Doodle Dandy
10. Dull
11. Lessen
12. Martial art

THE WORDPUZZLER

I	C	L	A	S	O	N	T	D	P
P	H	O	B	O	S	M	H	A	U
O	A	J	E	F	P	T	E	R	C
T	R	I	T	O	N	L	B	S	K
Q	O	R	S	A	P	M	E	U	X
H	N	T	I	L	W	X	K	M	J
M	B	L	S	B	I	A	N	C	A
O	D	E	F	O	X	T	I	R	N
O	Z	D	M	A	N	A	J	O	U
N	U	A	Z	W	A	T	L	A	S

CAN you find ten satellites of the planets below?

1. Earth
2. Pluto
3. Uranus
4. Jupiter
5. Uranus
6. Saturn
7. Neptune
8. Mars
9. Saturn
10. Jupiter

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

Talk Radio Europe S. L.
(88.9 FM Costa del Sol East.)
(91.9 FM Costa del Sol West)
Includes BBC World Service News, magazine, sports, and English news.

Global (93.6 and 96.4FM)
All week round the clock music and entertainment

Radio Radio Network (96 and 98.3 FM). Music 24 hours; Jazz at midnight every day; Brian Parker 7-9 Sat & Sun.

iTalk FM 97.1 FM (97.1FM)
News, Current affairs, Sport and celebrity interviews. 24 hrs in English

Central FM (98.6 FM, 103.8)
All week, classic tracks and today's music broadcast to the Costa del Sol

ACE FM (106.8 FM)
Inland radio, news and music

The Beat fm (106 FM)
24 hours, music and entertainment

Spectrum (105.5 FM, Costa Almeria/Mojacar 92.6 FM)
24 hour music and entertainment

Radio Mijas (107.7 FM)
3 p.m. News, views and music

Radio Estepona (107.2 FM)
Each Saturday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. "Estepona Today" and "Viewpoint"

Radio Sol Almijara (99.1 FM)
Nerja radio in English and German and night time World Radio Network

Heartfmspain (88.5 FM Costa, 96.1 FM inland) Music, entertainment, news

Lick FM (103.6 FM Marbella)
Urban music broadcast between Gibraltar and Calahonda

QUIZ

QUESTION 1

A cat is feline, what is leporine?

1. A tortoise
2. An elephant
3. A leopard
4. A rabbit

QUESTION 2

What is the currency of Egypt?

1. Rupee
2. Shekel
3. Pound
4. Dirham

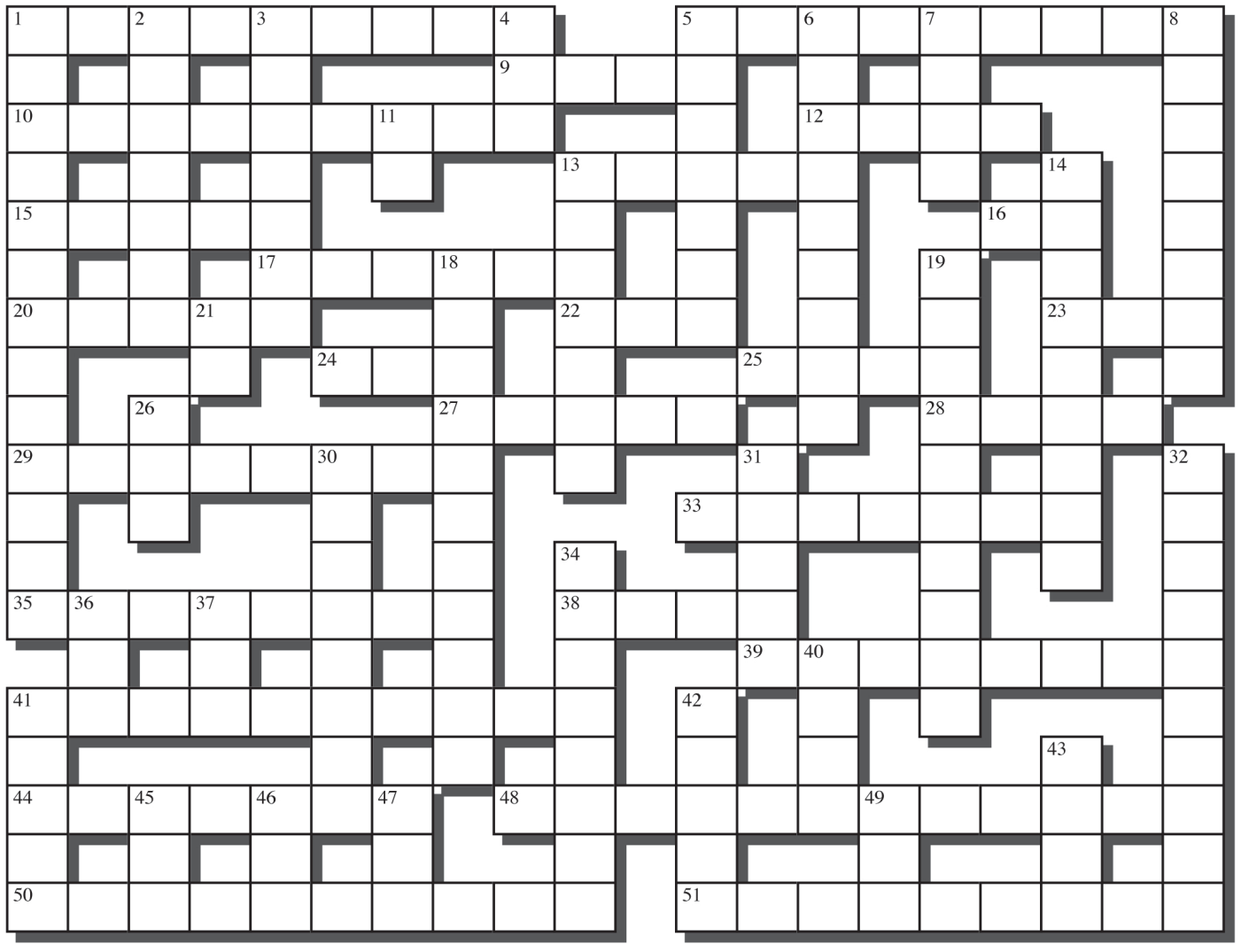
LANGUAGE CROSSWORD FILL IN THE SPANISH WORD

Across

1. Dynasties (9)
5. Passengers (9)
9. She (4)
10. Similarity (9)
12. Raffle (4)
13. Serious (5)
15. Drunk (f) (5)
16. In (2)
17. Awnings (6)
20. He coughed (5)
22. Uncle (3)
23. She prays (3)
24. Cough (3)
25. Pope (4)
27. Lead (5)
28. Jack (4)
29. Luggage (8)
33. Majority (7)
35. Symphony (8)
38. Councillor (4)
39. To have lunch (8)
41. Masochist (10)
44. Nullity (7)
48. Electricity (12)
50. Western (pl) (10)
51. Need (9)

Down

1. We'll wake (13)
2. Names (7)
3. Whistle (7)
4. Thirst (3)
5. Palace (7)
6. Serenity (9)
7. Boss (f) (4)
8. To soften (8)
11. You (2)
13. Management (7)
14. To meet (9)
18. To wake up (11)
19. We'll travel (10)
21. To go (2)
26. What (3)
30. Adventure (8)
31. He dances (5)
32. Illness (10)
34. Details (8)
36. It was going (3)
37. Ugly (m) (3)
40. To read (4)
41. World (5)
42. They sting (5)
43. Age (4)
45. I read (3)
46. They give (3)
47. Day (3)
49. I'll go (3)



ANSWERS

Language Crossword

ACROSS:
1.DINASTIAS 5.PASAJEROS 9.ELLA 10.SIMILITUD 12.RIFA 13.GRAVE 15.EBRIA 16.EN 17.TOLDOS
20.TOSIO 22.TIO 23.ORA 24.TOS 25.PAPA 27.PLOMO 28.JOTA 29.EQUIPAJE 33.MAYORIA
35.SINFONIA 38.EDIL 39.ALMORZAR 41.MASOQUISTA 44.NULIDAD 48.ELECTRICIDAD
50.ORIENTALES 51.NECESIDAD

DOWN:
1.DESPERTAREMOS 2.NOMBRES 3.SILBATO 4.SED 5.PALACIO 6.SERENIDAD 7.JEFA 8.SUAVIZAR
11.TU 13.GESTION 14.ENCONTRAR 18.DESPERTARSE 19.VIAJAREMOS 21.IR 26.QUE 30.AVENTURA
31.BAILA 32.ENFERMEDAD 34.DETALLES 36.IBA 37.FEO 40.LEER 41.MUNDO 42.PICAN 43.EDAD
45.LEI 46.DAN 47.DIA 49.IRE

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 3 Lost heart; 8 Echo; 9 Sapphires; 10 Parson; 11 Asset; 14 Races; 15 Saws; 16 Aries; 18 Tier; 20 Clear; 21 Reams; 24 Martin; 25 Paper clip; 26 Scum; 27 Still wine.
Down: 1 Temperate; 2 Character; 4 Cran; 5 Tapes; 6 Exiles; 7 Reed; 9 Sousa; 11 Amiss; 12 Take stock; 13 Astronomy; 17 Scrap; 19 Reveal; 22 Macaw; 23 Fast; 24 Mien.

Clockword solution

SOLUTION: 1 Secure, 2 Umpire, 3 Serene, 4 Abrade, 5 Noodle, 6 Nimble, 7 Active, 8 Humble, 9 Yankee, 10 Opaque, 11 Reduce, 12 Karate.

CELEBRITY: Susannah York.

Wordpuzzler solution

1. Moon	I	C	L	A	S	O	N	T	D	P
2. Charon	P	H	O	B	O	S	M	H	A	U
3. Puck	O	A	J	E	F	P	T	E	R	C
4. Thebe	T	R	I	T	O	N	L	B	S	K
5. Bianca	Q	O	R	S	A	P	M	E	U	X
6. Atlas	H	N	T	I	L	W	X	K	M	J
7. Triton	M	B	L	S	B	I	A	N	C	A
8. Phobos	O	D	E	F	O	X	T	I	R	N
9. Janus	O	Z	D	M	A	N	A	J	O	U
10. Leda	N	U	A	Z	W	A	T	L	A	S

Sudoku solution

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

Quiz answers

Answer : A rabbit.
Of interest: The adjective leporine is used to describe a characteristic of a rabbit or hare. i.e. leporin ears. it comes from the Latin leporinus.
Answer : Pound.
Of interest: Before the 19th century, locally minted coins were used in Egypt due to the absence of an official currency. In 1834, a parliamentary bill issued a new currency based on a system made up of gold and silver. The new Egyptian Pound replaced the Egyptian Piastre, which had been used since Egypt was a part of the Ottoman Empire.

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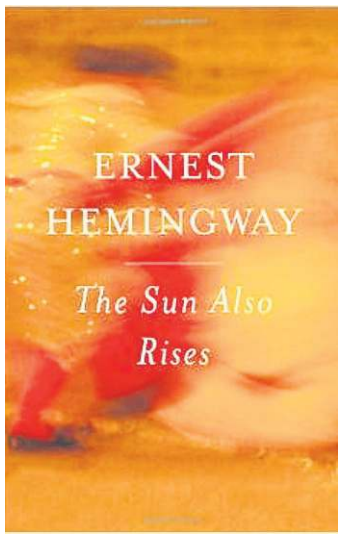

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Júzcar, still Smurfin' blue

FRANCISCO GRIÑÁN

The village of Júzcar can still claim to be the true Smurf Village on its third anniversary of going blue, a colour that has attracted 400,000 to the Genal valley

Above, children in Júzcar. Right, new Smurf-coloured signposts that have been put up in the village. :: JON NAZCA. REUTERS Y SUR

MALAGA. It was going to be just a few weeks at the most. For as long as the new film about the little blue creatures 'The Smurfs' was still on at the cinema. Three years later the streets of this traditional white village, with fewer than 300 inhabitants, are still painted sky blue.

It is three years now since the village was approached by Sony with the ambitious idea of turning it into a Smurf Village for the launch of the latest big screen adaptation of the cartoon characters created by Belgian artist Peyo.

Now Júzcar is blowing out three blue candles more convinced than ever that adopting the Smurfs was the best thing they could have done. Instead of going back to white after the film launch was over, the people voted to stay blue.

Over the last three years more than 400,000 people have visited the village; children wide-eyed, hoping to catch a glimpse of Grouchy, Hefty, Philosopher, Clumsy, Smurfette or the rest of the blue gang.

"We did the right thing; the village is more cheerful and, now it's the end of term, visitor numbers will shoot up because it's the children who like coming here most," explained the mayor of Júzcar, David Fernández, whom many villagers have christened 'Papa Pitufo' (Papa Smurf in Spanish). Last summer the visits to this corner of the Genal Valley peaked again with the release of 'The Smurfs 2'.

In the first two years of being blue, Júzcar received 210,000 visitors; in the last 12 months the figure has almost doubled with another 190,000 people wandering the streets of this Smurf-themed Andalusian village.

In fact the arrival of tourists en masse has caused headaches as well as joy for the mayor. As the cars and coaches rolled up, at times it appeared that the tiny enclave in the mountains was unable to cope with the sheer volume of people.

Since then the village has created car parks and opened nine Smurf-related businesses. The local population has increased and the village has got through the worst years of the crisis thanks to the extra income generated by the world of the Smurfs.

Centred around the Plaza Virgen de Moclón, this weekend Júzcar will be celebrating its third anniversary as Smurf Village with a programme of children's activities, a tapas route for grown-ups and a 3D painting show.

These activities are organised by the local residents and businesses who are still very happy to be blue. Whether or not the streets ever go back to being white is up to them, the local people. But for the time being it seems unlikely.

Sony has already raked in 900 million euros with the first two films and has announced that the third part will be out in the summer of 2015.

"I've already asked them to premiere the film here next year," said Júzcar's own Papa Smurf.

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