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Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to Lancelot, the island's quality publication. Now in our 34th year we are the oldest English-language tourist magazine in Spain.

Many first time visitors ask why Lanzarote is so different to most other tourist resorts. The two word response is César Manrique (1919-1992) whose approach to nature was to create works of art, which were, and remain, in total harmony with their natural surroundings. In creating the island's tourist centres on behalf of the Cabildo Island Government, Manrique placed a frame around nature enabling us to appreciate their true beauty without the addition of man-made enhancements. His creations benefited from the vision of an artist who left the environment as he found it without forcing his own imprint upon it.



Thanks to Manrique the island is celebrating its 25th year as a UN declared World Biosphere Reserve for having developed a thriving tourist destination in tandem with conservation of the environment. The artist has been hailed by experts from all over the

world for pioneering "Art in Public Spaces," well before this phrase became part of our everyday vocabulary. As we get closer to 2019, the 100th year of his birth, we can salute the man who spent his life making Lanzarote different.

Having enjoyed your holiday you may wish to buy a holiday-com-retirement home on an Island with 12 months sunshine a year only a few hours away from Britain, Ireland and most of Europe. Have a great holiday and adios till 1 June.

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LETTERS TO LANCELOT



Chichester University

Dear Sir,

Every year that I visit brings me closer to the heart of Lanzarote. Not the new tourist attachment but the real lives and people that make up the island. I suppose I've become a bit protective and even a little selfish wanting to keep the best of the island to myself. The island is full of contrast North/South, New/Old, Traditional/Modern - perhaps it is this that attracts me so much to the places and people. When you sit in the quiet amongst the volcanoes you realise the insignificance of your life, yet how important you are in retaining what is good, you realise that your snapshot of the world is not the same as

anyone else's and that future pictures will never be the same.

Dr Peter Bunyan
Head of Adventure Education

GUINEVERE Chichester University is celebrating 20 years of annual courses for students of Adventure Education on Lanzarote. We asked the head of the department and two other lecturers if they would kindly share their impressions of the island with our readers. Kindly turn to the feature on pages 12-14, 58, 69.

Chichester University

Dear Sir,

Being the newest member of the University team I consistently remind myself how lucky I am to be involved in this fantastic experience. The country is contrastingly amazing and the people warm and friendly. Carlos Dizy, the director of Pardelas Park at Orzola, and his family are outstanding ambassadors for Lanzarote and all the fantastic

and varied opportunities it has to offer and has offered to the hundreds of Chichester students who have experienced this wonderful residential experience over the past 20 years. Life is for making wonderful memories, long may it continue

Jon Mills
Senior Lecturer

Chichester University

Dear Sir,

The past five trips to Lanzarote have seen me develop from student, supporting role, learning the ropes till finally becoming a fully-fledged member of the team. Since my first trip to Lanzarote I cannot spread the word about the glorious island enough. We are very fortunate to experience the Island as the diverse, beautiful and peaceful island that it is. Highlights from my years visiting the island include paddling at Famara beach, exploring inside volcanoes and watching students begin to question the environment around



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Kirsty Lawie
Senior Lecturer

Strelizia Plant Bird of Paradise

Dear Sir,

I noticed a photograph of the “strelizia, or “Bird of Paradise,” plant in the Canarian Government “Hello Canarias” webpage referred to in your magazine in your magazine. The beautiful and unique flower of this plant has always fascinated me and I wonder about the origin of the name as strelizia does not sound like a Spanish word. Does the plant originate in the Canary Islands and why is it also referred to as “Bird of Paradise?”

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GUINEVERE The plant was named for Charlotte de Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who by marriage to King George III, was the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland from her wedding in 1761 until the union of the two kingdoms in 1801, and was also the grandmother of Queen Victoria. She lived at Kew Gardens and her landscape gardener Acton named the plant for her. The Bird of Paradise nickname is simply because the flowers resemble birds' heads. The strelizia originates from the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, the source of many of the non- endemic plants and flowers in the Canary Islands brought by British ships of the Union Castle Line, which called at the Canaries on their return journey to the UK. The seeds of the plant used to be eaten by the Kaffirs.

According to botanists David and Zoe Bramwell in their three volume work on the plants of the Canary Islands, the strelitzia is widely culti-

vated both for ornamental purposes and as along-lasting cut flower. It is a slow-growing plant which requires seven years to flower from seed. For commercial purposes it is usually reproduced by division of the rootstock.

A larger version known as the “great white strelitzia” grows up to four metres high and develops a trunk. The banana-like leaves grow in a single plane and the white flowers are very spectacular. The plant is grown from seed or by division and requires a sheltered humid environment.

As you live in Windsor, if you need any more information why not pop down the road and have a chat with one of Queen Charlotte's descendents.

Tobacco Planting

Dear Sir,

On a visit to the island last September we payed a brief visit to the



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annual arts and crafts fair at Mancha Blanca. We came across a stand where an artisan was rolling cigars and on the wall was a photograph of a tobacco plantation in Cuba. Unfortunately, one of the children felt unwell we had to rush back to the hotel to find a doctor. I wanted to know whether tobacco is cultivated on Lanzarote and whether are local-made cigars on sale anywhere. My grandfather, who turns 85 later this year, has smoked cigars all his life and as a birthday present we wanted him to join us on our next holiday to Lanzarote and take him somewhere where they are made.

Can you help?

GUIEVERE We turned to Benedicto Cabrera, a horticulturist and proprietor of the Vivero Las Palmeras nursery in Arrecife. He told us as that the boom years for tobacco cultivation were from the 1950s to the 1970s. During the 1960s, more than one million kilos a year were grown on plantations in Tinajo bringing prosperity to the region. One of the major producers was Julián Cabrera (father of the author if this response Ed), who exported large quantities to Las Palmas and Tenerife as there were no cigarette or cigar factories on Lanzarote.

Tobacco grown on Lanzarote was of the Common Virginia category, whose nicotine content is too high for making cigars.. A tobacco plant

can grow to a height of two metres and the closer to the sea it is planted, the higher the nicotine content.

The Canary Islands has a long history of cultivating tobacco and it was they who took their skills to Cuba and established the country's cigar industry. A Canarian from the island of La Palma, who was taught by a native Indian in Cuba, was the first person to make cigarettes and cigars from the leaves of a tobacco plant.

According to Tenerife historian Jann Evan during the early 1960s there were fifty-one cigarette manufacturers in the Canary Islands, thirty one in Grand Canary, sixteen in Tenerife and four in La Palma. They had a combined production of 5 million cigarettes per hour. At the beginning of the 1960s Tenerife Province exported 55 million cigars a year. The best quality of all cigars made in the Canary Islands are those of La Palma, known as *palmeros*."

Canarian Wrestling

Dear Sir,

When I was last on the island for New Year I saw an exhibition of Canary Wrestling at the market at Playa Blanca harbour. Where did the sport originate and what is its connection to Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands?

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GUINEVERE: *Lucha Canaria* is by far the most popular and thriving native sport in the Canary Islands, according to ethnologist Mike Eddy. Only football and basketball attract more spectators and wrestling clubs exist on all the islands. *Lucha Canaria*'s governing body proposed, unsuccessfully, that the sport be included in the Barcelona Olympics, the last time they were held in Spain. Canarian emigrants had taken the sport to South and Central America where it was very well received. Although certainly a native, Canarian development, *lucha* is very similar to styles of wrestling found in northern Spain, Switzerland, Celtic Britain and parts of Africa.

The poet Viana describes a late pre-conquest wrestling match in such detail that it is possible to identify all three throws that the winner employs. (Pre-conquest refers to the ancient inhabitants of the Canary Islands generally known as the Guanches. Ed). The prose chroniclers also recorded individual bouts between famous pre-conquest heroes, such as that between Adargoma of Galdar and Gariragua representing Telde, who met to determine the grazing rights of the kingdoms of Gran Canaria.

The known pre-conquest bouts generally took the form of personal duels or trials by combat, although wrestling was also clearly used as a form of training for war or entertainment at festivities. (Similar to

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jousting bouts in ancient Britain.) The native Canarians 'had public places outside the villages, where they held their duels, a circle enclosed by a wall of stone, and a place made high where they might be seen' according to Abreu Galindo, writing in 1602.

In its modern form *lucha Canaria* is a team sport, each team comprising twelve wrestlers, only one from each time fighting at any one time. The individual bouts, *bregas*, are fought within a sand-covered ring some 9 to 10 metres in diameter. At the start of a *brega* the wrestler takes his opponent's right hand in his and grasps the rolled hem of his opponent's shorts with his left. As they come together their right hands brush the surface of the sand and the *brega* is under way. Using a combination of weight, trips and lifts each man tries to unbalance his opponent. The bout is determined by any part of the wrestler's

body, except his feet, touching the ground. Team members must win the best of three *bregas* to score a point for their side.

Wrestling retained many of its early characteristics until the Spanish Civil War. Regional variants, similar in style to Cumbrian wrestling, and the presence of a *comisionado* (the wrestler's second, still survived. Even the use of the term 'North' and 'South' in Gran Canaria to denote the two opposing teams reflected the former division of the island into two kingdoms. The folk nature of *lucha Canaria* in the early part of the twentieth century is revealed by comments of one Tenerifean writing in 1927; 'Whenever we got together on the threshing floor, we'd lark around for a bit and then we'd get around to wrestling; and it was quite something to see those lads, big chaps, but supple with it, bending like willow, brought down by trips, side steps and throws.



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Celebrating 20 years of University visits to Lanzarote

This is the 20th year that University of Chichester students, 700 in all, have visited Lanzarote to learn about the island and themselves. We asked Dr Duncan Reavey why the university keeps coming back.

Why did you choose Lanzarote in the first place?

Before Lanzarote, our environment students did a four day field course in Wales! But when we did the sums, seven days in Lanzarote turned out to be cheaper. At the start we had little idea of the fantastic opportunities that Lanzarote provides for learning.

How are students prepared for their visit?

One goal of our visits is for students to become experts at asking relevant, focussed and novel questions – this is a skill they will need in whatever careers they choose. So before visiting we deliberately don't say anything about the island. It means it's all new – maybe even overwhelming. And so they will then ask questions all of the time.

But we remind them to bring tough footwear for the volcanoes, a head torch to go underground, and a fleece for the cool winter evenings.

What are the main things they learn during their stay?

As I said, it's all about learning to ask good questions – about the Lanzarote environment, how the environment affects the way people live



President Pedro San Ginés was presented with a plaque by Duncan Reavey which congratulated the Cabildo for its sustainability policy. He told him that Chichester University was contemplating establishing a summer campus on Lanzarote for ten weeks every year which delighted the President





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Duncan Reavey presents the mayor with a beautiful painting of the Haria countryside painted by a student



Lecturer Mary, Olga Betancor of CEP and teacher José Juan Romero with the award for the Lanzarote Education Centre

here, and how people can use the environment for adventure activities. We also need to understand our own impact as visitors – so we make an unofficial visit to the island’s main waste tip. The island’s waste is quickly filling up the centre of a volcano – so we try our best to live sustainably.

You’ll get a better idea of our activities if you see us at work - so have a look at our short movie (in YouTube, search for “University of Chichester residential experiences”, or go to <https://goo.gl/xRn7x4>)

Where do you go?

We spend a lot of time in places that other visitors don’t always find. We stay a few nights at Las Pardelas Park in Órzola (great family welcome, stunning quiet). Our favourite eatery is Bar Stop in Yaiza (great tapas, love the chickpeas). We get mountain bikes on La Graciosa, build kites on Famara beach, do the Tremesana guided walk in Timanfaya, and watch stars. We are great fans of César Manrique, and



Director of Pardelas Park Carlos Dizy, who was appointed Doctor Honoris Causa by the university for his educational courses, received a thank you plaque in the presence of his son and his partner

by the end our students are too.

Do students change as people?


They say so. Each year someone will call it a “life-changing experience”. Others say it’s “the best geology lesson ever”. Lanzarote has changed the teachers too.

Can you tell us some high points from 20 years of visits?

Highlights for me are exploring underground lava tubes, finding

lithophones (rocks used as musical instruments in ancient times) – and drinking café con leche in the basement restaurant of Castillo de San José looking across the water to the container port at Arrecife. But every year there is something new. In 2018 our students learned Canarian wrestling from the champions Club de Lucha Unión Nor-





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te in Haría. And we cooked and ate rabbit in a shepherd cave used 500 years ago. And we talked with the President of Lanzarote about a sustainable future for the island.

Any low points?

One year we planned to camp at the camp ground on La Graciosa. But it rained all day and everywhere was flooded. Disaster! Fortunately it was a Sunday and the priest allowed us all to sleep in the church hall. But it had an even happier ending. In the hall, two students from different courses who'd never met before started talking. They kept in touch after Lanzarote and are now married with their first child. Magical things happen in Lanzarote.

What about the future?

Over the years we have had around 700 students visit Lanzarote, and we will be back next January with more - from Outdoor & Adventure Education, maybe Creative Writing, maybe Tourism Management, maybe Primary Education. The President was very positive about the idea of a winter campus for University of Chichester here in Lanzarote – with a succession of visiting students from January to March and where most of the learning would happen outdoors.

Dr Duncan Reavey is Principal Lecturer Learning and Teaching at University of Chichester, UK. In 2017 he was shortlisted for Most Innovative Teacher of the Year in the Times Higher Education Awards, the Oscars of British universities.



Students and staff with their hosts and friends after a wonderful evening hosted by Duncan Reavey on behalf of the university



During every visit the Lancelot team gave talks on local culture and traditions and the students received copies of the magazine



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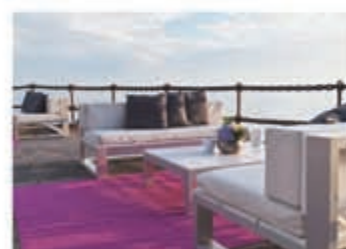
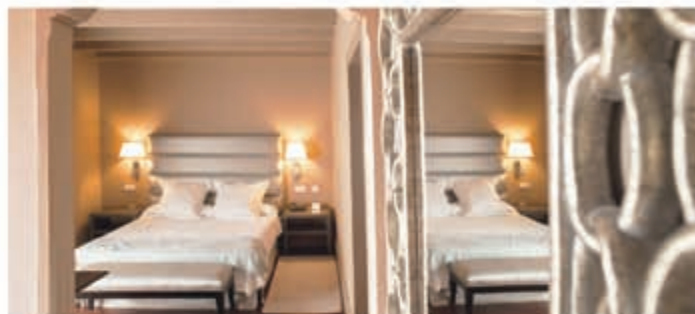
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Government delivering on pledge to give back British expats the right to vote

The government publishes its response to the consultation on the votes for life policy statement and commits to deliver a lifelong vote to British expats.

The government will today (8 February) restate its commitment to ending the current 15 year time limit on British expats registering as overseas electors.

As well as removing a time limit on the right to vote for UK citizens living abroad, the government intends to enfranchise any British expats who was previously resident or registered to vote in the UK. This is part of the government's wider ambition to strengthen the foundation of democracy and continually increase voter registration by ensuring every voter's voice is heard.

Combined, these changes will mean millions of UK citizens overseas will be eligible to register to vote. British expats – under existing laws – have the lowest level of voter registration of any group.

The government published the policy statement “A democracy that works for everyone: British citizens overseas” in October 2016 asking for views on its detailed plans to introduce votes for life. It set out how it would scrap the rule that bars British citizens who have lived abroad for more than 15 years from voting in UK Parliamentary Elections, as set out in the government's manifesto.

The response to the consultation about the votes for life policy statement will be published on GOV.UK today, ahead of the second reading debate in the House of Commons on 23 February of Glyn Davies MP Private Members' Overseas Electors Bill.



The policy statement attracted a range of responses from the electoral community and the public.

Minister for the Constitution Chloe Smith said:

Participation in our democracy is a fundamental part of being British, no matter how far you have travelled from the UK. It is right that we should remove the 15-year time limit on voting rights of British citizens living overseas and allow those who previously lived in the UK the chance to participate in our democracy.

Expats retain strong links with the United Kingdom: they may

have family here, and indeed they may plan to return here in the future. Modern technology and cheaper air travel has transformed the ability of expats to keep in touch with their home country.

Following the British people's decision to leave the EU, we need to strengthen ties with countries around the world and show the UK is an outward-facing nation. Our expat community has an important role to play in helping Britain expand international trade, especially given two-thirds of expats live outside the EU.

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New Threshold for IGIC Tax (VAT)

Karl Fuchs - Auditax NL International S.L.

The Government of the Canary Islands has introduced new tax legislation for 2018. In this article we'd like to explain about one of the new concepts approved. It deals with the local IGIC (VAT) tax regulation for economic and professional activities. The concept seems familiar and similar to the one operated before the economic crisis, but with substantial differences. Here are the most important points of the new regulation.

Who can use the threshold?

It is applicable to all persons exercising an economic or professional activity subject to IGIC.

How high is it?

The threshold is 30,000 Euros annual turnover, meaning anybody with an economic or professional activity, whose sales volume is inferior to this amount, can apply to be exempt from IGIC. It is very important to know, that the threshold amount is not restricted only to activities on the Canary Islands, but includes all income obtained abroad from economic and professional activities. Income from pensions and other dependent work-related activities is not included in the annual turnover. Please note that this regulation came into force from 1 January, 2018. If the 2017 turnover qualifies for exemption in 2018, the application must be filed by April 30th 2018 for the first time.

How does the exemption function?

This exemption is granted based on the sales figure of the previous tax year. In the event that this threshold was exceeded, the person has to inform the tax office within the month of January following the tax year and he/she will be subject to the tax again for the following year.



Is it also applicable to tourist letting?

The answer is yes, because letting is considered to be an economic activity, as far as the IGIC legislation is concerned. However, there is one important fact to observe. The exemption can only be granted to sole owners of properties.

If there are multiple owners (i.e. spouses), it is considered to be a joint exploitation of the property and therefore not eligible for exemption.

How does it affect self-employed activities in the estimated income system (modules)?

If applying for the exemption, it is obligatory to leave this tax system and change into the normal accounting and book-keeping system. It is also obligatory to keep sales and expense ledgers.

We strongly recommend anybody who thinks they may be entitled to this exemption to consult their fiscal advisers, because a wrong decision could trigger unwanted fines and even inspections by the tax authorities.

Important Advice

We would like to discuss a situation, which may have affected some persons in respect of fines levied by the Canary Tax Authorities.

About a year and a half ago the tax office sent out thousands of letters to people fining them, because documentation has been presented too late. They were mostly they related to property purchases, in which case stamp duty was paid within the correct time limit, but the documentation was presented to the tax office outside the deadline of 30 days. There is ample jurisprudence confirming, that in these cases fines are not applicable, because Article 27 of the General Tax Law doesn't contemplate this scenario. Despite this, the authorities did send out these letters.

Over the past year our office has made successful appeals against these fines in various cases and obtained rebates of the monies paid unduly.

If within the last two years you have received a letter regarding a fine or surcharge for late presentation of documents, in relation to the purchase of your property, we recommend you to consult your fiscal adviser. It might well be that you could claim back the money paid for the fine and receive interest on top, but don't hesitate. The time to claim expires after 4 years.

A Brief Guide to Property Purchase



LANCELOT has prepared the following for the benefit of holidaymakers unfamiliar with the language and laws of Spain. It is not, and is not intended as, a substitute to advice from a solicitor and/or an estate agent.

Only buy from the office of an Estate Agent and seek the services of an independent solicitor.

It is not advisable to give anyone a **GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**. Where necessary, it is prudent to grant a **limited power of attorney (only)** to an independent solicitor.

Do not believe that you are protected because the conveyance will be notarised, as the Notary presumes that you are acting on the advice of your Lawyer.

When buying property insist on the presence of an impartial sworn translator. By law a Notary can refuse to notarise a deed if the conveyance is not translated into the language of the party(ies) concerned.

Before you purchase make sure the Vendor has paid all back property taxes, *Impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles*, to the local Town Hall, by checking the receipts.

If, by purchasing, you will become a member of an Association of Owners, make sure that the Vendor has paid all his community bills. Also check on the liquidity of the Association itself, and examine their statutes, *estatutos*. Their rules may not permit you to keep your domestic pets.

Before buying land present a written enquiry at the local Town Hall (with a return address on the Island) asking if there is planning permission to build on the site of your choice and if any building restrictions apply there.

Instruct your solicitor to conduct a search at the Property Registry, *Registro de la Propiedad*, immediately before the conveyance and return there as soon as the notarised document can be collected from the Notary.

Make sure that your architect is one of the 24 members of the Canarian College of Architects working on Lanzarote, otherwise you will have to pay a second fee. If in doubt call the Colegio de Arquitectos in Arrecife on 928 800799 or fax: 928 800798. Spanish-speaking.

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Central Southern Route La Geria

Puerto del Carmen, the island’s largest tourist resort, has almost 13 kilometres of beaches and a picturesque fishing harbour in the Old Town. On the main Island highway close to the Puerto del Carmen turn-off, a road opposite leads to ASOMADA. Drive through and turn left at the first T junction until reaching a main road. This is LA GERIA, the wine-growing region of Lanzarote where grapes are cultivated in a manner not used anywhere else in the world. The result is an unforgettable landscape dominated by the sight of thousands of shallow pits stretching as far as the eye can see.

The young vines planted inside are covered with layers of porous black volcanic grains which feed them moisture and protect them



Puerto del Carmen

from the harsh rays of the sun. They are sheltered from the constant Trade Winds by the semi-circular walls of dry volcanic rock above.

Puerto Calero Marina

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gattas. The bustling commercial area is enhanced by an open air Museum of Sculptures located among the landscaped pathways comprising 12 impressive pieces by important artists. Watch out for the Puerto Calero signpost on the main island road between Puerto del Carmen and Yaiza.



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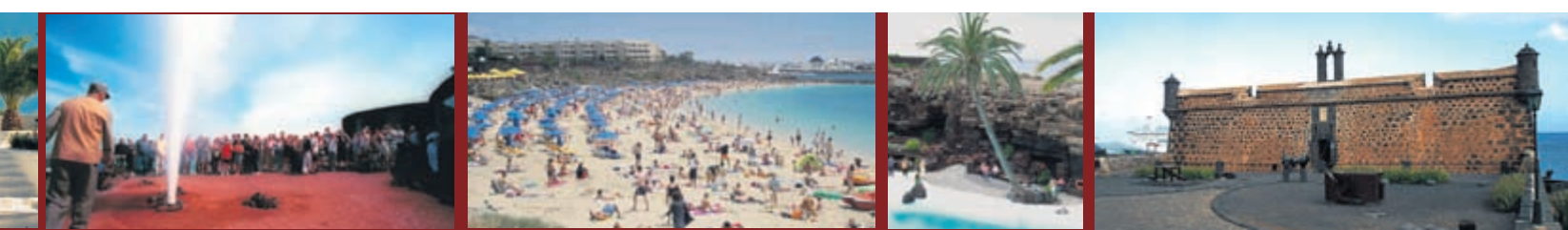
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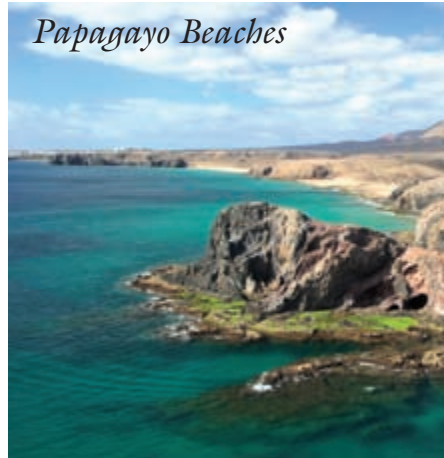
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Yaiza and El Golfo

Turn left driving past UGA village until rejoining the Island highway where YAIZA is soon reached. The town square contains several buildings typical of Lanzarote's traditional architecture with the Town Hall at one end and the ancient Los Remedios Church at the other.

To the right a few kilometres along after the town is a sign to CHARCO DE LOS CLICHOS, the GREEN LAGOON, (and neighbouring EL GOLFO village), which is reached after a short ride along a winding picturesque coastal road. A brief stroll round the corner brings us to the GREEN LAGOON. Scientists are not absolutely certain as to the source of its colour, some believe it is caused by algae, others attribute it to the green olivine semi-precious stone, found

Papagayo Beaches



in abundance on the Island. (There are several good fish restaurants around the bay at EL GOLFO).

Returning along the coast there is a large parking area to the right. The seas below can frequently be seen battering away at the cliffs trying to force a way through. During the 18th century volcanic eruptions,

lava thrown out by the volcanoes covered a large area of the ocean in this area which it has been attempting to reclaim back ever since.

Yet another pretty scene just a few hundred metres along is presented by the JANUBIO salt ponds. Employing over one hundred workers at the turn of the century to provide sailing ships with salt for keeping food fresh, the salt works gradually fell into decline with the advent of refrigeration.

Playa Blanca Papagayo Beaches

Twenty years ago a tiny fishing village, PLAYA BLANCA on the south coast, is now a flourishing but tranquil resort with a beautiful beach bordered by a picturesque restaurant-lined promenade. The small harbour is used by ferries sailing



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ling to Fuerteventura, the Fred Olsen Express car ferry makes the 20 minute crossing six times daily.

Close by along the headland to the east several paths lead to the magnificenti PAPAGAYO BEACHES. Composed of several small bays and coves, many consider these golden sands to be the most beautiful in Spain.

Marina Rubicón

This harbour at Playa Blanca combines the most modern and well-equipped docks for sea-going yachts with the olde-world charm of traditional island architecture housing amenities and facilities on the shoreline including an art gallery. Two new deluxe hotels overlook the marina and the coastal promenade.

The Fire Mountains

Returning north on the main road turn left in YAIZA to MONTAÑAS DEL FUEGO, the FIRE MOUNTAINS, part of TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK. This region was devastated by intermittent volcanic eruptions over a six year period, 1730 - 1736. The scenery is both breathtaking and vividly awesome, a few hundred metres to the left a string of camels await passengers for a scenic ride round the rim of a volcano.

The red and white barrier at a toll booth signals arrival at the road which leads to the parking area at Hilario's Plateau.

Here the DIABLO RESTAURANT serves meals from a grill fitted across a natural volcanic chasm, with geothermic heat rising from the bowels of the volcano cooking the food!

A coach fitted with multi-lingual commentary leaves to tour the nearby region of volcanic destruction taking a route offering the clearest indication of what took place here



La Geria is the centre of the wine cultivation region

some two and a half centuries ago. There are stops for photographs and the 45 minute trip is included in the price of the admission fee to the Park. Open daily 09.00 - 17.00 hrs.

Timanfaya Information

On exiting via the barrier turn left and after two kilometres watch out for the Timanfaya Visitors Centre on the left before Mancha Blanca. This is an excellent source of multi-lingual information about the Park and its volcanoes. Admission is free, open 7 days a week 09.00 - 16.45.

Mancha Blanca

Continue towards Mancha Blanca where every Sunday morning a market selling authentic Made in Lanzarote food products as well as Arts & Crafts takes place opposite the church. Or, take the road to Tinajo from the Monumento and watch for the turnoff to Mancha Blanca on your left.

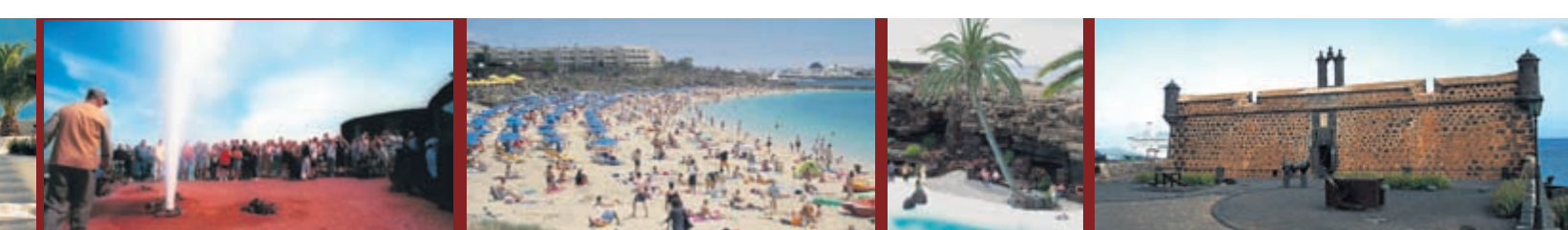
El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO AL CAMPEÑO at the right of the road was one of the first creations of the late Cesar Manrique whose intention was to commemorate past generations of Lanzaroteans who stuck to their toil in the fields even after volcanic eruptions had devas-

tated their most fertile land. These hardy early 18th century pioneers invented the irrigation method still in use throughout Lanzarote today. They had noticed that wherever an amount of black volcanic grains known as picon thrown out by the volcano had settled on fertile soil, some type of plant-life eventually emerged from the ground. Soon realising that the grains were porous, farmers began covering their fields with picon. The typical farm house contains a restaurant serving local cuisine. Nearby, the public can watch artisans create traditional arts and crafts which can be purchased in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16.30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

Wine Region

Turning right one enters Lanzarote's unique wine growing region. Each vine is planted in a deep pit and covered with layers of volcanic cinders, a semi-circular wall above serving as wind protection. The tableau of many hundreds of thousands of such pits is unique in the world. One soon reaches the oldest winery in the Canary Islands, Bodegas El Grifo, which dates back to 1775, and whose very beautiful Wine Museum is open to the public. A sculptured griffon, the vineyard's trademark, stands above the entrance. The museum is located in the



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wine region road San Bartolomé-Masdache and opens daily from 10.30 - 18.00. Guided tours daily at 10.30 from Monday to Friday.

San Bartolomé

A short distance along take the right fork towards San Bartolomé. This is the geographical centre of the island and an important agricultural region where vegetables grow in the sandy 'jable' soil, unique on Lanzarote. Sweet potatoes, water melons and squash are the main crops grown in this region. Buildings of interest in the town itself include the Casa Mayor Guerra, the 18th century home of the former military governor of the island.

Tanit Ethnic Museum

Close to the Town Hall is the Tanit Ethnic Museum which contains a display of the working and cultural life of the island over the past centuries. Open Mon to Sat 10 - 14, closed Sunday.

Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious parking area. The Foundation is housed in what was originally one of the world's most uniquely beautiful homes built by Cesar Manrique for himself and where he lived for over twenty years. Set in a sea of petrified lava and constructed on two levels by interlinking five volcanic bubbles, this residence has attracted journalists from the world's leading architectural magazines and as a work of art in its own right is certainly worth visiting.

In September 1992 only six mon-



Piracy Museum, Santa Bárbara Castle, Teguise

ths after the Foundation opened its doors Cesar Manrique was killed a few yards away in a car accident. Without his intuitive genius for enhancing without spoiling nature, Lanzarote would today look just like many other holiday resorts with sunshine and nice beaches. Open Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 18.00 hrs and Sunday 10.00 - 15.00 hrs.

Museo Agrícola El Patio

The buildings and grounds of El Patio Farm Museum represent an authentic and comprehensive reconstruction of traditional Lanzarote folklore and culture including its unique agricultural history. Take the Arrecife-Tahiche main road, turn right at Tiagua and follow the signs. Mon - Fri 10 - 5.30, Sat 10 - 2.30.

Northern Route Teguise

The main road north from Arrecife leads to TEGUISE, the capital of Lanzarote for over 500 years until ceding the title to Arrecife in the middle of the last century. Moorish corsairs attacked this old town many times murdering, pillaging and carrying its inhabitants off into slavery. A small alley at the side of the church in the main square is called Sangre - Blood - on account of Christian blood flowing through the nearby streets on many occasions. Opposi-

te, the SPINOLA PALACE fronted by two stone lions was the home of a wealthy 19th century merchant family which has been restored and is open to the public. Every Sunday and Public Holiday a market is held in and around the square.

The resort of Costa Teguise has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

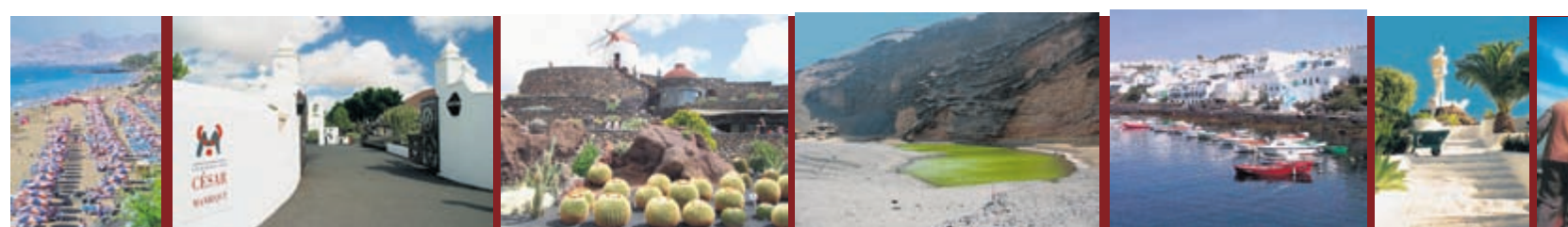
Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Teguise is strategically placed to overlook the coastline on both sides of the Island and was originally built to warn the Island capital below if pirates were sighted.

A Piracy Museum is located in the medieval fortress with a wonderful array of interactive screens, panels and information boards with the names and histories of some of the most famous names of pirates and privateers in maritime history. British and North African buccaneers prowled the waters of the Canaries in search of booty as well as attacking individual islands such as Lanzarote which suffered a series of devastating raids from the 16th until the 18th centuries.

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Closed Saturday.





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Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegui

This museum in the beautiful interior of the 19th century Spinola Palace is dedicated to the “timple” miniature guitar whose strident tones are known as the “The Sound of the Canary Islands.” A timple is an integral part of every folklore group and the museum traces its evolution on the island since the start of the last century. Fifty-five instruments from all over world are on display, all of which create a similar sound to the “timple”, the most well known of these is the Hawaiian ukelele. Open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 . Sunday and Public Holidays 9.00 - 15.00. Closed Saturday.

Haria

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys offering commanding views across to the opposite coast. Rounding some sharp curves cut through the cliffs the road descends to HARIA, nestling peacefully in the Valley of 10,000 Palms. Reminiscent of a North African oasis the town was a spa for wealthy Canarians in the past. The Artesanal Market every Saturday 10.00 – 14.30 is rated 5 Stars by Trip Advisor; Arts & Crafts Workshop Mon-Sat 10-14.00.

Manrique House Museum

Follow the signs to the House Museum of César Manrique in Haria. It was the artist's second home where he spent the last few years of his life having converted his original residence into the Foundation at Tahiche which bears his name. Everything has been left in the original state it was in when he died. Open 7 days a week, but advance purchase of tickets is recommended due to limited capacity.



Mirador del Río

Continuing northward past Maguez village a road towards the clifftop leads to Guinate Tropical Park. A short drive on the main road and you arrive at MIRADOR DEL RIO, a belvedere with breathtaking views of the straights below and islands out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

The Green Caves

The route continues downhill towards the GREEN CAVES, (open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.), on the opposite coast over a region known as Malpais de la Corona, ‘badlands’ caused by the eruption of nearby Monte Corona. During an eruption whilst debris is shot out skywards, volcanoes also often break out below ground, a molten lava stream forging a tunnel. One such volcanic tunnel, the Atlantida, is below the earth's surface at this point which at 7 1/2 kilometres is the longest in the world.

Jameos del Agua

This large grotto harbouring an underground lake forms the last section of the Atlantida Tunnel and came into being when the molten lava stream met the cooler waters of the nearby Atlantic Ocean. An amenity not to be missed in this wonder of nature embellished by César Manrique, is the underground

concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 11.00 - 19.00 hrs. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, 19.00 - 03.00 hrs.

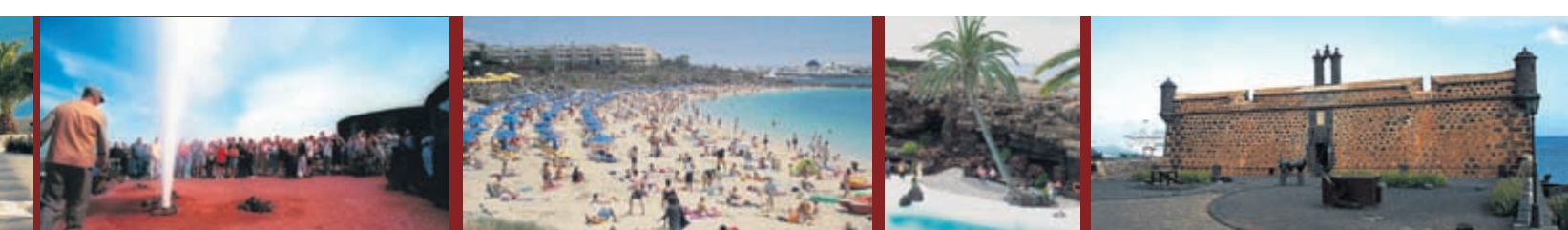
The Cactus Garden

The route south passes through several villages until reaching an area where the fields are all planted with cacti. Known as the ‘tunera’ cactus it attracts the female cochineal beetle from which carmine dye is extracted. Dusty white patches on the leaf indicate a colony of this parasite and if crushed turn to bright crimson. Guatiza village is the centre of this cactus crop and is the home of JARDIN DE CACTUS - the CACTUS GARDEN - the seventh and last of the Tourist Centres, which opened in March 1990. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

Arrecife

Continuing south the road leads past a white stone gateway leading to Costa Tegui, one of the three major tourist resorts on Lanzarote. Arriving at the capital ARRECIFE, home to half of the 70,000 inhabitants of Lanzarote, whose tree-lined promenades and SAN GINES Lagoon are beautifully landscaped. A colourful street market takes place on the promenade every Wednesday selling traditional island arts and crafts among other items.

The main shopping area is in and around Calle Leon y Castillo



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which has a drawbridge at one end leading to SAN GABRIEL Castle, the Arrecife History Museum. A drive around the NAOS fishing harbour past some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manrique in 1974 to house the International Museum of Contemporary Art. Open daily 11.00 - 21.00 hrs. On the lower floor an excellent restaurant with panoramic views out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 01.00 hrs

Marina Lanzarote

Just a short walk from the town centre along the seafront leads to the shops and restaurants of the luxury Marina Lanzarote, newly-opened in October 2014. A first class selection of shops and boutiques overlooking



Charco de San Gines, Arrecife

the colourful tableau of transatlantic yachts bobbing at their moorings await the visitors as well as dining facilities to suit every taste and every pocket, offering everything from local and international cuisine to smart snack bars and cafeterias.

La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Car Ferry Service

Lineas Maritimas Romero operate

frequent sailings from Orzola Harbour to La Graciosa as well as excursions from Puerto del Carmen. Other services include: Water-taxi Puerto del Carmen-Puerto Calero and Water-bus Playa-Blanca- Marina Rubicón-Papagayo. Departure and arrival times are convenient for tourists wishing to spend a whole or half day on Lanzarote's sister isle.

The neighbouring island of Fuerteventura is only 12 minutes away by Fred Olsen and Naviera Armas car ferry with frequent crossings from Playa Blanca to Corralejo.

Golf - Theme Park

The island has two 18 hole par 72 golf clubs at Puerto del Carmen and Costa Teguise as well as Rancho Texas animal theme park at Puerto del Carmen.



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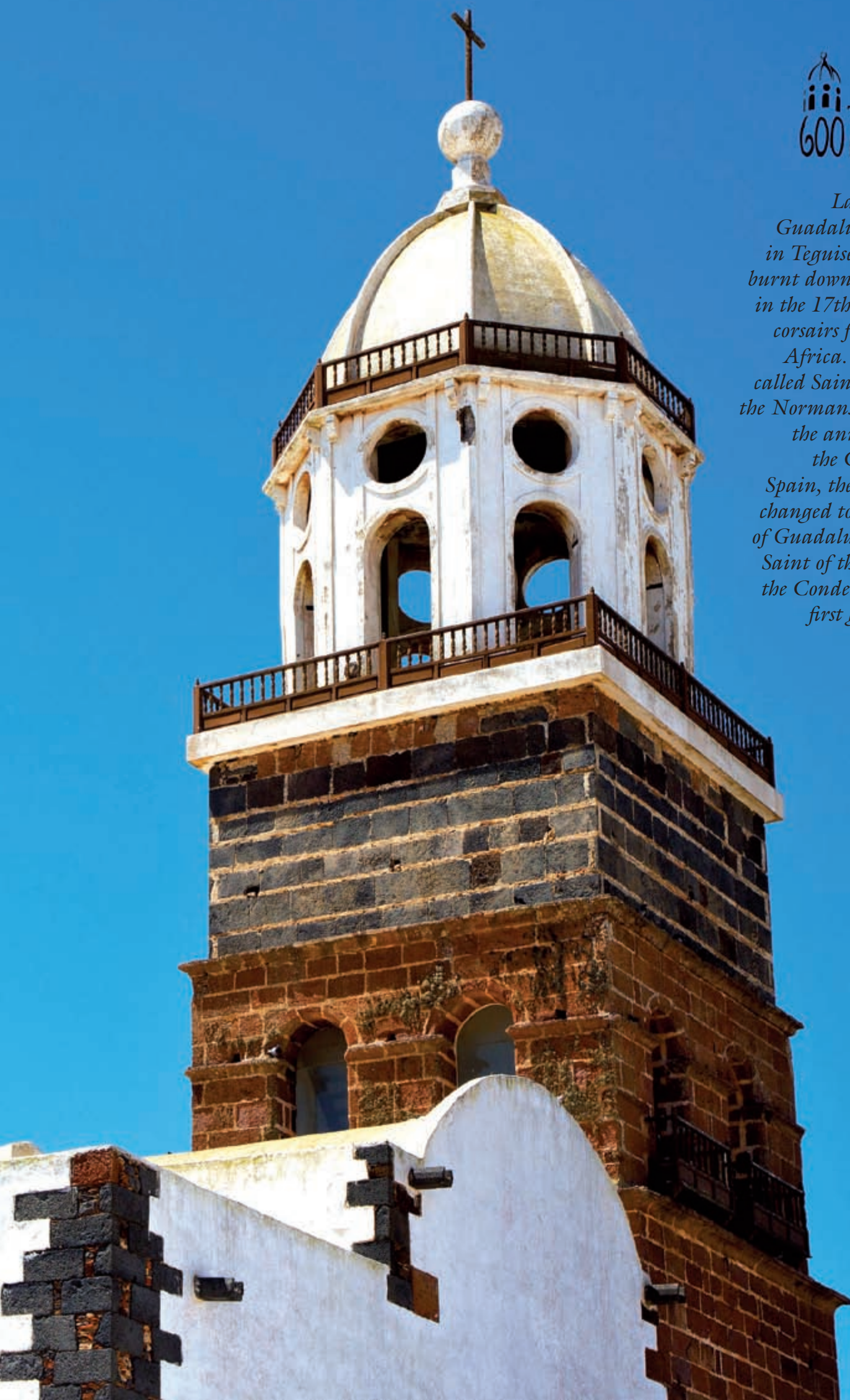
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The Spanish Law of the Indies established the layout of Spanish Colonial settlements utilising the town planning methods employed during the 15th century annexation of the Canary Islands as a blueprint. For this reason the outline design of San Antonio was based on that of Teguiise, determined by the specifications for the placement and size, the location of the church, the town hall and the residence of the first alderman.



CABILDO DE LANZAROTE

*La Señora de
Guadalupe Church
in Teguise plaza was
burnt down four times
in the 17th century by
corsairs from North
Africa. Originally
called Saint Maria by
the Normans, following
the annexation of
the Canaries to
Spain, the name was
changed to Our Lady
of Guadalupe, Patron
Saint of the family of
the Conde de Niebla,
first governor of
Lanzarote*





Santa Barbara Castle overlooking Teguise was first built in the 14th century by Lanzarotto Malocello for whom Lanzarote is named

→ **Fraternal Ties**

Fraternal ties between Teguise and San Antonio have existed for three centuries from the time Juan Leal Goráz - leader of the Canary Island settlers who founded the town and was destined to be appointed the Cabildo's first mayor - had been the President of the Lanzarote Cabildo at Teguise before leaving for the New World. In addition, Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of both Teguise Church, built in 1418 and San Fernando Cathedral, built in 1738. It was only natural for the Canary Islanders to call the heavenly guardian of their new house of worship by the same name as the saint they had prayed to all their lives in their native isle. When the Canary Island Descendants (CIDA) return to Lanzarote nowadays the first place they visit is the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Teguise where their ancestors prayed before embarking on their epic journey.

The downtown area of San Antonio, which has become the country's seventh largest city, still bears a resemblance to this early layout. San Fernando is now the oldest standing

church structure in Texas as well as the oldest cathedral in continual use in the whole of the United States of America. San Antonio was the first formal municipality in the State of Texas and no less than nine of the town's first thirteen mayors were of Lanzarote descent.

Cause of the Emigration

A decade of devastating hurricanes and violent storms beginning in 1720 totally devastated crops throughout the seven Canary Islands. In addition, the easterly islands of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura also endured several years of severe drought bringing starvation and death in its wake. In order to alleviate the suffering of his fellow islanders, Juan Leal Goráz, head of the Cabildo Ruling Council of Lanzarote sought help from the Captain General of the Canary Islands who was based in Tenerife.

His visit coincided with a request from King Felipe V of Spain to send four hundred families from the Canary Islands to settle in Texas, part of the Spanish colony of New Spain, Nuevo España. They were needed in order to combat repeated encroachments by French forces from neighbouring Louisiana who wished to annexe the territory and local military commanders believed

San Fernando, the oldest cathedral in continual use in the United States of America, was built by Canary Island settlers in 1748. The original walls are the oldest structure in the State of Texas and the dome was the geographic centre of the city, all mileage being calculated from this point. A new diocese was created in 1874 with San Antonio as its see and San Fernando, its cathedral



CABILDO DE LANZAROTE





*A sketch of San
Fernando Cathedral
in the 19th century*



→ that establishing a population centre would clearly demonstrate to France that Spain intended retaining a permanent presence in Texas. The Captain General told Juan Leal Goráz that if he would lead an expedition to populate Texas the Spanish Government would guarantee a supply of food for the inhabitants of Lanzarote. Thereupon, Leal Goráz returned to his native isle and began organising volunteers to join him on a journey to the New World.

An Epic One Year Journey

In March 1730, fifty-six Canary Islanders - forty-four of whom were from Lanzarote – sailed to the New World from Santa Cruz, Tenerife and following a 6 month stop in Havana, arrived in Vera Cruz, Mexico in July. The final stage of their epic journey was a four month overland trek to San Antonio, Texas, escorted by Spanish soldiers, which they reached on 9 March 1731, one year after setting out. Included among their household goods was a large amount of gofio, a cereal of ground maize, which had been a food staple in the Islands since pre-Hispanic times and remains so until today. An original gofio millstone they brought is on display at the Alamo, the “Cradle of American Liberty.”

In 1731, the location of the town they were to found was named Presidio San Antonio de Bejar,

Mayors of San Antonio from 1731 to 1743

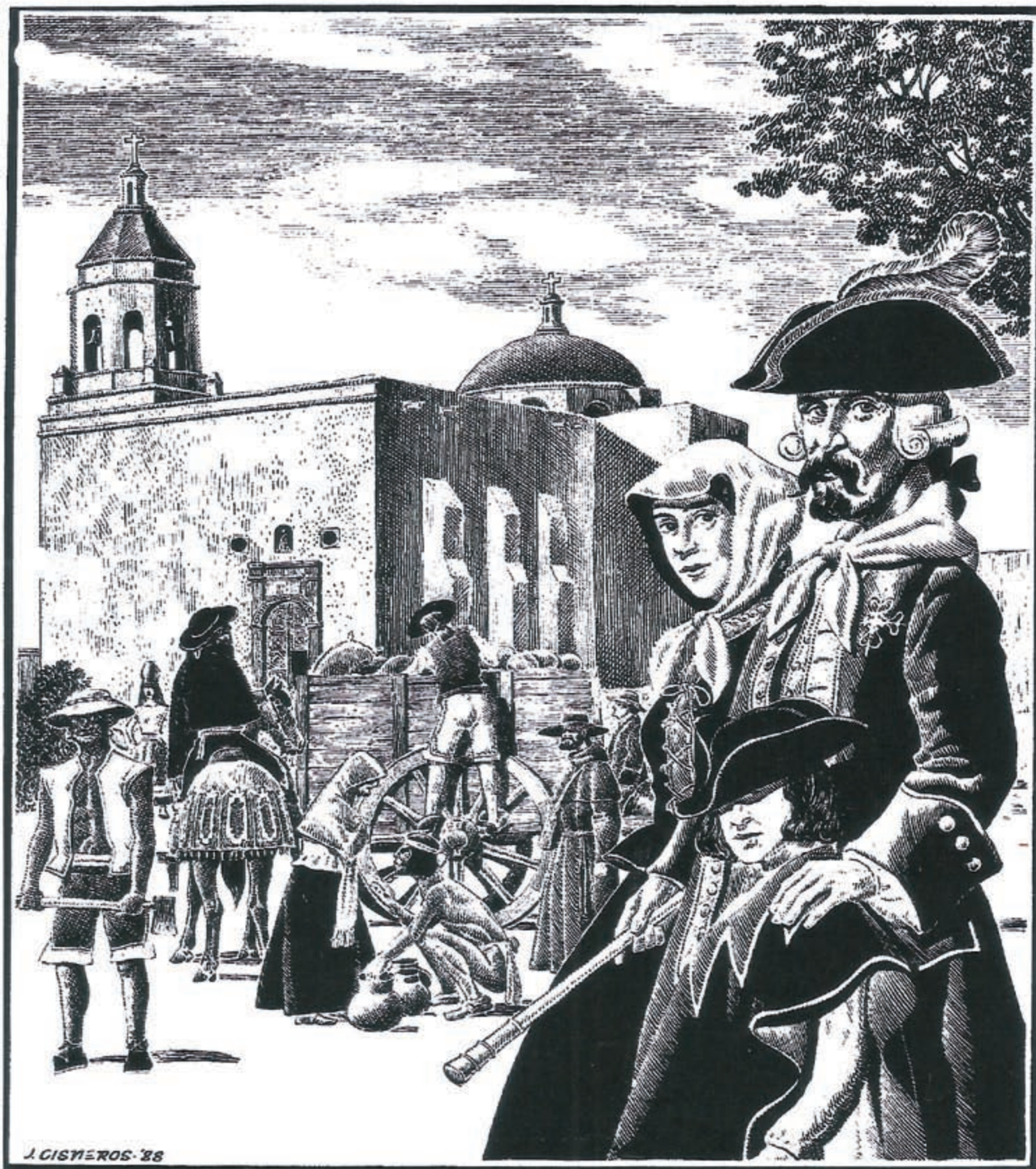
Juan Leal Goraz	Aug. 1, 1731
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Antonio de los Santos	1733
Manuel de Niz	1734
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Juan Curbelo	1737
Ignacio Lorenzo de Armas	1738
Juan Curbelo	1739
Juan Delgado	1740
Antonio Rodriguez Mederos	1741
Patricio Rodriguez	1742
Antonio Sosa	1743

Bexar Fort, which consisted of a commander’s house, a few huts for soldiers and a corral which marked the boundary. Leather-jacketed soldiers, soldados de cuero, defended the fort from attacks by Apaches trying to steal horses.

16 Founder Families

Upon arrival, the Canary Islanders were divided into 16 Founder Families headed by: Juan Leal Goraz, Juan Curbelo, Juan Leal Jr., Antonio Santos, Josef Padron, Manuel de Niz, Vicente Alvarez Travieso, Salvador Rodriguez, Francisco Arocha, Antonio Rodriguez, Josef Leal, Juan Delgado, Josef Cabrera, María Robayna de Bethencourt, Delgado Mariana Meliano, Josef Antonio Pérez Casanova.

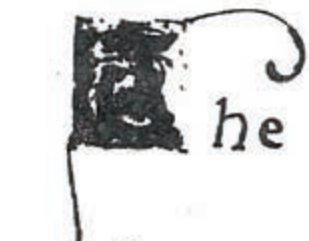
Their names and physical descriptions were recorded thus: First Family 1. Juan Leal Goraz, son of Antonio and Maria Pérez, native of Lancerota (sic) Island, 54 years old, tall, long face, thick beard, dark complexion, sharp nose, blind in the left eye, black beard and hair, light grey eyes. 2. Vicente Leal. Son of foregoing and Catharina Rodriguez deceased, native of Lancerota, 18 years old, medium height, broad shouldered, long face, beardless, aquiline nose, eyebrows meeting, light grey eyes, black curled hair, black eye-brows, dark complexion. 3. Bernardo Leal. Son of Juan above, native of Lancerota, round face, 13 years old..... followed by details of the other 15 family groups.



CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF LIFE IN A PRESIDIO
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→  he king appointed them to settle
that Place

*"And it shall be known by the name of
Village de San Fernando?"*



*At eleven o'clock in the morning, March 9,
1731, fifteen families of fifty-five settlers filed
before Juan Antonio de Almazan, Captain of
the Presidio of San Antonio, who welcomed them
in the name of King Philip V. The arrival of the
Canary Islanders brought to fruition the recommen-
dation of the Council of the Indies that a per-
manent civil settlement in the remote territory
of Texas be established to prevent incursion of the
French.*

The late historian John Leal (1929-2004) worked at Bexar County Archives in Austin for ten years using his spare time to translate hundreds of Spanish manuscripts about the original Canary Island settlers into English. He also sent a wealth of historical data to Teguse Archives on Lanzarote and to Lancelot. The author of this article was privileged to have met and corresponded with him from 1998 until his unexpected death in 2004. John Leal's memory lives on through the rich legacy of San Antonio's history such as the document above with the royal appointment to the nobility

First Town Council

The fort commander constituted the first town council as follows: First Councilman Juan Leal Goráz, President of the Council; Second Councilman Juan Curbelo, responsible for building the jailhouse; Third Councilman Antonio Santos, weights and measures; Fourth Councilman Salvador Rodriguez, warehouses and public buildings; Fifth Councilman Manuel de Niz, unclaimed property; Sixth Councilman Juan Leal Jr. who held a vote but with no specific duties. A sheriff, a council secretary, a notary public and an administrator of public lands were also nominated.



CABILDO DE LANZAROTE

Appointed to the Nobility

For their participation in founding an overseas territory for the Spanish Crown, each male settler was appointed a member of the nobility with the title of "Hidalgo." The honour was presented by the Marquis de Casafuerte, Captain General of New Spain, in the name of King Felipe V, who said the following: "every settler and his descendants would be known as landholding nobles of Spain with all the honours and prerogatives of the landed gentry of the Kingdom of Castile." Some families and individuals who are direct descendants of the Founder Families use the title on their letter heads and business cards to this very day. Among them the late John Leal, an historian mentioned later on in this feature.

Historical Background

Texas was part of four provinces in the Viceroyalty of New Spain, Nuevo España, where the uninterrupted Spanish presence ran from 1716-1821. Although only of 105 years duration, the legacies of Spanish Texas are lasting and significant. Early Spanish legislation such as Community Property and Water Rights still form part of the legal code of the State.

Recognising community property of husband and wife was based on the idea that both man and woman should share equally in all possessions associated with marriage. This led to the modern day statute of joint income tax. Water rights were held by the king in Spanish Texas.



The Alamo, Mission San Antonio de Valero

Individuals were allotted water for domestic and livestock use only by grant but the water source was never privately owned. This enabled the Lone Star State to construct the great Falcon Dam on the Rio Grande in 1954 without payment to individuals for the loss of water to their lands. This massive project was essential in order to mitigate the effects of flooding conditions that had historically plagued towns and cities on the Texas-Mexico border as well as to provide hydro-electric power for the Rio Grande Valley.

The Missions

From the 15th to the 19th century the Spanish presence in the New World manifested itself through a series of Missions, in an area extending from Mexico and southwestern portions of what today are the United States, reaching as far south as Argentina and Chile. These were large farms or ranches, populated by priests who baptised the native workers and which were guarded by soldiers. The Catholic Church was an essential part of the Spanish Empire and it was the duty of the King to ensure that Christianity was spread by teaching indigenous people about Christian values.

Since the famous Battle of the Alamo in 1836, the San Antonio de Valero Mission Fortress Shrine is known as the Cradle of Texas Liberty

Spanish priests, missionaries, strove to replace traditional Indian rituals with religious festivals teaching Christian beliefs.

The chain of missions established along the San Antonio River in the 18th century was, the largest in North America. Free-roaming livestock on the mission ranches proved very

profitable and a century later the American cattle industry was built on the legacy of these Texas mission ranches. The success of the missions was dependent upon planting and harvesting crops. To combat sparse rainfall the need for irrigation led to the construction of seven gravity flow ditch systems known as acequias. So important was irrigation in Spanish Texas that cropland was measured by the amount of crops that could be watered in one day.

In 1718, Mission San Antonio de Valero, later called the Alamo, was founded as the first mission on the San Antonio River. A State Historic site, the Alamo has been under the care of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1905. Since the famous Battle of the Alamo in 1836 it became known as the “Cradle of Texas Liberty.”

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300th Anniversary of the Birth of San Antonio, Texas

Fernando Clavijo Batlle

President of the Government of the Canary Islands



The arrival of Canary Islanders in America at the end of the 17th century is not a happy story. Quite the reverse, it was a very sad episode in the history of the Archipelago. A story of exodus and misery, of the uprooting of people due to hunger and poverty.

A story which began only one and a half centuries after the conquest of the Canary Islands, when the first symptoms of an economic crisis were felt forcing the emigration of entire families to the Americas, seeking an opportunity to survive. First to Venezuela and Cuba, but also to other parts of the New World.

A process, which sadly, has been repeated many times throughout history everywhere on the Planet, and which is nowadays revealing its most severe aspect.

However that emigration of Canary Islanders forced by hunger, which did not cease, in some form or other, until well into the 20th century, also gave birth to the building of new cities, the settling of large colonies of Canary Islanders in the Americas and the strengthening of powerful emotional links which have remained alive until this very day. It was also, the story of a second and much brighter opportunity.

San Antonio Texas was founded by 56 of our fellow countrymen, who made that homeland, their homeland. And ever since, they and their descendents have never sto-

pped seeking ways of maintaining the closest links to the homeland of their ancestors, as well as forging a future of collaboration and cooperation.

The Canaries are in the process of internationalising their economy and have in San Antonio a colony of Canarians and descendents of Canarians living in the city, a veritable “Embassy” with shared interests and connections not only emotionally, but cultural, commercial and social. These links, manifest themselves in the support of meetings held by various Canarian delegations in which not only the Canarian Government participates but also, the Special Canarian Economic Zone, the Port Authority, the Chambers of Commerce as well as

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the business sector, with the objective of promoting, in the United States of America, investment opportunities available in the Canary Islands.

The history shared by San Antonio, Texas and Canarias, are links in both directions, which cross the Atlantic strengthening the bridges created by love and memory. Links, which look ahead to the future with optimism, because tomorrow will bring a history of joint progress and shared projects.

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The Canary Islands Descendents Association of San Antonio



A special Mass is held annually on a Sunday close to the 9th of March, the day of the arrival of the settlers. Members of the Canary Islands Descendents Association wear the costumes and bear the banner of the native isle of their ancestors



Dr Alfonso Chiscano, seen with Canarian Descendents, has played a crucial role in maintaining a close relationship between the Canary Islands and San Antonio by his frequent visits to Tenerife and Lanzarote. He was also the Founding President of the Amigos of the Canary Islands, a role in which his energy and vitality created a lasting bond between the Canary Islands

and San Antonio, Texas. For fostering cultural ties between Spain and the United States, Dr Chiscano was decorated with the Insignia of Isabel the Catholic by the Spanish Ambassador and the Salvador Dali edition of Don Quijote by the Spanish Minister of Justice during his History Symposium at the University of Texas, San Antonio, in 2006.



To celebrate the 275th anniversary of the arrival of the settlers in 2006, the Government of the Canary Islands sent a very special gift of sand carpets from La Oratava, Tenerife where they are traditionally laid in streets around churches during Corpus Christi Festival. Canarian artisans mingled the sand they brought with them with Texas soil symbolising the fraternal ties between the two communities.



This “gofio” millstone is displayed at the building commemorating the famous Battle of the Alamo, which is visited by millions of Americans year. The plaque states that it had been brought to Texas by the Canarian settlers who founded San Antonio in 1731. Gofio was the staple diet of the pre-Hispanic Guanches and is still a very popular dish nowadays.



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Greetings from the President of the Lanzarote Cabildo on the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the Birth of San Antonio

Pedro M. San Ginés Gutiérrez
President of the Lanzarote Cabildo



Despite the passing of time since the arrival of the first group of Canary Islanders 287 years ago on 9 March 1731, this date remains one of the most important in the collective memory of the Island's history. To which we must add the previous 13 years during which the first seeds for the town were planted by the building of the Franciscan Mission and Presidio, resulting in the commemoration of 300 years since the Birth of San Antonio, Texas.

The arrival of the immigrants signalled the first civil government in Texas.

Those first Lanzaroteans, led by Juan Leal Goráz, did not leave on account of the eruption of the Timanfaya volcanoes, as some people mistakenly believe - in fact they left six months beforehand – it was caused by the failure of crops due to long periods of drought, combined with a lack of work. The specific impulse for the emigration was a Royal Decree of 1718, known as the *Tributo de Sangre*. This law obliged cargo boats sailing from Grand Canary to Spain's colonies to carry five entire families with them for every 100 tonnes of merchandise on board, in order to build up the population in their overseas territories. This covered the cost of the journey at the same time as providing the emigrants with more opportunities to earn a livelihood than in the Canary Islands, which were overpopulated at the time.

Juan Leal Goráz became the first mayor and his experience was of major importance for the small town to prosper.

The Canary Islanders were com-

mitted to building up their new home and fought for it despite opposition from the Franciscan missionaries who opposed their settling in what they considered their own area. However, they were protected in their endeavours by the soldiers.

Despite the obstacles, the long journey of the Canarians was ultimately successful and they went on to found the first civil settlement in the history of Texas, north of Mexico, which later became part of today's United States of America.

“ The Canarian imprint is still present in San Antonio and it is highly emotional for us to know that part of our own flesh and blood helped it become one of the most important cities in the United States of America

For very many years, and right up until to today, those first Canary Islanders, most of who were from Lanzarote like Juan Leal Goráz, have remained in the memory of the present day inhabitants and we continue to identify ourselves with those who strove to make a better life for themselves and for the good of all our people.

The Canarian imprint is still present in San Antonio and it is highly emotional for us to know that part of our own flesh and blood helped it become one of the most important cities in the United States of America.



Canary Island Descendents from San Antonio on Lanzarote



The President of the Lanzarote Island Council, Pedro San Ginés, greeting the Canary Descendents to Lanzarote at the Cabildo. He told them that his birthday falls on the 9th of March, the day their ancestors first arrived in San Antonio three centuries ago and if his schedule permitted would very much like to participate in their 300th anniversary celebrations this year



Lanzarote Descendent Jim Courville-Curbelo, who traces back his ancestry for eight generations, was welcomed on his first visit to the Island by the Presidents of the Canary Islands and of the Lanzarote Cabildo



Members of CIDA at the thermal grill in Timanfaya National Park where food is cooked by geothermic heat



Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez with San Antonio Descendents Association Vice President Anthony Delgado during a visit of 32 members to the Lanzarote Cabildo earlier this year. The visitors extended an invitation to the President and the Culture Councillor to visit the Texan city founded by Canary Islanders in the early 18th century. Oscar Pérez was originally a musician with his own group, Oscar Tiene Alas (Oscar Has Wings), which was very popular in the Canaries and even played a concert in New York. He will be attending the 300th anniversary of San Antonio in March, but without his guitar.



Canary Island Descendents at the Monumento al Campesino

Greetings from the Mayor of Teguisse on the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the Birth of San Antonio

Oswaldo Betancort
Mayor of Teguisse



As Mayor of the Royal and Ancient Town of Teguisse, the first capital of Lanzarote and the Canary Islands, it gives me great pleasure to send fraternal greetings to the City of San Antonio on the 300th Anniversary Year of its birth. I am very proud that in response to the Royal Dispatch of King Felipe V of Spain dated 14 February 1729, seeking volunteers from the Canary Islands to establish a town in the territory of Nueva España, New Spain, Teguisse was the first Council to respond.

During a meeting on 15 May 1729, Teguisse Council authorised Mayor Juan Leal Goráz to ask the Captain General of the Canaries, who was based in Tenerife, for details of the royal edict. Teguisse thereby became the recruitment centre for seven families from Lanzarote and the other islands. The story is told in the book *La Fundación de San Antonio, Texas* by Armando Curbelo Fuentes, published by the Ayuntamiento de Teguisse in 1987.

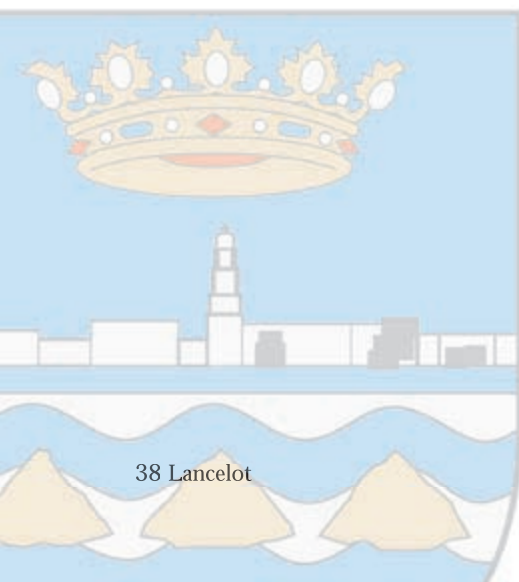
Mayor Juan Leal Goráz recruited 56 volunteers from the Canary Islands – later described as the 16 Founding Families - whom he led on their journey to the New World where they founded the first settlement in the history of Texas in 1731. To be named San Antonio, it has since flourished to become the

seventh largest city in the United States of America.

300 years later, we in Teguisse feel a particularly close relationship to each of the Descendents of those brave pioneers, because of their frequent return visits to the hometown of their ancestors. Whilst amongst us, they spend much of their time in the archives, lovingly perusing handwritten documents of the individual families and praying in the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, knowing it is where that their forefathers worshipped before departing these shores three centuries ago.

“ *Teguisse is celebrating its 600th anniversary as the Royal and Ancient Capital of Lanzarote this year and we would warmly welcome all visitors from San Antonio, because **our** celebration is **your** celebration.* ”

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Canary Island Descendents from San Antonio on Lanzarote



The Mayor of Teguise with Jim Courville at Jameos del Agua



Two members of CIDA holding the flag of Teguise at the entrance to San Fernando Cathedral



The Canary Islands Descendents visited the Ayuntamiento of Teguise where they were welcomed to Spinola Palace, home of the Timple Museum by Culture Councillor Olivia Duque



Teguise Town Historian Francisco Hernández Delgado showing the Descendents handwritten documents of each of their ancestors. Many were overcome with emotion when seeing their ancestor's names on the pages



President of the University of Texas at San Antonio, Ricardo Romo and his wife, Dr Harriet Romo, with Guanapay Castle, Teguise, in the background. Photo Liz



Members of the Canary Islands Descendents Association with the Lanzarote flag in the grounds of their headquarters in San Antonio. In the centre, holding the book of Teguise, is the late historian John Leal, mentioned elsewhere in this feature



Canary Island Descendents from San Antonio on Lanzarote



On his first visit to Lanzarote, Dr Chiscano and the Deputy Mayor of San Antonio were welcomed at the offices of Lancelot publications by the Managing Executives Antonio and Jorge Coll

Lancelot Covers of four issues with major features on the Canarian Descendents of San Antonio, Texas and of Los Isleños of St Bernard, Louisiana. The Senator for St Bernard is holding a copy of Lancelot containing the history of his constituency which he presented to the United States Library of Congress in 2002.



Covers of four issues of Lancelot featuring the history of San Antonio and the visit of members of the Canary Islands Descendents Association to Lanzarote



Paul Casanova Garcia and his partner Jo Ann Tripis. Lancelot wishes to thank Paul for the excellent photography we have used over the years

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Dear Canary Descendents of San Antonio

As Mayor of Tias, and on behalf of the Council I have the honour of presiding over, I would like to send our warmest greetings and my very best wishes to the Canary Descendents of San Antonio, Texas, on the occasion of the 300th Anniversary of the birth of your city. At the time of the emigration of your ancestors in 1730, our district belonged to the municipality of San Bartolomé which was the birth place of Juan Leal

Goraz. He had been the leader of the Cabildo Council of Lanzarote and who was to be appointed the very first mayor of San Antonio, the oldest civil settlement in the State of Texas, in the year 1731.

Another member of the first Council of San Antonio was Juan Curbelo, who before leaving Lanzarote donated an altarpiece to the Ermita de Tegoyo. His descendent, Jim Courville-Curbelo visited Lanzarote in 2015 carrying with him his 40 page family tree which dates back to the year 1590. Whilst on Lanzarote with his wife Maggie, he visited the chapel at Tegoyo. One of the feast days that we celebrate annually in Tias District is the Romeria de Tegoyo, a pilgrimage by worshippers from all over the district bearing flower tributes to the chapel. Another important Fiesta which our district has in common with the Canarian Descendents of San Antonio is the celebration of the Feast Day of La Candelaria on the 2 February every year, which is a public holiday throughout the municipality.

Nearly every group of Canary Islanders who have visited Lanzarote over the past 20 years has stayed in the tourist resort of Puerto del Carmen where the miles of golden sands along our coastline attracts up to 1 million visitors a year. We offer a special welcome to all visitors from San Antonio who wish to pay a nostalgic visit to the native isles of their ancestors whilst enjoying a holiday amongst us.

There is a saying in Spain **Mi Casa es Tu Casa**, permit me to add **Mi Isla es Tu Isla**.

José Francisco Hernández
Mayor of Tias



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Canary Island Descendents from San Antonio on Lanzarote



Mayor of Tias Pancho Hernandez with Jim Courville and his wife Maggie at Jameos del Agua on World Tourism Day 2015



The Mayor and Councillors of Tias Corporation at the Chapel during the Romeria de Tegoyo pilgrimage which takes in July every year



According to historian Francisco Hernández, in 1728, two years before the Canary Island settlers left Lanzarote, one of them Juan Curbelo, donated an altarpiece to Tegoyo Chapel. His descendent Jim Courville-Curbelo returned to pay tribute to his ancestor 287 years later in 2015



The Deputy Mayor and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino with Jim and Maggie at the Feria de la Tapa in La Tiñosa harbour





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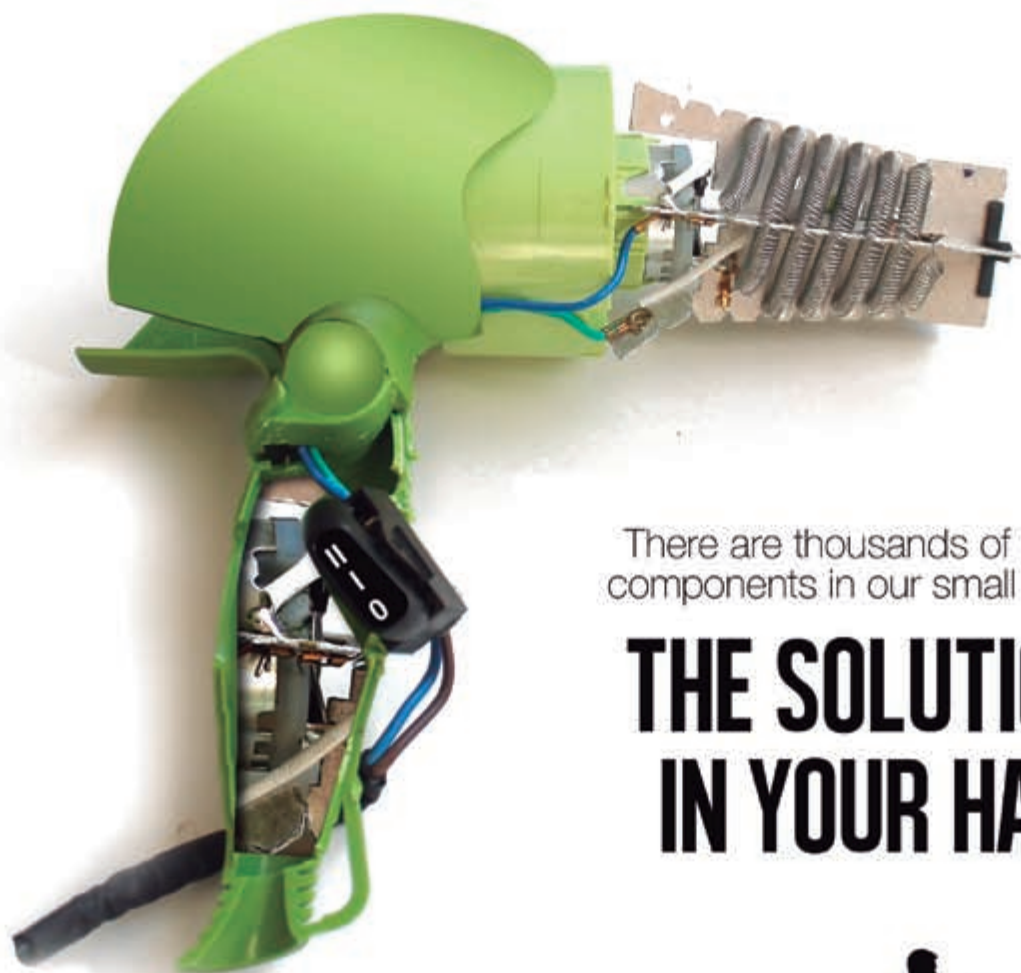
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85% of patients with epilepsy can achieve a normal life with adequate pharmacological treatment

Dr. Clara Sainz, neurologist at Hospiten Lanzarote, explains that progress is being made in the incorporation of drugs that are easier to manage and with fewer side effects that facilitate adherence to treatment.

Epilepsy is the second most frequent neurological disease in Spain, after headache, with an incidence of 30-50 new cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

The Hospiten Group points out the need for patients with this disease to be continuously controlled with a specific treatment in order to lead a normal life..

Epilepsy is the second most frequent neurological disease in Spain, after headache. Each year between 12,000 and 22,000 new cases are detected, according to the Spanish Society of Neurology. It is also a disease characterized by the appearance of crises due to abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain of various causes such as hereditary, alterations in prenatal development, brain injuries, among others, and may have neurological, mental, psychological and social consequences.

In this sense, the Hospiten Lanzarote neurologist, Clara Sainz, explains that, "constant monitoring of the treatment is essential to avoid the appearance of crises. In fact, around 85% of patients manage to have a crisis-free life thanks to a specific and continuous monitoring by specialists, with the incorporation of appropriate drugs. In the rest of cases, they are usually patients with very resistant epilepsy where alternatives such as surgery to reduce the number of seizures is the only option".

Dr. Sainz also clarifies that in recent years there has been considera-



ble progress in the incorporation of new drugs that are much simpler to take and that seek to facilitate adherence to treatments by patients. Likewise, they considerably reduce the possible adverse effects that are usually present in the long term with the prolonged monitoring of this type of medication, such as osteoporosis, liver problems or weight gain, among others.

"Although relatives and people closest to patients are usually familiar with epilepsy, it is always important

to generalize and deepen the guidelines for action in the event that they manifest a crisis to help in the safety and health of the patients affected", added the Hospiten specialist.

Finally, she stresses, "that people with epilepsy must be properly assessed, establish what kind of crisis they present and establish the most appropriate treatment for each case, which allows total control of the crisis, without adverse effects and without repercussions on the quality of the life".



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Culture Week at the Language School EOI

The theme of this year's Culture Week at the EOI Canarian Government Language School of Arrecife, was "Viajes" or "Travels." Lancelot editor Larry Yaskiel gave details of two important historical journeys: Olivia Stone from England to the Canaries in 1884 and Canary Islanders to San Antonio, Texas in 1730. Photos: The speaker with Headmistress Carmen Rosa González and teaching executive Nacho Vilalta and a section of the 50 students who included journalist Lourdes Bermejo of the daily newspaper Canarias 7.



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Besides historical data, readers are in for a host of surprises: the drowning of a Pretender to the throne of England in a barrel of Canary wine; Walter Raleigh's trial for treason at the Tower of London; Benjamin Franklin and the American Revolution; Anglo Canarian P.O.W. at the Bridge on the River Kwai; Agatha Christie's plots; final "incognito" holiday in the lives of three Beatles.



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Eating out on Lanzarote

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grouper, local yellow sweet potatoes, carrot and coconut sauce. Private banqueting suites for weddings. Open daily 13.00 – 23.00 hrs. Closed Monday. Bar and snacks from 12.00 - 23.00.

El Toro Puerto del Carmen

El Toro, famous for its grilled meats, received the title Best Steakhouse Grill in the Canary Islands at the Heineken Top Ten Restaurants Awards 2018. Proprietor and chef de cuisine Luis León, voted Best Chef in the Canaries, who is celebrating 50 years as a restaurateur, has come up with the innovative idea of putting the final touches to food at the table according to the customer's taste. Selection includes: Iberian pork carpaccio with orange and teriyaki sauce: Roasted

suckling lamb Castilla León; Grilled "pluma" of Iberian acorn-fed pig; Sirloin steak Toro-style with caramelised onion and BBQ sauce; Hamburger Galician beef; Salmon papillote Café de Paris style; Grilled sea bass. Comprehensive wine list. One can eat well from €28 per person for three courses, excluding wine. Spacious dining inside or outside on the terrace plus ample parking. Open daily 14.00 – 23.00 hrs, closed Tuesday. Located in Puerto del Carmen at the end of the Arrecife bypass on the roundabout.

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view from the terrace of the Atlantic Ocean with the Isles of Lobos and Fuerteventura.

Pizzeria Capri

Opened by owner Toni Garcia Martín in 1985, this is one of the truly pioneering restaurants of Puerto del Carmen which has operated since tourism began in the resort. Family-run with 23 tables and a staff of 18, the standards of excellence in food, professional and friendly service as well as good value for money have never changed suiting every taste and every pocket. There is a comprehensive variety of local and international dishes besides pizza choices which include vegan and vegetarian. Toni points out that Pizzeria Capri cooks its pizzas slowly using only fresh natural products. Ingredients include wholemeal flour, mineral water and

extra virgin olive oil without the use of pork fat, which results in a lighter and more digestible meal. Among other specialities on the 99-dish menu are aubergine, almond croquettes made with Canary palm honey.

Half-size portions for kids and the elderly. Also, shared portions of pizza, lasagne and croquettes. The tables are laid out in the restaurant in a certain manner to give clients an ambience of comfort and privacy wherever you sit, and you feel as if you were eating a home-cooked meal in your own house. Highly popular with both tourists and residents. Open daily from 11.30 to 1 am.



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16 Million Tourists on the Canary Islands in 2017 €18,000M Holiday Market Turnover the Highest Ever



Canarian President Fernando Clavijo said, “Don’t let your guard down and keep your eye on the ball, although we have enjoyed our best year ever and our Islands are enjoying a high level of popularity on a worldwide basis. We must continue to strive for visitor loyalty and attract tourism of the highest quality in tandem with sustainable growth and social development.”

With these words President Clavijo opened Fitur Madrid 2018, the first major tourism trade fair of the year. He praised the efforts of all involved in the industry throughout the seven Islands adding that their hard work had resulted in 16 million holidaymakers responsible for an 18,000 million euro turnover. In addition, the Canaries showed the highest profitability per occupation with a daily average of 89.57 euros, which was 17 euros per head more than the Balearics.

Canarian Councillor for Tourism, Culture and Sports, Isaac Castella-



no also referred to the record-breaking annual figures for tourists and their spending habits in the Islands. He pointed out that the Canaries were among the first of the world’s major holiday regions to advoca-

te sustainable tourism in harmony with continually improving facilities for the enjoyment of every sector of the holiday market. Councillor Castello, who is also councillor for culture and sports spoke of the



The Canarian President and Tourism Councillor enjoy traditional folklore music at the stand offering home grown local products



The Executive prepare to meet the international press

ever-growing opportunities to participate in world class competitions in land and nautical disciplines. The aims of our tourist sector are to improve the standards of accommodation and to provide a diverse choice of facilities to satisfy every category of holidaymaker for the whole twelve months of the year due to the benign climate of the Canary Islands.

Managing Director of Promotur, Maria Méndez explained that the European Community Fund for Regional Development contributed 85% of the cost of the Canary Islands exhibit at Fitur, which covered an area of 1,425 m2. The display served the ambitious programme of a diversification of holidaymakers covering enthusiasts of hiking, sailing and golf among many other leisure activities as well as introducing them to home grown Canarian fruit, vegetables, cheeses and wines etc



Canarian Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano with Promotur Managing Director Maria Mendéz, discussing promotion strategy for the United Kingdom following the implementation of Brexit



Spain's Secretary of State for Tourism Matilde Asian joins the Canarian Tourism Councillor and leading members of the executive



Lanzarote's Tourism Sector at Fitur 2018 in Madrid Island Joins the “Biosphere Destination Community”



Lanzarote's Carnival is displayed to the media by the Canarian President Fernando Clavijo and Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano, Cabildo Vice President Luis Arráez, Tourism and CACT Councillor Echedey Eugenio among other officials

Fitur International Tourism Fair, Madrid, held January in the Spanish capital, is the first of Europe's annual “Big 3” tourism trade events and was attended by 250,000 visitors. It is followed by the Tourism Bourse, Berlin, in March, and concludes with the World Tourism Fair, London, in November.

Biosphere Destination Smart Island Intelligent Resort

The island's delegation at Fitur, Madrid, headed by Spel Lanzarote Overseas Tourist Promotion, carried an emphatic message for

potential visitors headlined with the words Biosphere Destination – Smart Island – Intelligent Resort based on the principles of Modernisation, Innovation and Sustainability. Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio said, “Lanzarote has joined the “Biosphere Desti-

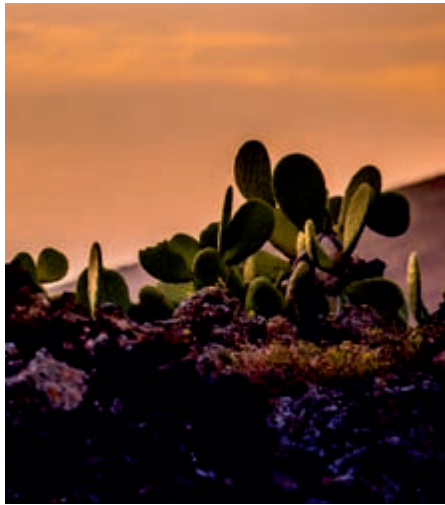
nation Community” (BDC) which was created under the auspices of Unesco and the World Tourism Organisation. Because the Island has always pursued a policy of technical innovation in tandem with responsible development we are well equipped to meet the requirements and expectations of visitors.

New Organisation Biosphere Destination Community

The Biosphere Destination Community organisation ensures that members make sustainable development the cornerstone of its tourism strategy, offering a dedicated platform to promote their activities as well as sharing eco-friendly experiences and success stories. This exchange encourages and generates a set of good practices that inspires other international destinations to embark on the path of responsible tourism. Lanzarote is well established in the Biosphere Destination Community having pioneered the concept of Biosphere Hotels more than two decades ago. Tourist development on this island has always respected social and environmental aspects whilst addressing the needs of visitors.



Cabildo Councillors Luis Arráez and Saray Rodriguez with Cicar CEO Mamerto Medina and his executives



Tourism and CACT Councillor Echedey Eugenio chairs a meeting with Spel and the Tourism Councillors of Tias, Teguisse, Yaiza and Haría



President Clavijo and Asolan President Susana Pérez congratulate Club La Santa and La Isla y Mar for their CaixaBank Innovation Award



Spain's Secretary of State Matilde Asien with Ca-bildo Vice President Ángel Vazquez and Saborea Lanzarote executive Juan Betancort discuss the Spanish Government's plans for a major European-wide campaign to promote the culinary specialities of each region including the Canary Islands



Asolan President Susana Perez and Spel MD Hector Fernández and Marketing Executive Lorena Miranda meeting a tour operator



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Reports from the Canarian Government

Manchester City E-Sports Programme for Canary Island Schools MEP Marek Plura Discusses Increased Accessibility for the Disabled



Canarian President Fernando Clavijo

Canarian President Fernando Clavijo held meetings with Manchester City Football Academy's E-Sports Executive. The club is one of the world leaders in this field and the president sought advice on E-sports courses for students to learn streaming techniques and layouts as part of their school education due to the surging popularity of organised competitive computer games.

Polish-born MEP Marek Plura, who has suffered from muscular dystrophy since birth, rose to become a member of parliament and an MEP. He told President Clavijo that the EU promotes the active inclusion and full participation of disabled people through accessibility in schools, goods and services and leisure activities, in line with the EU and UN human rights approach to disability issues.



President Clavijo with the Marketing and Operations executive. To match their prowess on the soccer pitch the Premier League leaders signed Marcus 'ExpectSporting' Jorgensen as their dedicated PlayStation4 representative after winning the FIFA Interactive World Cup in 2017



President Fernando Clavijo with MEP Marek Plura who heads the EU Disabled People's Rights Commission, as they discuss the accessibility for the handicapped throughout the Canary Islands

The first Traditional Canarian Music and Dance Festival featured folklore groups from each of the seven Canary Islands. Lanzarote was represented by the musicians of highly popular Teguisse artists, Guanapay. The event at the Sports stadium was promoted by the Canarian Government



The Canary Islands Received 16 Million Holidaymakers in 2017 20.5% Increase in Airline Capacity Over the past 4 Years

Canarian Government Tourist Councillor Isaac Castellano told the international media, "The Canary Islands has broken all records yet again - as it has done every year since 2012 - has which resulted in a great boost for the local economy which registered an annual rise of almost 10%. Tourism now accounts for over one third of the GDP in the Canaries, with over a quarter of a million people employed in the holiday sector. This reflects 82,000 additional jobs since 2009, a rise of almost 50% since 2009."

Airline Connections - First Flights to Israel in History

The Canary Islands are connected - via 876 regular flights - to 156 domestic and national destinations - a rise of 14 over the past four years. Following negotiations between the Tourism Councillor and Lenka Vikova, the CEO of Prague-based Smartwings airline, a weekly flight has opened between Tenerife Sur and Tel Aviv, the first ever direct connection between the Canary Islands and Israel.

Brexit Effect

Councillor Isaac Castellano was asked what the effect of Brexit would be for tourism in the Canary Islands seeing that British holidaymakers comprise such a high share of the market, especially on Lanzarote which is the destination of choice for one and a half million Brits every year. He responded by saying that there had been no drop in hotel reservations for the coming season. He added, tourists from the UK had proved their loyalty to Lanzarote when Monarch, one of the



Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano, Vice Tourism Councillor Cristobal de la Rosa and Director of Promotur María Méndez explain "The Other Map" promotion



Canarian Tourism Councillor during an interview with Lancelot TV



At a meeting of Skal International, Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano spoke of the large investment by the business sector in the renovation and refurbishment of tourist accommodation, facilities and amenities in the Canary Islands, which had reached the sum of 1,444 million euros over the past three years. This had contributed greatly to the record 16 million holidaymakers in the Archipelago during 2017. "It is important to continue our joint efforts for sustainability in tandem with development in order to maintain our competitiveness in the market," he concluded.

biggest British tour operators went out of business a few months ago but they found alternative flights and hotels and there was no drop in numbers.

"People are not going to stop going on holiday when Britain leaves Europe they will continue to

travel to their favourite holiday resort, which in the case of the Canary Islands is only a few hours away." Tourism to the Canaries from the UK is still showing an upward trend as are the other three major markets, Germany, Ireland and mainland Spain.



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Reports from The Cabildo

Possibility of Chichester Summer Campus on Lanzarote Saborea Lanzarote Promotion at Major Culinary Events

Photos Sergio Betancort, Jesús Betancort, Liz



*Cabildo President
Pedro San Ginés*



President Pedro San Ginés welcomed Dr Duncan Reavey and several students from Chichester University to the Cabildo. He was delighted to hear that there was a possibility of establishing an annual 10 week Summer Campus on Lanzarote



Cabildo Councillor for Residual Waste, Carmen Rosa Márquez, accompanied a party of schoolchildren from César Manrique Secondary School in Tahiche, to Zonzamas Waste Recycling Plant as part of a programme to acquaint the younger generation with the problem of residual waste and how raw materials are recovered and used to form new products. For example, plastic bottles that are collected can be re-used and made into plastic pellets. Over a period of time pupils from every school on the island will be visiting the plant.

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés received Dr Duncan Reavey, Lecturer at Chichester University - on the occasion of their 20th annual visit to Lanzarote - who told him that the university authorities were studying the possibility of organising a summer campus on the island for 10 weeks a year. The president expressed a great interest in the scheme which could be highly beneficial for the island as a complementary English-language teaching outlet.



*Dr Pete Bunyan, Head of
Adventure Education at the
university*

Approved Projects for Lanzarote

€1,000,000: Lanzarote Conference Centre, first phase
€14,171,000: Playa Blanca Harbour expansion
€691,000: Orzola Harbour alterations
€1,678,129: Las Cucharas promenade refurbishment
€771,871: Puerto del Carmen urban areas
€400,000: Orzola promenade
€250,000 Islote de Fermina refurbishment
€100,000 euros: Las Caletas de Teguise civic centre

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Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Education Councillor Rosa Márquez and Biosphere Reserve Councillor Rafael Juan Gonzalez with a group of German students from Rosenheim, Bavaria, who learned about Lanzarote's 25 years as a World Biosphere Reserve

Cabildo Councillors for Economic Promotion and Agriculture, respectively, Ángel Vázquez and Antonio Morales announced that Lanzarote would be represented at several prestigious Wine and Gastronomic events, under the banner Saborea Lanzarote during the rest of the year. They pointed out that the Regulatory Board for the Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wines is participating, which is crucial, as the traditional method of wine-growing on Lanzarote is unique in the world and categorised in the New York Museum of Modern Art as “Engineering without Engineers.”

The first event attended, the Madrid Fusion International Gastronomy Congress, which took place in the Spanish capital in January, is the country's most important culinary fair. Lanzarote cuisine, led by its singular wi-



nes and cheeses, cultivated and bred in volcanic soil, received a lot of attention during a wide assortment of work-shops, speakers and food-tasting activities for professionals and foodies.

Saborea Lanzarote will also be attending the following events: Institutional Fair of Locally-Grown Products at San Mateo, Gran Canaria in March; Feaga in Fuerteven-

tura in April and in May at the Salon de Gourmets in Madrid which is celebrating its 32nd year. This is the most international of all gastronomic events and a leader in Europe whose 2017 edition boasted 1,630 exhibitors, 40,000 products on display and 93,346 trade visitors. It will be a truly wonderful showcase for Lanzarote's products.



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Reports from Tourism Lanzarote

Lanzarote Success as a European Sports Destination Smart Island - Innovative Technology in Major Hotels



Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio

Close to 50% of half a million Irish tourists who visited the Canary Islands last year, came to Lanzarote, which denotes an annual increase of 9.7%. It also means that 10% of the population of the Emerald Isle choose to vacation in the Canaries, making it the third highest market, after the UK and Germany.

Lanzarote Tourism was represented at the Vienna Ferien Messe which attracted 153,000 visitors to the 800 stands from 80 holiday resorts. As well as the Caravaning, Motoring and Tourism Fair, CMT, at Stuttgart, with 265,000 attendees, which celebrated its 50th year. Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio said that the public at both events showed great interest in Lanzarote's unique cuisine and the excellent leisure facilities and amenities, headed by the Tourist Centres, for tourists to enjoy. On the sports side many were attracted to the year round opportunity for diving, kitesurfing, golf and hiking.



Neckermann Hungary

Lanzarote Tourism was present at a fair in Budapest to seek clientele from the emerging Hungarian market as Wizz Air has been operating direct flights to the island from the Hungarian capital. The tourist executive presented a "Visit Lanzarote" exhibit for the 70 major travel agents of Neckermann Germany who cover a major part of the Hungarian holiday market.

FiturtechY 2018 Innovation

In order to stay ahead as an Intelligent Biosphere Reserve Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio attended various sessions at the FiturtechY stand dealing with the latest technological advances in the tourist industry. The key speaker pointed out that human beings are unique and unrepeatable but as a result of the different travellers' profiles and the exponential technological development, we now know the origin of those dreams, tourist resorts and the hospitality sector can offer them what they desire.

European Sports Destination

The popularity of Lanzarote as a leading European Sports Destination 12 months in the year continues to grow and to accommodate the demand for up-to-date info on the major international events, Tourism Lanzarote distributed a 2018 calendar of all major sporting activities, both land and nautical disciplines, taking place on the island this year.

The "Smart Island, Smart City Initiative," which builds on years of collaboration between authorities and communities on Lanzarote and the Canaries, conveys the significant potential of islands to function as laboratories for innovation in certain areas including: social, technological, environmental, economic and political. They cover; Walkability, renewables, low carbon transport, electric vehicles, waste2energy, smart grids, landscape protection, water consumption, resource efficiency, cycling etc.

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Golf Travel Market – Incentives and Conference Tourism Island Promotion at Visiting Fairs for Individual Tourism Categories



Cabildo Tourism and Tourist Centres Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Managing Director of Spel Overseas Tourism Héctor Fernández, sum up the prospects for holidaymakers to Lanzarote from the Spanish mainland for the rest of the year



Echedey Eugenio, Héctor Fernández, José Juan Lorenzo, and Asolan President Susana Pérez held rounds of meetings throughout the four day event with the executives of major tour operators and airlines. Without exception they were all increasing their hotel reservations and airline capacity for the rest of the year

Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández, having made a general assessment of the results of visiting trade events focused on individual categories besides the traditional fairs and workshops, came to the following conclusion: “Outside our traditional markets, because of the excellent year round climate our reputation continues to grow as a European Sports Destination, particularly for golf and nautical sports enthusiasts. Another major asset acting as a magnet for divers from all over the world is the Museo Atlántico, Europe’s only underwater sculpture park created by Jason DeCaires Taylor just over a year ago. We are also experiencing a surge in interest from the eno-gastronomic sector, food travellers, in our singular cuisine.”

Museo Atlantico Underwater Park Celebrates First Birthday

British eco-sculptor, Jason deCaires Taylor, created the first underwater sculpture park in Europe and the Atlantic Ocean which

opened in January 2017. Museo Atlántico is located in the clear blue waters off the southern coast of Lanzarote at Playa Blanca, the unique permanent installation is constructed 14m below the surface and is accessible to snorkelers and divers. The opening was highly lauded by the national and international media receiving over 141 pieces of major coverage.

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Spel Meetings and Partners at Fitur

EVENTS: Biosphere Destinations; FiturtechY2018; AIRLINES: Jet 2, Ryanair, British Airways, Vueling, Iberia Express, Wizz Air; TOUR OPERATORS: Tour Operators: TUI Nordic, Avoris (formerly Barceló), Cortes Inglés, Halcón, Eroski, Globalia, Air Europe Travel Plan, Saga, O Voyages (formerly Thalasso), TUI, Club der Vacaciones, Nautalia Sol-tour, lastminute.com OTAs: Logitravel, Minube, Destinia.

Portugal and France

Spel have also introduced a new direct link with Portugal with two weekly flights from Lisbon and Oporto organised by tour operator Tanto Avoris, (formerly Barceló) which commence in the summer. O Voyages, France are adding an additional weekly flight in April and May to the six already operating from various French airports. TUI Nordic also increasing flights from Sweden, Norway Denmark and Finland

According to Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández, “Lanzarote as an active partner in the “Smart Island, Smart City Initiative” due to the latest technical innovations introduced by the Tourist Centres as well the island’s major hotels. Contacts were also established and or renewed with the major Spanish and European OTAs, online travel companies. Carlos Garcia of Logitravel stated that Lanzarote has great visibility at Kinopolis, megacomplex in Madrid the largest cinema in the world with 25 screens and a seating capacity of 9,200 which offers excellent marketing facilities.



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Reports from Tías

Puerto del Carmen Among Spain's Most Popular Destinations History of La Tiñosa Shown on National Television

Photos Doris Hernández



Tías Mayor Pancho Hernández

According to the National Institute of Statistics Puerto del Carmen is the leader in occupancy of resorts on the island and in non-hotel accommodation No.1 in the whole of Spain. Mayor of Tías Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councilor Amado Vizcaino attribute these remarkable statistics to the dynamic modernisation programme carried out over the last five years whereby the private sector joined forces with Town Hall, Insular Cabildo and Regional Government to refurbish hotel and apartment accommodation to the highest possible standard and through responsible development.

Besides the upgrading of facilities and infrastructure, two five star hotels are being built to accommodate a demand for the accommodation of the highest category. One is a Lava Beach, brand new hotel, located at Matagorda and the second is the refurbishment of Los Fariönes, Puerto del Carmen's, and the island's, very first tourist-designated establishment which first opened in 1966. The year in which the traditional fishing harbour of La Tiñosa, gave birth to the tourist industry of Lanzarote.



The entire length of Avenida de Las Playas Beach Avenue is being resurfaced with asphalt in time for the spring



The origins of La Tiñosa, its fishing traditions and as the pioneer of tourism on Lanzarote was featured in an excellent video screened on national television



Tías Mayor Pancho Hernández congratulated two members of the Municipal Police Force for saving the life the of the driver of a car who accidentally drove into the sea at the harbour's edge. They immediately jumped into the sea and broke the car window to rescue the unconscious driver who would have drowned without their help

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Irish Eyes Are Smiling on the Beach at Puerto del Carmen Winning Destination in Popularity Poll for 15th Year

Popularity in Ireland

Tourism Councillor, Amado Vizcaino, was highly satisfied to hear that Lanzarote had won the prize as most popular destination for Irish holidaymakers for the 16th year running time as 80% stay in Puerto del Carmen. He added, “the Irish consider the annual St Patrick’s Day celebration in our resort as the best anywhere in Europe outside Ireland.”

In addition, Lanzarote has been chosen as the most popular sun and sea destination

for the 15th year in succession according to a poll among readers of the Irish Travel Trade News. The result is based on client satisfaction as expressed in a survey conducted by the publication among returning holidaymakers. Tourism Lanzarote and Councillor Vizcaino expressed their delight with the award, adding that the excellent promotion campaigns conducted in conjunction with local tour operators have borne their fruit among Irish holidaymakers on Lanzarote.



Tourism Councillor and Deputy Mayor Amado Vizcaino was at the Holiday Fair in Dublin where Lanzarote won the prize as most popular beach resort for the 15th year in succession



Tias Finance Councillor Ramón Melián said that the figure for the 2018 budget, almost 27.4 million euros denotes an annual rise of 5%. Tias is once again not charging taxes for licensing the opening of a new business



in support the “Pequeño Valiente” (Brave Youngsters) an organisation which supports families of children battling cancer by offering services like therapy dogs, yoga classes and hospital visits. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are joined by the Council and members of the charitable organisation

Tias Town Hall held a wine tasting at San Antonio gallery during La Candelaria festivities



The annual La Candelaria celebration on 2 February, a public holiday in Tias Municipality, commemorates the purification of the Virgin. Known in English as Candlemas, candles are traditionally blessed at this festival. A large crowd accompanied the priest, the mayor and his council from the church in upper Tias



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Reports from Yaiza

An Enlarged Harbour at Playa Blanca to Open in 2022 Tourist Office Visited by to 6,000 Holidaymakers Every Month

Photos Alex Salebe



Mayor of Yaiza Carlos Noda



The newly elected Mayor of Yaiza Carlos Noda and his Council

The Presidents of the Regional and Insular Governments have assured the Ayuntamiento of Yaiza that a new expanded harbour will open in November 2022, following an investment of 40 million euros. At the current time, Playa Blanca is the busiest port in the Canary Islands, with an annual volume of 1 million passengers and 250,000 vehicles, and the extension of the port facilities is long overdue.

Following the expansion, the dock will be accessible to cruiseliners as well as ferries with a new enlarged passenger terminal destined for 2,400m² quayside. Funds from the European Union Regional Development Programme are covering 85% of the 40 million euro cost and the Canarian Government, the remaining 15%. Work began in November 2017 and is to be concluded within 4 years. Moorings for leisure and fishing boats are being increased from 160 to 210.



Parliamentarian Gladys Acuña congratulates her successor Carlos Noda



Tourism Councillor Olga Caraballo said that the Tourist Information Office in Playa Blanca deals with up to 6,000 tourists a month, the majority from the UK but also from Ireland, France, Germany and Spain. The office is located in Calle Jaime Quesada 'El Maestro' just before the roundabout

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Welcome to Yaiza Rock and Roll Elvis-Themed Carnival
8 – 11 March - Playa Blanca Carnival Procession Saturday 10



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Inspired by the exciting dances and rhythms of Africa, the highly colourful 40 dancers, musicians and drummers of Los Yaiseros perform their carnival fantasy “Tribe”

The Rock and Roll theme was created by painter and designer Juan Diego Indelmo, whose surfing girl with radiant smile and guitar in hand was inspired by Elvis in Hawaii. He explained “I wanted

to show all the happiness and enjoyment of the Yaiza Carnival to a local background of the Fire Mountains and Pechiguera Lighthouse plus the marine essence of Playa Blanca.”



Yaiza Honours the Lucha Canaria School of Playa Blanca

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Lucha Canaria (Canarian Wrestling) School at Playa Blanca, the Ayuntamiento of Yaiza honoured its founder and instructor Tomás Quesada with a 2.2 metre high statue. During the ceremony, Acting Mayor Oscar Noda, who was accompanied by Sports Councillor Daniel Medina, spoke of the importance of Tomás Quesada’s contribution in teaching thousands of local children Canarian Wrestling and imbibing in them a love for the sport whose origins reach back to the pre-Hispanic Guanche inhabitants of the Canary Islands. The Club de Lucha Unión Sur Yaiza and the Insular Federation of Lucha Canaria were also thanked for their significant contribution to the education of the youngsters.



Member of Parliament Gladys Acuña and Tourism Councillor Olga Caballero display their Carnival poster at Madrid which attracted a lot of attention from the international media because of its Rock and Roll theme



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Reports from Arrecife

Maria Cédres Pérez “Amazonia” Arrecife Carnival Queen 2018 Mary Poppins Wins Children’s Carnival Award



Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta

In a spectacular final for the title of Beauty Queen the winner was Maria Cedrés Pérez as a fantasy entitled “Amazonia,” designed by Rubén Pérez who was crowned by Mayoress Eva de Anta and Festivities and Tourism Councillor David Duarte; Maid of Honour Yanira Rodríguez, crowned by Commercial Councillor Isabel Mesa; 2nd Maid of Honour Ariadne Ato, crowned by Culture Councillor Jimena Álvarez; 3rd Maid of Honour Lucia Barrés, crowned by Sanitary Councillor Tomás Fajardo.



Parranda de los Buches, one of the oldest and most popular of all Carnival troupes, who carry blown up shark’s stomachs with which they whack all around them



Mary Poppins was the winning theme at the Children’s Carnival Costume Competition



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Bi-Lingual Environmental Education for Arrecife Schools Tourism Campaign Slogan “Live - Discover - Enjoy”

Councillor for the Environment Manuel Hernández organised an environmental educational campaign with 2,400 brochures in Spanish and English for distribution in nine local schools as well as visitors with suggested routes for seeing marine flora and fauna as well as bird watching sites. Associations in other areas which have expressed their interest in this environmental conservation programme include Costa Teguise, Tinajo and San Bartolomé.

Marine Eco Systems

Besides their striking natural beauty, plants are crucial parts of marine eco systems and serve as habitat for many animal species. Plants are among the first forms of life to inhabit beaches and once they have taken root sands begin to stabilise. The shoreline also supports an amazing variety of bird species many of whom spend large portions of their lives over the sea but they all must eventually come out of the air to find a mate and reproduce. Sand, rocks, pebbles and plants serve as breeding grounds for many species of bird.

When beaches are developed, polluted, or destroyed, habitat critical to the life cycle of all of these animals is also destroyed.



Mayoress Eva de Anta, Environmental Councillor Manuel Hernández, biologist, Rúben Ramirez and Educationalist, Conservationist and Ornithologist Gustavo Tejera

“Something for Everyone”

Under the innovative motto, “Live Discover Enjoy,” Arrecife Tourism Councillor David Duarte is guiding the campaign to attract tourists to visit the Island capital which offers something for everyone’s taste. Convenient central shopping, a beautiful easily accessible beach, spacious promenade, two 18th century castles and one of the oldest churches in the Canary Islands. The icing on the top of the cake is the Charco de San Ginés lagoon known, as the Venice of the Atlantic, located right in the middle of town. Arrecife is expecting 150,000 cruise line passengers



Arrecife Tourism Councillor David Duarte

during the first three months of the year with 90 vessels calling at the port with the crunch coming on the 15th.





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Reports from Haría

Haría District on National and International TVE Programme Highly Successful International Guitar Festival



Haría Mayor Marci Acuña

A programme about the beauty of Haría as a Sustainable Tourist Destination, *‘La Aventura de Saber’* was broadcast on Programme 2 of National TV, the International Channel which broadcasts to Europe and South America as well as in HD on Youtube and on the web page of TVE. This was a major boost for quality holidaymakers to the district because it emphasised, its cultural heritage, abundance of palms, traditional architecture as the ideal spot for rural tourism.

A capacity crowd filled La Sala El Aljibe for the series of concerts “Guitars in Haría” which included performances by guitarists from Chile, Argentina, France, Belgium and Spain. They were joined by three pupils studying music at Haría High School, Luis Alberto Soria, Carlos Aravena and Ana Santisteban. Mayor Marci Acuña congratulated all the artists and said that “Guitars in Haría” had established itself as an annual event due to the quality of the music and the audience acceptance. Culture Councillor José Pérez Dorte considered the International Guitar Festival as an added attraction for tourism in the municipality



Chichester student from Pardelas Park on top of Famara Cliffs

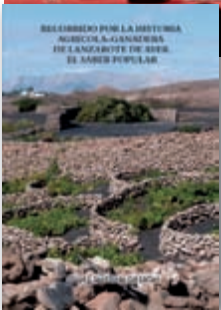


A hiking trail visiting areas of cultural legacy in the Municipality of Haría was organised by the Cabildo Patrimonio Department under Councillor Carmen Rosa Marquéz. The four hour route included 15th century sites which had been settled by the very first Norman colonisers. Participants were able to enjoy the scenic palm- filled valleys and other parts of the countryside starting out at the Mirador de Los Cascajos to the engravings on the rocks at Peña de Maria Herrera.



The Association of the Friends of Wine and Cheeses are holding courses in Haría to give instruction on the best manner of cultivating sweet wines in various areas of the island

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The Mayor of Haria and his Culture Councillor at the launching of the book

Agriculture and Cattle Breeding on Lanzarote by Juan Santana published by the Ayuntamiento of Haria. The author has produced an excellent work on the history of the cultivation of crops, vegetables and fruit as well



as raising livestock on an island with scant rainfall and until the mid 1960s without mains water distribution.



“Twenty years of the University of Chichester visiting northern Lanzarote” is a sketch style illustration in pen and watercolour by students Frances Halsey. It is a made-up landscape consisting of many parts of Lanzarote and important memories. The 14 stick characters within the landscape represent the adventurous connection that the students of Chichester have with Lanzarote.



Duncan Reavey is presented with a basket of locally-grown products by Haria Mayor Marciano Acuña and Tourism Councillor Soraya Brito to celebrate 20 years of education at Pardelas Park, Orzola



The students paid frequent visits to La Graciosa by ferry Líneas Romero from Orzola



Two students wrestlers in a single Lucha Canaria uniform in preparation for the economy drive heralded by the looming Brexit



Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Teguise

Teguise – Celebrating 600 Years of History 1418 – 2018
Royal and Ancient Capital of Lanzarote and the Canary Islands
Honoured by the Lanzarote Cabildo and the Canarian Government



*Mayor of Teguise Mayor
Oswaldo Betancort*



*The Canarian President is invited to sign the book of honour
for the 600 Years of History*

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort responded to Lancelot's questions about the 600 Year Celebration as follows: The most important event over the past six decades was the establishment of Teguise as the first capital of Lanzarote and the Canary Islands; most eminent personalities born in the Town: Historian Viera y Clavijo 1731-1813 and Dr Alfonso Spinola 1845-1905: Most emblematic buildings: Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Convento de Santo Domingo, Convento de San Francisco, Iglesia de la Vera Cruz. Most important planned cultural project: Acquisition of the residence of the Marques de Herrera, the island's first governor, to become the History of Lanzarote Museum.



*Mayor accompanies the the President in a stroll
around the streets chatting to local citizens*



600 Years of Teguise, the Royal and Ancient Capital of Lanzarote and all 7 Islands, was honoured by the President of the Canarian Government, Fernando Clavijo and his Cabinet holding an institutional meeting hosted by Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and his Council at the Casa de Timple attended by the Mayor of Teguise Oswaldo Betancort and his Council

Lanzarote News Roundup



Calendar of Major Events at Casa de Timple and Santo Domingo



- Anniversary medal minted by the Spanish Royal Mint combined with “Don Miguel de Cervantes Ambassador of Spain” Exhibition.



- 600th Anniversary song performed by opera singer Pancho Corujo.
- Honorary Tribute Session Lanzarote Cabildo chaired by President.
- Honorary Tribute Session Canarian Government chaired by President
- Brotherhood Treaty with Uruguay – Dr Alfonso Spinola
- Lectures by eminent historians on the history of Teguise.



Presentation of the calendar of events at the Casa de Timple for the rest of the year



Teguise Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero at the launch of

the highly exciting “Irreplaceable Teguise” 10D multidimensional campaign video to capture the attention of both tourists and residents. The slogan features at the airport and on local transport with the message, “Your stay on the island is not complete without a visit to Teguise”



Teguise historian Francisco Hernández Delgado arranged a series of talks on famous personalities born in Teguise as well as an itinerant exhibition of documentation of the town’s history which included a visit to Brussels where author Leandro Perdomo spent many years of his life. In the photograph with him is Town Archivist María Dolores Rodríguez

Mayor Betancort with opera singer Pancho Corujo, the international tenor who recorded the special anthem composed for 600 Year celebration

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The Lanzarote Cabildo headed by the President joined the Mayor of Tegui and his Council, in paying tribute to the 600th anniversary of Tegui celebration on the steps of the Timple Museum. From the mid-15th century Tegui was the Royal and

Ancient Capital of the whole of the Canary Islands, originally, and then of the island of Lanzarote where it was the seat of the Cabildo Island Government. Tegui is hosting a series of major events taking place throughout the whole of 2018.

Tegui Launches Saborea Lanzarote Campaign



The Cabildo President and the Canarian Tourism Councillor with Mayor Oswaldo Betancort at the inauguration of Saborea Lanzarote at Tegui which exhibited Lanzarote home-grown products including wines in conjunction with a national campaign to introduce tourists to the country's unique and diverse cuisine



Cabildo Councillor Carmen Rosa Márquez and Tegui Councillor Antonio Callero with the President of the Lanzarote Business Federation Francisco Martínez



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés with Director Saborea Lanzarote Juan Betancort and Agriculture Department official Rita Martín



Tegui Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero, Tourist Promotion official Inma Armas and Beaches Councillor Eugenio Robayna



Tegui Public Relations officer Laura Ruiz with the wife and daughter of Mayor Oswaldo Betancort

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Asolan President Susana Pérez with Secretary of State for Tourism Matilde Asien and Insular Director Juan Prat, among other dignitaries, at the Tourism and Technology Conference organised by the Lancelot Media Group. The Secretary

of State said that Tourism spearheaded Spain's economic recovery and is now leading the way to digital transformation to which the Asolan President added, the latest Smart Island technology is the major priority of the hotel industry.



Lancelot regrets to announce the passing of Don Hermenegildo Duarte, founder and proprietor of the ships chandlers bearing his name in Puerto Naos. Born on Lanzarote in 1946, he held degrees in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration and was a pioneer on this island in the field of naval goods, construction, iron and steel, who through hard work and dedication, built up a flourishing business. However, he was a humble man who was very much liked and greatly respected.

Hermenegildo Duarte had a great love for culture and the arts and was highly knowledgeable on the history of Lanzarote which he shared with this publication in several issues. He is survived by his wife, their three children and a brother, to whom we offer our sincere condolences. D.E.P.



Asolan President Susana Pérez announced that 44 workers had received their qualification certificate for having completed their training for the hotel industry at the second annual course organised by the Association with the financial support of the Lanzarote Cabildo. President Pedro San Ginés praised this initiative which ensures that staff entering Lanzarote's hotel and apartment industry, are competent to carry out their professional duties for the benefit of holidaymakers. He said that "we support this initiative of Asolan, because it creates jobs on our island which boasts lowest unemployment in the Canaries, in an industry which is the economic motor of the Archipelago."

Illustrations of Traditional Architecture by Santiago Alemán



Author of several highly-praised books on the architecture and graphic history of the Canary Islands, Santiago Alemán has now created a collection of illustrations on this subject for each of the seven Canary Islands. Photo: The artist with publisher Rubén Acosta and historian Arminda Arteta



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The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tias with author Juan Cruz and architect Luis Ibañez

“El Volcán de Turismo” by Juan Cruz

This excellent work, co-written by José Juan Romero, is the story of the pioneers who built the commercial side of the nascent tourist industry of Puerto del Carmen from the mid-1960s when the Fariones Hotel opened as the very first dedicated tourist establishment on the island. Some 200 people tell of how they invested their time and their money - for some it was their life savings - because they believed in the future of what had been the historic fishing village of La Tiñosa and its conversion into Lanzarote’s premier tourist resort. Juan Cruz, started as a teacher in Tias District, became Director of the CEP Teachers’ Board and finally the Insular Director of Education by the Canarian Government who awarded him the prestigious Viera y Clavijo medal for his long and dedicated career in education. He also served as a Councillor in the Ayuntamiento of Tias for several years.



Juan Cruz’s book was also presented at Fitur International Fair in Madrid at the stand of Cicar, courtesy of Managing Director Mamerto Medina. According to Juan Cruz, Cicar, which was founded on Lanzarote by Mamerto Medina Senior in 1967 with seven cars, is now the market leader in the Archipelago with a fleet of 10,000 vehicles and offices in all seven Canary Islands



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández, Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino, Business Councillor Olivier Roper and author Juan Cruz at the video presentation of the 50th anniversary of La Tiñosa-Puerto del Carmen with producer Saul Rojas Suarez and Yolanda Suarez, council official at El Fondeadero. The resort’s fishing traditions and its importance as a port can be recorded back to the early 15th century. Local businessmen and foreign residents were interviewed on the programme as seen above

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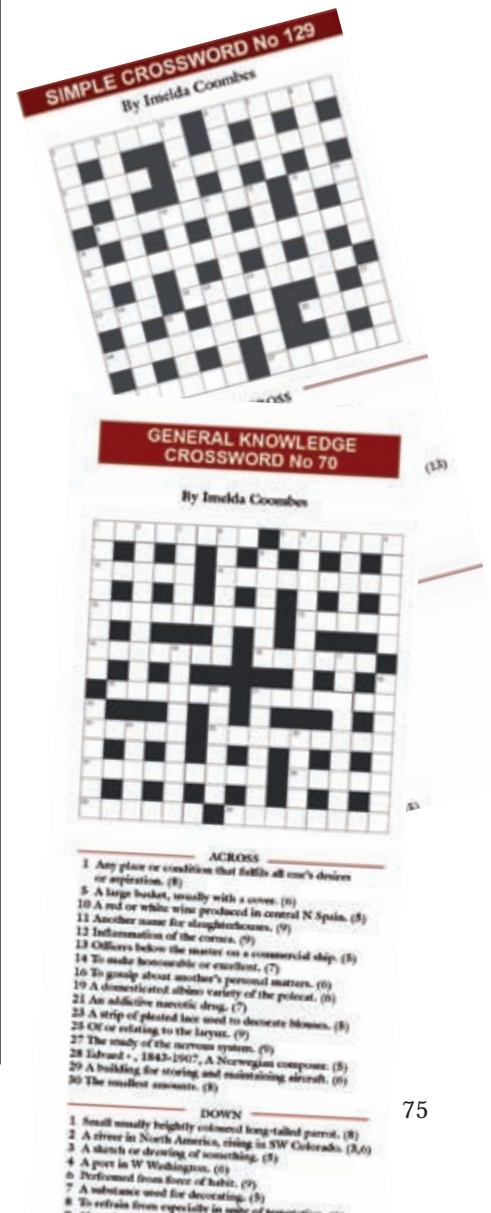
Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés congratulated proprietor Luis Leon for Toro winning the Heineken Prize as “Best Restaurant in the Canary Islands”; Economic Promotion Councillor Angel Vázquez added that the award paid tribute to the entire field of gastronomy on Lanzarote, in the presence of numerous other chefs the cuisine.



Lancelot would like to say Thank You to Imelda Coombes for three decades of Crosswords, originally partnered by her late husband Andres, a guiding hand in the launch of this publication, and who is still very much missed.



Eurospar Marketing Director Rubén González - who is seen in the photograph with the chef - announced that Eurospar Altavista boasts one of the best Chefs de Cuisine on the island who heads the Kokoxili Sushi Live Cooking display which takes place Monday through Saturday from 8.30 to 21.00 hrs where customers are invited to take home any of the dishes featured. Asian products are made daily from the best ingredients and fresh Sushi dishes are available in all 26 Eurospar Supermarkets throughout the week.



Highlights of Carnival on Lanzarote

February March 2018

Arrecife Puerto del Carmen Costa Teguisse Playa Blanca San Bartolomé

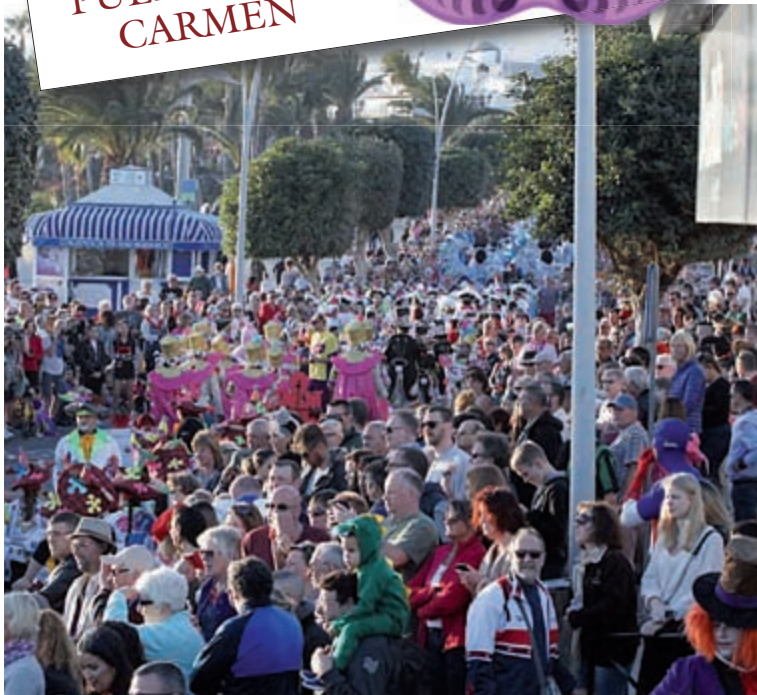


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Ayuntamiento de Tinajo	928 84 00 21
Ayuntamiento de Yaiza	928 83 62 20

Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.15 euro, USA 1.30 euro. Puerto del Carmen post office is open Monday-Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 12.30 hrs. Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 13.00 hrs. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.



Puerto del Carmen Church

Markets

<u>Arrecife Markets</u> Charco de San Ginés Wed and Thur 9-2	<u>Playa Blanca</u> Marina Rubicón Wed & Sat to 10-2
<u>Recova Town Market</u> Mon to Sat 9-2	<u>Teguiuse Market</u> Sundays and Public Holidays 9-2
<u>Historic Old Town</u> Saturday 9-2	<u>Costa Teguiuse</u> Pueblo Marinero Thursday mornings 9-2
<u>Puerto Calero</u> Friday 9-2	<u>Tinajo, Mancha Blanca</u> Sunday 9-2
<u>Puerto del Carmen</u> Plaza del Varadero Friday 10-3	<u>Haría Artesanal Market</u> Saturday 10-14:30

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British Consulate

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Christian Worship

Church of England

All services are Holy Eucharist with hymns. 10 am Nazaret: Iglesia Nuestra Señora, 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month. 12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen: Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Old Town Harbour). 5.00 pm Playa Blanca: Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Main Street. For more information call 928 514 241.

Catholic Church

Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Puerto del Carmen harbour. Sunday Mass 11.00, 18.00; Saturday night, 20.00. San Ginés Church central Arrecife, Sunday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00; Saturday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00.

International Evangelical Church

Meets at La Hoya, Puerto del Carmen Sundays 11 am, service in English, call 928 173618 for more details. Arrecife services in Spanish, Sunday 10.30 am and 18.30 pm, call 928 812027 for more details. For informal meeting at Costa Teguiuse, call 928 590342.

Interdenominational Worship at Costa Teguiuse

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Barbara on 928 833 382.

Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

Norwegian Church abroad - Religious and Social Cultural Centre C/ Rociago Puerto del Carmen close to Cinco Plazas. Open mid-September to mid-May: Tuesday-Friday 11.00 -16.00, Saturday 11.00- 15.00, Sunday Service 18:00. Office tel: 928 515 561 Pastor Knut Kaldestad: 616 407 693

There is no synagogue on Lanzarote. For information about Sabbath and Festival services on Las Palmas call 928 248 497.

BRIDGE No 130

By Maria Brandt

To find the winning route
Dealer: South All Vulnerable

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		♥ 5 4	
		♦ J 4	
		♣ A Q 8 7 3	
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♦ 9 5 3	♦ K 10 8 7		
♣ K 9 6 5 2	♣ J 10 4		
		♠ A 10 4	
		♥ A K Q	
		♦ J 9 7	
		♣ A Q 6 2	

Bidding:

S	W	N	E
2 H	pass	2 NT	pass
4 H	pass	pass	pass



South is the dealer and opens with 2 Hearts. North responds negative with 2 NT and South ends the bidding with 4 Hearts.

It looks an easy affair: 6 Heart tricks, at least two Diamonds, a Diamond ruff, Ace of Spades and Ace of Clubs. But, West spoiled things by leading a trump. Declarer wins in his hands and leads a low Diamond. There are 11 tricks in sight if West has the King, but – bad news – East wins and is able to return another trump.

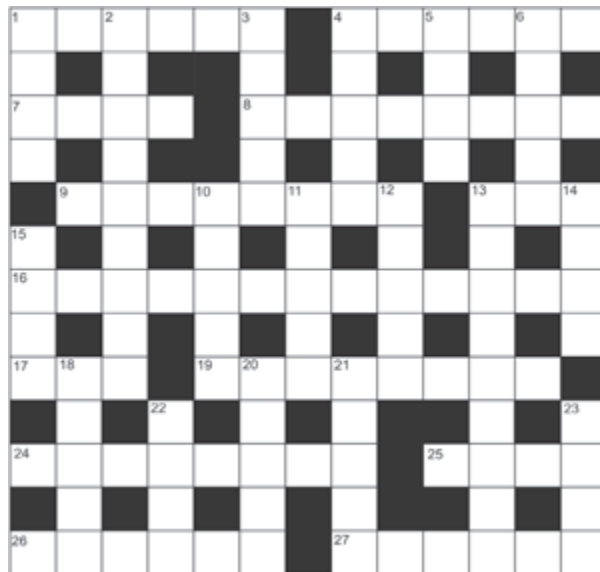
Now dummy is a dead duck and South ends up losing 2 Diamonds and 2 Spades for 1 down. Can you see South's winning route?

He should lead the QUEEN of Diamonds rather than a low one because then West or East are helpless. Whoever wins and returns a trump there is always an entry in dummy with the Jack of Diamonds to get access to the Ace of Clubs. And, it would not help for West or East to hold off, for then declarer can ruff a Diamond in dummy.

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 69. Across; 1 Disraeli, 5 Larder, 10 Gamma, 11 Near money, 12 Umbilicus, 13 Tread, 14 Leeward, 16 Narrow, 19 Pester, 21 Absence, 23 Icing, 25 Annapurna, 27 Husbandry, 28 Nonet, 29 Poncho, 30 Idolised. Down; 1 De Gaulle, 2 Semibreve, 3 Avail, 4 Lingcod, 6 Amateurs, 7 Dense, 8 Riyadh, 9 Damson, 15 Autograph, 17 Own brands, 18 Redacted, 20 Rwanda, 21 annoyed, 22 Bishop, 24 Ibsen, 26 Panel.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 130

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 A male teacher. (6)
4 Ring-shaped bread rolls. (6)
7 A man of wisdom. (4)
8 Ornamental band worn on the wrist. (8)
9 Not curved or crooked. (8)
13 The plural of man. (3)
16 Steeplechase run at Aintree. (5,8)
17 A female sheep. (3)
19 A person who deserts his cause. (8)
24 Rich or wealthy. (8)
25 A group of musicians. (4)
26 Rubbed out. (6)
27 Money left to someone in a will. (6)

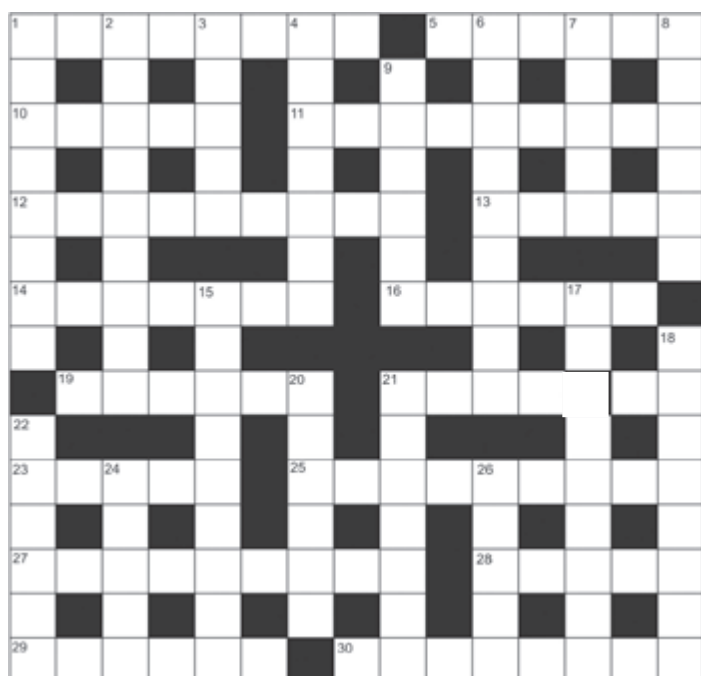
DOWN

- 1 A facial disguise. (4)
- 2 Shaped like an arrowhead. (9)
- 3 A Jewish religious leader. (5)
- 4 A sandy shore by the sea. (5)
- 5 A colour between black and white. (4)
- 6 A vessel or subject. (5)
- 10 Small venomous snake. (5)
- 11 The small hard seedlike fruit of a grass. (5)
- 12 An object. (5)
- 13 A play for a single performer. (9)
- 14 A river in Africa. (4)
- 15 Acute fever. (4)
- 18 A thin crisp biscuit. (5)
- 20 Correct and revise a text. (5)
- 21 Praise enthusiastically. (5)
- 22 Beers. (4)
- 23 A small whirlpool. (4)

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD
NO. 129. Across; 1 Rhebok, 4 Caddie, 7 Mice, 8 Rebelled, 9 Caravans, 13 Ass, 16 Complimentary, 17 Mad, 19 Wetlands, 24 Honduras, 25 Knot, 26 Detach, 27 Tender. Down; 1 Ramp, 2 Exclaimed, 3 Kirov, 4 Cabin, 5 Dill, 6 Items, 10 Allow, 11 Admit, 12 Senna, 13 Absconded, 14 Sty, 15 Scam, 18 Abode, 20 Earth, 21 Liszt, 22 Idea, 23 Stir.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 70

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Any place or condition that fulfils all one's desires or aspiration. (8)
- 5 A large basket, usually with a cover. (6)
- 10 A red or white wine produced in central N Spain. (5)
- 11 Another name for slaughterhouses. (9)
- 12 Inflammation of the cornea. (9)
- 13 Officers below the master on a commercial ship. (5)
- 14 To make honourable or excellent. (7)
- 16 To gossip about another's personal matters. (6)
- 19 A domesticated albino variety of the polecat. (6)
- 21 An addictive narcotic drug. (7)
- 23 A strip of pleated lace used to decorate blouses. (5)
- 25 Of or relating to the larynx. (9)
- 27 The study of the nervous system. (9)
- 28 Edvard - , 1843-1907, A Norwegian composer. (5)
- 29 A building for storing and maintaining aircraft. (6)
- 30 The smallest amounts. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Small usually brightly coloured long-tailed parrot. (8)
- 2 A river in North America, rising in SW Colorado. (3,6)
- 3 A sketch or drawing of something. (5)
- 4 A port in W Washington. (6)
- 6 Performed from force of habit. (9)
- 7 A substance used for decorating. (5)
- 8 To refrain from especially in spite of temptation. (6)
- 9 Along low smooth-haired breed of hound. (6)
- 15 The chief port of Spain, on the NE Mediterranean coast. (9)
- 17 Standing or acting aimlessly. (9)
- 18 Changes to a different or former position. (8)
- 20 A hard fatty substance made from rendered animal fat. (6)
- 21 Thomas - , 1795-1881, Scottish essayist and historian. (7)
- 22 A deep ditch or furrow. (6)
- 24 A large container for milk. (5)
- 26 A period of darkness between sunset and sunrise. (5)

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

For complaints about a utility or public authority: Rambla Medular, 99, Arrecife. Arrecife, 8-2 Mon to Fri, Tel: 928 812 407 The service is free and confidential.



Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

For complaints about private or state-run businesses or services: Cabildo Building, Arrecife, 9-13 Mon to Fri. Tel: 928 80 33 67. E-mail: consumo@cabildodelanzarote.com



Cabildo Wildlife Protection Service

Tel: 696 733 177 (07.00-22.00)



Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

In case of maltreatment or abuse. All nationalities welcome. C/ Amigos de Portonaos, 1, 3rd Floor, tel: 928 804834/816074. E-mail: voluntarias.ascmararia@gmail.com. In case of emergency call 112



SARA Animal Protection Society

Next door to the Tahiche Garden Centre, Tahiche, open 10:30 - 13:00 Monday to Saturday, Tuesday 17:00 - 19:00. Tel/fax: 928 173 417. www.saraprotectora/eng



Alcoholics Anonymous English-Speaking Meetings

Call 638 484 113 or visit www.aalanzarote.com Costa Tegui Barcelo Hotel Mon and Wed 18.00-19.00. Tel: 928 511 846 or 928 173 525



Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

Weekly meeting Friday 14.30 at Lancelot Hotel Arrecife Visiting Rotarians welcome. Information: Tel.: 928 80 50 99.



English-Working Lodge

(Emulation) in the Spanish Constitution (recognised by U.G.L.) will welcome visitors October-April. Information: Tel: 928 83 34 90



Local Bridge Club

From September to June, two Bridge Clubs on Lanzarote hold weekly meetings in Arrecife to which visitors are welcome: Tuesdays 18.30 at the Arrecife Gran Hotel and Wednesdays at 19.00 at the Casino Club Náutico, Arrecife. Both are located on the promenade. www.bridgelanzarote.com

Concerts Art Carnival Exhibitions

Check [www. culturalanzarote.com](http://www.culturalanzarote.com) for last minute changes



March 09 Recinto Ferial de Arrecife Carpa

The Wailers

In 1974 when Bob Marley went solo, on the brink of international stardom, he surprised the music community by choosing and American-born lead guitarist, Al Anderson. It was Anderson's stunning lead work on such classics as No Woman, No Cry, & Three O'clock Road Block, that first alerted rock fans to the Wailer's music.

Andersons' musical achievements with Bob Marley & The Wailers include the platinum award winning albums, 'Live at the Lyceum', 'Babylon by Bus' and ten times platinum album 'Legend'.

Jameos del Agua

3 March 21.00 hrs "Silencio" Daniel Abreu Company

17 March 21.00 hrs "Cul de Sac"

Kor'Sia Association

25 March 12.30 hrs "Angaro"

Percussion-Dance-Folklore

31 March 21.00 hrs "Flying Pigs"

Eulalia Bergada Serra

Teatro El Salinero

22 March 20:30 "Tal Vez Soñar"

Unahoramenos Producciones

21 April 21.00 Sharon Fridman Dance Company

El Almacén

1 – 17 March Painting Exhibition

Nicolas Laiz - Marco Alom

9 March 21.00 hrs Timple and Guitar Concert

Alexis Lemes & Javier Infante



Carnival Floats Processions

Costa Teguisse Saturday 3 March

Playa Blanca Saturday 10 March



St Patrick's Day Week

Puerto del Carmen 15-17 March



Ironman Lanzarote 2018

Saturday 26 May

Start and Finish Puerto del Carmen Beach Avenue



Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez at the opening of an exhibition at El Almacén of various artists. The sculpture seen is by Nicolás Laiz, entitled "Idolo de Tara," 12x5x2 cm is of resin and plastic.

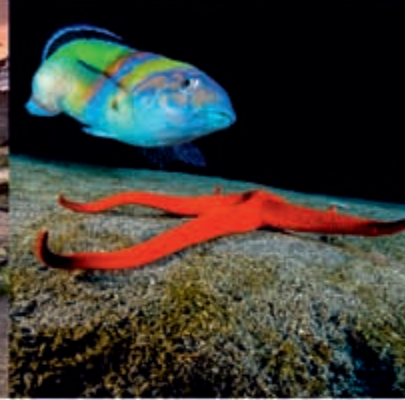
He is seen in the photo with Culture Councillor, department official, José Betancort and artist Marco Alom. Idolo de Tara, was a symbol of fertility for the Guanche inhabitants and Desmond

Morris, British broadcaster and zoologist, famous as the author of The Naked Ape, wrote about the idol being found by some schoolboys on Lanzarote in the 1970s close to the ruins of Zonzamas, castle of the last Guanche king.



Exhibition at Casa de Arroyo, Arrecife La Laguna University - Tenerife

225th anniversary of the Royal Decree by King Carlos IV establishing the first university in the Canary Islands at La Laguna, Tenerife is recalled in a collection of historical photographs as well as some planned future projects exhibited at the Casa de Arroyo in Arrecife. Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés with La Laguna University Rector Antonio Martín Cejas accompanied by Councillors Oscar Pérez Carmen Rosa Marquéz, Maite Corujo, Haria Mayor Marciano Acuña among other officials.



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