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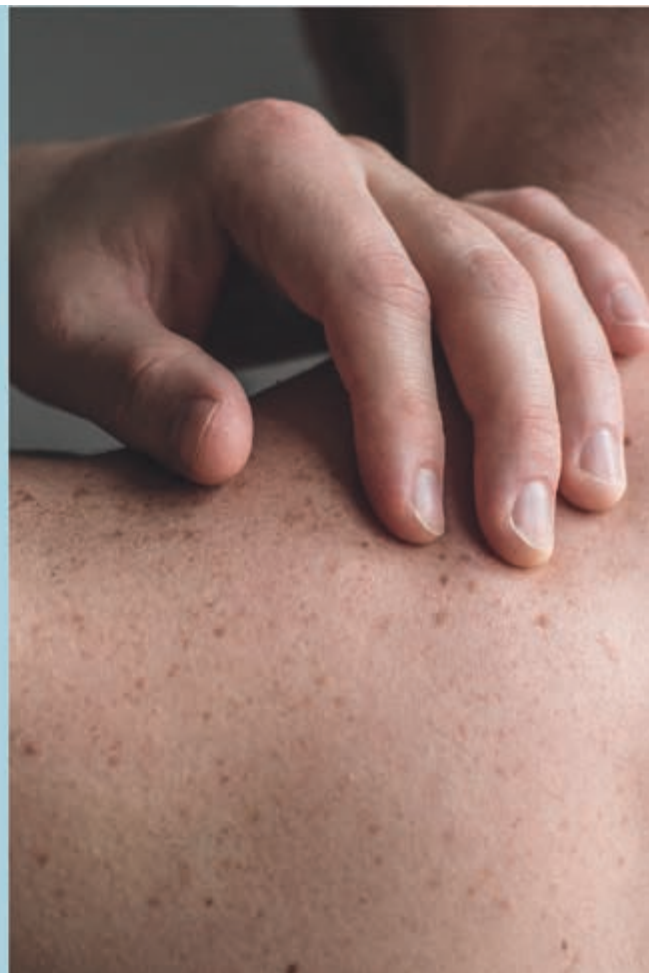
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Kenyan proverb

Arrecife-Born Physicist Blas Cabrera Felipe 1878-1945

Among the Founders of Physical Sciences in Spain

Francisco González de Posada

Scientist Blas Cabrera Felipe, born in Arrecife, was posthumously elected as Distinguido de Turismo by the Lanzarote Cabildo in 2025. In 1928, Albert Einstein and Marie Curie recommended Blas Cabrera Felipe, be named a member of the Solvay Conference. He was noted for his innovative research into heavy water, later used in nuclear reactors. He explained the "special theory of relativity" to Spain. In 1923 Blas Cabrera hosted Albert Einstein's visit to Spain and presented him to King Alfonso XIII. He also corresponded with Marie Curie, the first woman to ever win the Nobel Prize in two different categories, for Physics and for Science. Blas Cabrera also introduced the teaching of Science as a subject in Spain's schools.

When General Franco won the Spanish Civil War in 1936, Blas Cabrera went into self-exile in Mexico, where he was appointed Professor of Atomic Physics and died there in 1945. His remains were later brought home to Spain.



Blas Cabrera Felipe with Albert Einstein

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Lava tube worth protecting

Dear Editor

It is exciting to know that the Cabildo is doing all it can to protect the fantastically impressive lava tube that stretches from Mount Corona to the sea.

Each part of the tube has its own special features. Some lengths were changed in a sensitive and sympathetic way by Cesar Manrique to make the beauty of the natural features accessible to thousands of visitors each week. Though changed by Manrique, these lengths of the tube continue to highlight the majesty of nature and the value of quiet.

These special places make us all reflect. Indeed, University of Chichester students visiting the Jameos del Agua at a quieter time towards the end of a busy day often describe the experience as a deeply moving and near spiritual.

But inland from Jameos del Agua and Cuevas de los Verdes, it is possible



Jameos del Agua – a place to slow down and to reflect

to look from other jameos down into the foreboding entrances to different parts of the lava tube. You can only imagine the complete darkness, silence - and maybe even fear - that can come from complete immersion in raw nature.

Entry to the untouched parts of the lava tube is strictly controlled by permit from the Cabildo – and rightly so.

But equally the Cabildo must continue to ensure there are ways for raw nature to still be experienced by

those whose lives and lifestyles can be changed by raw contact.

Undoubtedly some parts of the island (and the lava tube) must be left completely unvisited and untouched. But other parts can be used to help Lanzarote people understand more about the island and about themselves as citizens of our planet.

From Duncan Reavey, Professor of Environmental Education, University of Chichester, UK



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Looking down into a jameo – a place where the roof of the lava tube has fallen in. Look at the people for scale! You can see the entrance to the lava tube at the bottom of the jameo to the right

In the past, University of Chichester staff and students have been permitted by the Cabildo to enter untouched parts of the tube for research and education purposes. You need a permit to visit and it is a dangerous place to be unless very experienced in caving



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Dear Sir

I read the highly interesting report in your issue about Canary wines in the works of Shakespeare. Do you have any of his quotations?

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"Malvasia" Translates as "Malmsey" in his Dramas

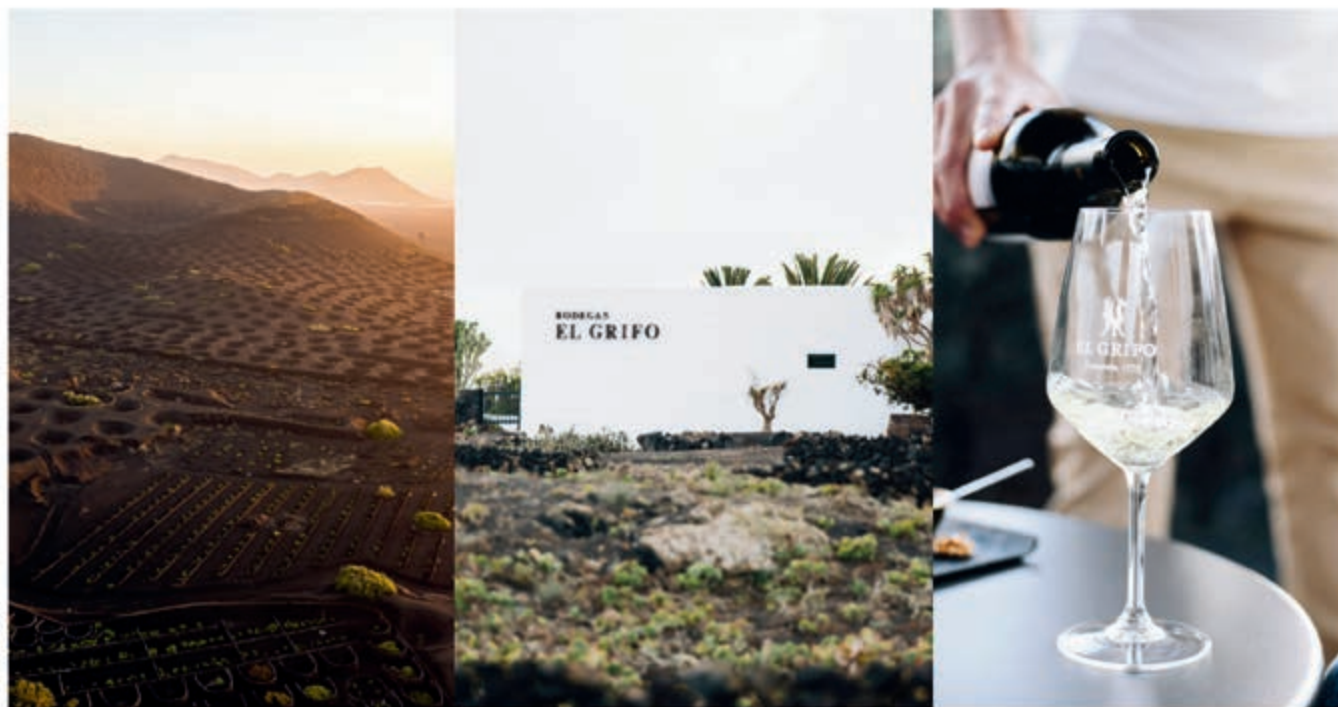
GUINEVERE: By the way, as Poet Laureate, Shakespeare received an annual stipend of one hundred gold guineas and 252 gallons of Canary wine which he referred to as Malmsey. The most notorious reference to Malmsey occurs in King Richard III, Act 1, Scene 4. This scenario is based on an historical incident that took place during the Wars of the Roses (1455-1487) when there was a dynastic struggle between two rival factions of the Plantagenet family

for control of the throne of England. Shakespeare tells us that King Richard accused his brother Clarence of treason and had him imprisoned in the Tower of London. Whilst he was confined there, the king ordered his murder at the hands of two men. The tragic fratricide is described as follows: 'When the assailants approached the unsuspecting Clarence, he asks them for a cup of wine. To which they responded "You shall have enough wine my lord, anon." and then stabbed him to death and threw him into the Malmsey butt to conceal the body. ("anon" is old English for soon. Ed.)

Between 1596 and 1601, less than twenty years after the first English-language book about the Canary Islands was published, William Shakespeare made numerous references to Canary wines which he called Malmsey, known in Spain as Malvasia. He also made several

mentions of Sack, a generic name for fortified Canary white wine. This would indicate that in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, the man on the street in England was totally familiar with wines from the Canaries, otherwise the playwright would not have made so many references to them. In addition, the word wine occurs eighty-six times in all of Shakespeare's plays, but the only location of origin mentioned is Canary.

The origin of the word Malvasia found on the label of Canary wine, dates back to Roman times. When the legions of Julius Cesar travelled to foreign shores they carried seedlings of fruits and vegetables which grew well in climates similar to those they were colonizing. In the case of the Canaries they planted grape vines which originated in the Monembasia region of Greece. Over the centuries the word Monembasia evolved



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into Malmsey in English, Malvasia in Spanish and Malvoisie in French. Falstaff is described as “Malmsey-nosed,” and in another chapter we are told that his favourite drink was “blood-warming Sack.

Falstaff, “If I had a thousand sons, the first humane principle I would teach them should be to forswear thin potations and to addict themselves to Sack.

In *Henry IV* the playwright even refers to Falstaff as “Sir John Canary.” This is possibly the reason why some Shakespearean scholars believe that the character Sir John Falstaff, or Sir John Canary, is actually the playwright’s own alter ego. To paraphrase an ancient proverb, “Whose wine I drink, whose song I sing.”

Malmsey, Canary or Sack are mentioned most specifically in five plays: *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, *Henry IV, Part II*, *Love’s Labour’s Lost*, *Richard III* and *Twelfth Night*.

In *Henry IV, Part II*, Falstaff is about to enter the scene and he’s described by Hostess Quickly as “Malmsey-nosed.” In *Love’s Labour’s Lost*, Malmsey is mentioned in a bit of banter between Biron and the Princess of France, “Metheglin, Wort, and Malmsey.” Henry IV, Act 1, Scene 2, Falstaff. “Now Hal what time of day is it lad?” Prince Henry: “Thou are so fat-witted with drinking of Canary Sack, and unbuttoning thee after supper and sleeping upon benches afternoon....What a devil hast thou to do with the time of day? Unless hours were cups of Canary Sack and minutes capons...I see no reason why thou should be so superfluous to demand the time of day.”

Canary is also the name of a dance in *Love’s Labour’s Lost* and *All’s Well That Ends Well* as in the expressions “dance canary” and “canary to it with your feet”. There is a dispute among commentators whether the word sack

is derived from the Spanish word “seco”, meaning dry or from the Spanish word “sacar” to draw out, i.e. drawing out wine from a cask.

Dylan: prophet or pilferer?

By Norman Warwick

Dylan is best described as *enigmatic*, and I think you might agree that the adjective can also be used to describe his lyrics and his life story. We know of all that, but amazingly **Timathee Chalomet**, in the lead role of the film **Like A Complete Unknown** showed us clearly that the enigma of Dylan is a carefully crafted structure created by Dylan himself. **Chalomet** who also directed the film, gave a performance was so nuanced that it also revealed why Dylan created a legend for himself even before he stepped into Woody’s hospital ward.

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Dylan's singing voice it's hardly surprising, then, that **Timathée Chalamet** had to undergo extensive coaching to replicate Dylan's singing voice in the film

Appearing on the BBC on the **Graham Norton Show** in December, 2024 **Chalamet** revealed he had in fact spent five years training to sing and play like **Dylan**.

"I had a lot of time to practice because we were meant to make **Like A Complete Unknown** five and half years ago, then there was Covid and then there was the actors' strike, so I had years to prepare," he revealed.

"I was confident about singing and by the time we got to do the film I wanted to sing and play the songs live."

He added: "I didn't know much about Dylan but now, having worked on it for so long, I really worship at the church of Bob. I am deeply passionate about this man and his work."

"My friends are tired of hearing me talk about him ad nauseam. This man has been so impactful on culture and this film and this role are the ones I am most proud of."

All of the numbers heard in the film were performed live by **Chalamet** on set, and several of the other cast members, including **Ed Norton** and **Monica Barbaro**, also provide their own takes on some classic songs throughout the film.

The songs heard in the **Like A**



Complete Unknown soundtrack represent, generally, those titles which first introduced us to Dylan, during the short few years which saw him first step on stage and so quickly become a household name, so loved by many and misappropriated by many more. Running through my mind as I watched this lengthy but never dull, film was that Dylan's emergence was like the coming of Christ. Nobody really knew where Christ had come from, nor where he was going to but almost all were willing to follow.

Was it Christ himself, or his parables, that led the way? Christ knew he could have attracted a vast unthinking crowd by performing miracles but chose not to do so. Dylan could have attracted a huge fo-

llowing too, by allowing his songs to hint at promises neither he nor they could possibly keep.

The film **Like A Complete Unknown** shows its own miracle by Timothée Chalamet's voice being so akin to Dylan's in both tone and delivery.

Highway 61 Revisited and **Mr Tambourine Man** are performed by Timothée Chalamet as Bob Dylan, as so, too, is the slightly lesser known **I Was Young When I Left Home**.

A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall has Chalamet delivering with the precise certainty of Dylan's tone that also infuses **Masters Of War** and **The Times They Are A Changing**.

The actor also delivered an uncanny Dylan-like rendition of **It takes A Lot To Laugh, It Takes A Train To Cry** and **Like Rolling Stone** as well as a solo version of **It Ain't Me Babe**.

Of all the renditions in the film, **Subterranean Homesick Blues** performed by **Timothée Chalamet** sounded, to me, absolutely like Bob Dylan incarnate.

For me, Chalamet's enactment of Dylan visiting a hospice to sing **A Song For Woody Guthrie** was one of the most moving moments in a film that will no doubt attract new

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listeners to Dylan's catalogue (and surely to the bodies of work of the likes of Joan Baez and Johnny Cash) but will undoubtedly also satisfy those of me generation who lived through the folk / protest narrative of the nineteen sixties.

Whilst Chalamet delivered all the Bob Dylan vocals from solo shots screened in the film the rest of the cast members playing their roles as members of the folk, country and rock scenes of the era and the supporting cast also delivered their scenes in their own singing and playing voice.

House of the Rising Sun and **Silver Dagger** and the **Phil Ochs'** offering of **There But For Fortune** were therefore performed by **Monica Barbaro as Joan Baez**.

As on occasions when Dylan and Baez performed together, so too was **Girl From The North Country**

performed by **Timothée Chalamet & Monica Barbaro as Bob Dylan & Joan Baez** and **Blow-in' in the Wind** was delivered the same way, along with **Don't Think Twice, It's All Right**

There were other soloists featured in the narrative, such as when **Wimoweh**, was performed by **Edward Norton as Pete Seger**. In fact, **Chalamet and Norton (Dylan and Seger)** were also shown later performing **When The Ship Comes In**.

I was particularly interested in scene showing Dylan and Joan Baez sharing a stage at a time when their 'personal' relationship was fraying at the edges. The lyric of **It Ain't Me Babe** is ostensibly the response of a man who recognises he can't, or won't, provide the wants and needs of undying love. He was probably right, given that he was

in a long standing relationship with another woman at the time, but the scene of Dylan and Baez performing **It Ain't Me Babe** portrays a shift in the balance between the couple. It seems obvious by the way she makes the lyric hers in this performance, simply by an emphasis of tone, and she throws steely stares at Dylan until, towards the end of the song, with a sparkle in her eyes, she seems to accept the honesty of the lyric and agrees with Bob that he is right, he is not the one she was looking for!

Of course her own song, **Diamonds And Rust**, which she wrote and recorded a few years after the timeline of this film, poured more oil on troubled waters, but happily reiterated a story that for the second time sold lots of albums for each of them!



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Like A Complete Unknown showed **Pete Seger** in the role of organisor and prophet and also as a self-elected lord of a dreamed of future eutopia that had rules, *his rules*, that would be abided by. Seger, perhaps aware of his own subdued charisma, was too ready to proclaim Dylan 'King'. However the film showed Seger becoming increasingly disillusioned in Dylan but also showed Seger's pain that Dylan seemed to him to be rejecting the protest movement.

It was interesting that this film has been streaming at round about the same time as **Conclave**, another film about shift of position and promises meant to be broken delivered by those seeking support for the position of Pope.

This Dylan biopic stretches across a period of my life from the age 12 to 16, and despite my later fascina-

tion with those years, I was not at that time buying Dylan's singles or albums, as I was listening more to the likes of Jennifer Eccles and A Girl Like Jesamine, To be honest, though, I was already in love with Joan Baez even before Dylan came along. With black hair down to her waist, soulful eyes, sweet smile and tight jeans she had inner beauty too, looking out for the disenfranchised and playing important roles at critical moments on a global scale. She seemed to me to be an angel. She is still as beautiful and caring and is as much respected still on the music scene as is Dylan.

Baez and Dylan have each enjoyed massive success and have retained the respect of their contemporaries whilst attracting new audiences too

My first Dylan purchase was **Blood On The Tracks**, an album that followed a series of releases

met by critical derision, that therefore became relative commercial failures compared to his early days, I have since built an entire library of Dylan's mainstream albums. These also include the series of '**Bob Dylan's Radio Hour**, a series in which he revealed an encyclopedic knowledge and understanding of the growth of popular music throughout the twentieth century, which went in some way to corroborate the belief that Dylan knew things that the rest of didn't know we didn't know,

Whilst building that library I have read some wonderfully thought provoking books about or by **Bob Dylan**, including his own **Chronicles**.

Of the scores of book about Dylan written by others my favourites include **Song and Dance Man III: The Art of Bob Dylan** by **Michael Gray**. This is a meticulous

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tour through Dylan's lyrics with lots of great context.

Bob Dylan by Greil Marcus: Writings 1968-2010. contains some of the best Dylan criticism. Not every entry is a gem but my copy now contains my own pencilled-in observations and questions marks are placed alongside lines that still would like to explore further.

Behind the Shades by Clinton Heylin. is a 1991 biography, which was updated 10 years after it's first edition. Heylin has written quite a lot about Dylan including everything from biography to a meticulous detailing of Dylan recording sessions and tours. Heylin has a strong ego, which occasionally can seem quite provocative, but that's ok,... I love a good argument..

I now think of the song No Direction Home as lending itself to the title of this wonderful **Like A**

Complete Unknown biopic. However, I will also always remember that the song also lent a line of s lyric to **No Direction Home** a biography in book form by **Robert Shelton.** This is a straight-ahead Dylan bio by the *New York Times* critic who first wrote about Dylan for the paper. It's not flashy, but it was the first Dylan biography I bought and set high the bar by which I have judged other biographies of Dylan.

Nevertheless, a later publication of work on Dylan, became, and remains, my favourite, work on the song-writing of Bob Dylan.

Dylan's Visions of Sin is a 2004 book by **Christopher Ricks,** a British poetry scholar and literary critic, in which he considers the songs of Bob Dylan as literary works (in 2016 Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature) Ricks' analysis of Dylan's songs is orga-

nized around the Christian theological categories of the seven deadly sins, four virtues, and after seeing this film I will ponder *Visions Of Sin* even more deeply .

According to Ricks, *Dylan's is an art in which sins are laid bare (and resisted), virtues are valued (and manifested), and the graces brought home. The seven deadly sins, the more-difficult-to-remember four cardinal virtues and the three heavenly graces: these make up everybody's world, but Dylan's in particular. Or rather, his worlds, since human dealings of every kind are his for the artistic seizing.*

I still think on that word *seizing* whenever I read that passage, and will dwell upon it for even lengthier periods whenever I watch further screenings of **Like A Complete Unknown.** That is because the film production team seemed to also por-







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tray Dylan as a seizer, though there are less pejorative terms for his 'acquisitiveness' such as magpie, borrower, pilferer or collector.

The Complete Collection Of Dylan lyrics sits on my poetry bookshelf, containing **Wordsworth's Preludes, William Blake** and biographies of the aforementioned. There in line with them stand **Simon Armitage, Walt Whitman, Robert Frost** and half a dozen anthologies of all those above and others.

The film **Like A Compete Unknown** was one those atmospheric poorly-lit films, where barely recognisable characters speak in shadow. Nevertheless the film succeeds in illumination, shedding light on the songwriters, poets and musicians of its period. Of course, if I might quote out of context, another pop song still remains that mentions that *'there are more questions than answers.'*

Two million years and a quarter of a century ago a pilgrim and prophet named Jesus upturned the trinkets and treasures and three quarters of a century ago a pilgrim and prophet named Dylan seized, ravaged, and wrecked, then repaired and returned, musical and political treasures and trinkets to those who would be king.

Now it is our generation that is acknowledging that The Times They Are (Again) A-changing.

The Masters Of War are playing games on the chessboard of the world all over again.... and Bob Dylan remains our voice of reason.

That is why it was such a joy and privilege to watch the film in one of the eight viewing room salons in the cinema on the waterfront of the beautiful lagoon at Arrecife on Lanzarote. This salon was full, whilst the other rooms showing lesser films

were virtually empty. The audience in our room included representative from the UK, Spain, and Germany and from what we could make out of the languages spoken before the film started, also Holland and France.

It was as if the whole world, of all generations, was listening to **Bob Dylan** all over again.

GUINEVERE: For the information of new readers a local cinema screens English-language versions of some films. The writer of the above review British-born Norman Warwick and his wife Dee have lived on Lanzarote for several years writing articles about the island which have been full of interest for local residents, but he has now retired. Lancelot wishes to thank him for his contributions to this publication and wishing them both many more years of happiness and good health.

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Further New Tax Legislation 2025 / 2026

As follows on to the article in the previous edition, we'd like to inform you about more tax novelties or extensions of already existing rules. The council of ministers of the current Spanish Government has approved on December 23rd, 2024 the Royal Decree 9 / 2024, which was a so-called "law omnibus", containing a multitude of new legislation for different areas of government. This decree was published in the official state bulletin and entered provisionally into law as from 01.01.2025, subject to the approval of the Congress of Deputies (lower house) and the Senate (upper house).

This proposition wasn't approved by the lower house and the provisional legislation was invalidated on January 22nd, 2025, creating a legal problem. However, the national tax agency published a note, saying that the rules of 2024 shall be extended and applied during 2025 with some exceptions for the first 22 days of 2025. In the following we'd like to point out some rules, which have been extended and other new ones, which might come into force during 2025 or 2026.

Income Tax 2025

1) Estimated Income System (Modules)

This system is applicable to certain economic activities, and its regulation has been extended for the whole of 2025. To use this system in 2025, the following parameters (limits) must not have been exceeded in 2024.

a) 250,000 euros for all economic activities, except agricultural, livestock and forestry activities, regardless of whether there is an obligation to issue an invoice.

b) 125,000 euros for operations where there is an obligation to issue an invoice when the recipient is a businessman.

c) 250,000 euros for all agricultural, forestry and livestock farming activities.

d) 250,000 euros for acquisitions and imports of goods and services for all business or professional activities, excluding those relating to fixed assets.

There is also a limit to the number of personnel employed, but this varies for each activity, and you should ask your fiscal advisor for it.

2) Deduction for works to improve energy efficiency

The deduction for works to improve the energy efficiency of dwellings is extended until December 31st, 2025.

3) Deduction for the acquisition of plug-in electric and fuel cell vehicles and recharging points. This is extended until December 31st, 2025.

Changes to Corporate Income Tax 2025

The 2025 corporate income tax return for the 2024 tax year brings with it a number of new features that companies will have to apply when settling accounts with the tax authorities. These are some of them:

Capitalization reserve

Tax years starting on 01/01/2024, the percentage reduction in the tax base will be 15% of the increase in equity (in previous years this percentage was 10%). The increase in equity must be maintained for a period of 3 years.

As from 1 January 2025 the percentage of reduction will be:

20% across the board.

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Between 2% and 5%: 23%.

Between 5% and 10%: 26.5%.

More than 10%: 30%.

The increase in equity must be maintained for a period of 3 years
Limits of the reduction:

20% of the taxable base or 25% if turnover is less than €1 million.

The amounts pending due to insufficient taxable base may be applied in the following two financial years.

Electronic invoicing and changes in invoicing

The mandatory nature of electronic invoicing is approaching because of regulations such as the Crea y Crece Act, whose regulatory development is still pending. This law generalizes the use of electronic invoicing in transactions between businesspeople and professionals (B2B) as a business digitalization measure, as well as a mechanism to combat late payment in commercial transactions. However, the law itself links the mandatory nature of electronic invoicing to the approval of its regulatory development. Once the regulation is published, the period for adapting to its content will begin to run:

One year from the date of its regulatory development for entrepreneurs and professionals whose annual turnover exceeds 8 million euros.

Two years for all other entrepreneurs and professionals.

In addition, the **Verifactu** system is scheduled to come into force on 1 January 2026 for corporate taxpayers, and on July 1st of the same year for other companies and the self-employed. Promoted by the Tax Agency within the framework of the Anti-Fraud Law, this system seeks to promote the digitalization and automation of business taxation processes.

It directly affects entrepreneurs who use computer applications to comply with the invoicing obligation, as they must generate a registration invoicing record simultaneously or immediately prior to the issuing of the invoice. The Administration recommends providing the invoice records through **Verifactu** software or, failing that, having a program adapted to the regulations that generates these records and stores them so that they are available on request.

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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The Green Certificate will not be recognised by the EU's Entry Exit System

The British Embassy in Spain is urging all British nationals resident in Spain to get a tarjeta de identidad de extranjero (TIE) as soon as possible, following new information from the Spanish Government that the old Green Certificate will not be recognised by the EU's Entry Exit System.

The EU have yet to announce a date for when the Entry Exit System (EES) will come into force, though it is believed to be later this year. Under this new border system, all non-EU short stay travellers will need to register their name, passport details, biometric data (fingerprints and captured facial images) upon entering Spain or any other EU country. These details will be held on file for three years, meaning Britons making repeat visits to Spain within a three-year period will not have to go through the same registration process each time or have their passport stamped once EES is fully implemented.

To be exempt from registering with the EES, British residents in the EU will need to show a valid uniform-format biometric card. For



Alexander Wykeham Ellis

British residents in Spain, only a TIE will be accepted by Spanish and EU authorities. The Green Certificate will not be recognised because it does not meet the requirements to feature in Annex 22 of the Schengen Borders Code.

As a result, Green Certificate holders attempting to enter Spain or any other country in the Schengen zone will not be able to use their Green Certificate as valid proof of residency and may be wrongly accused of overstaying in the EU. This

could lead to them being denied entry and returned to the UK. There will be an appeals process although it may require the Green Certificate holder to return to the UK until it is resolved.

The British Embassy and Spanish Government is therefore urging those remaining Green Certificate holders to get a TIE as soon as possible.

His Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, Sir Alex Ellis said,

"We want British residents in Spain to be able to travel smoothly into this country. That's why it's really important that anyone with a Green Certificate gets a TIE. It can take a few months, so start the process now to ensure smooth travel once the EES comes into force later this year."

The process for securing a TIE appointment is run by the Spanish Government and appointments are readily available in key areas to facilitate uptake. More information on how to apply, including links to Spanish Government websites where the applications are made, can be found on the 'Living in Spain' guide on gov.uk.



British Ambassador Alexander Ellis visits Canarian President Fernando Clavijo accompanied by Regional Councilor Lucy Gorman and Vice Consul Tenerife Mary Suarez



Canarians Glysmer Salazar and Kerstyn González become 'ambassadors for a day' in a programme for young people organised by the British embassy

Canarians Glysmer Salazar and Kerstyn González have been two of the 15 winners of the #AmbassadorForAday25 programme, an initiative of the British Embassy in Spain that promotes young leadership and brings them closer to the world of diplomacy. The winners, girls between 16 and 18 years old from all over Spain, have participated in a two-day programme in Madrid, where they have met different members of the diplomatic corps and have put into practice various necessary skills related to communication, personal branding, international relations and sport.

To participate in this initiative, the young women recorded a video




answering the question: what would you do to promote women's sport in your community? The jury, made up of embassy staff, assessed the quality of the proposals, the creativity of the videos, and the strength of the messages they convey. The two young Canarians managed to be among the winners of the contest after their videos were chosen from among more than 250 applications.

Promoting sport among the youngest

The "Ambassador for a Day" competition provides adolescent girls with a platform to explore their potential in areas such as diplomacy





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or sport, and to add their vision to issues that affect us all. The central theme of this edition was 'Young women and sport'.

The young women participated in a session with athletes Alejandra Torres-Quevedo - Olympic field hockey player -, trail runner Charlotte Cotton and rugby player Patricia García, focusing on their personal experience as sports role models. The young women also chatted with the influencer María Speaks English, who teaches English to her hundreds of thousands of followers on social media, and with the founder of the Junior Female Leaders platform, Alejandra Fernández, who gave them networking advice applied to international relations.

A very special moment was the visit to the High Performance Centre of the Higher Council of Sports (CSD) in Madrid. In recent years, the CAR in Madrid has attended 56 sports on a daily basis, including Paralympic disciplines. The participants spoke with representatives of the CSD; the Paralympic cycling coach of the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation, Begoña Luis; or the psychologist of the High Level Athlete Care Programme (PROAD), Sandra Tabasco; followed by a visit to the facilities and observation of some training sessions.

Throughout the programme they were accompanied by the British ambassador, Alex Ellis, and the Minister Counsellor of the British Em-



bassy, Sarah Cowley. Taking stock of the two days, the ambassador highlighted the importance of initiatives such as this one, which "break down barriers, challenge stereotypes and give visibility to female role models, inspiring younger generations".

Ellis also thanked the embassies of Germany, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Ukraine for their participation.

- Ambassador for a Day is organised every year at British embassies around the world to actively promote the role of women in diplomacy, among women and girls of all ages.

- This is the third edition. More than

250 girls have participated this year.

- There is great geographical diversity among the winners' origins: Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura, the Canary Islands, Asturias and Murcia.

- This year, the 'Ambassador for a Day' competition is aligned with GREAT's 'Gamechangers' campaign, which seeks to promote equality and diversity in sport to change the rules of the game and have a positive impact on society.

- Group photo and individual photos of Glysmar Salazar and Kerstyn González attached.

- Links to videos recorded by Glysmar Salazar and Kerstyn González here and here , respectively.



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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 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

One of Europe's truly beautiful marinas in a magnificent setting which hosts international regattas. 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 sig-



Puerto del Carmen

npost on the main island road between Puerto del Carmen and Yaiza.

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 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



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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.

Stratvs Vineyard

Driving through La Geria from the direction of Yaiza, Bodegas Stratvs is on the right directly off the main road. The display at the shop in the spacious visitor's gallery offers a fascinating glimpse into traditional wine cultivation on Lanzarote. The vineyard is open 7 days a week 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and there are 2 daily guided tours



El Golfo, Yaiza

by appointment. However, visitors can visit the premises and cafeteria without appointment.

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 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 magnificent 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.



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LANZAROTE-LA GRACIOSA

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| PLAYA BLANCA | CORRALEJO |
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| 12:30 | 13:30 |
| 16:30 | 17:30 |
| 18:30 | 19:30 |



WATERBUS



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| Pto. CARMEN | Pto. CALERO |
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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 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.

For the best times and conditions to visit the Cabildo Tourist Centres download the CACT Lanzarote App at Apple Play or Google Store.

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.

El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO



Playa Honda. San Bartolomé

AL CAMPESINO 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 devastated 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.

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 months 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 re-



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construction of traditional Lanza-rote 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 Teguiise

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. Opposite, 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 Teguiise has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Teguiise 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.



Teguiise

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Currently closed for alterations.

Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Teguiise

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 Rio

Continuing northward past Maguez village a road towards the cliff-top 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.





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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 Cesar Manrique, is the underground concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 10.00 - 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 Teguise, 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 which has a drawbridge at one end leading to SAN GABRIEL Castle, the Arrecife History Museum. A drive around the NAOS fishing harbour past



The Green Caves

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 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.

Golf - Theme Park

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



Castillo San José

Texas animal theme park at Puerto del Carmen.

Rancho Texas

Rancho Texas is an animal and water park close to Puerto del Carmen and just off the main island road. Among multiple attractions: a live sea lion show, dolphin interaction, a huge pool with water slides, a splash park and a country and western show. Among services is a free bus pick up. Open 265 days a year.

La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Ferry

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 30 minutes away by Líneas Romero from Playa Blanca to Corralejo.



Eating out on Lanzarote

El Aljibe de Obispo Bodega Stratus

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Barceló Lanzarote Active Resort Costa Tegui

Newly refurbished Barceló Lanzarote Active Resort located on the front line at Costa Tegui is an energetic and positive resort offering a unique destination and lifestyle which connects with the most authentic aspects of the island allowing guests to enjoy their active leisure. Three restaurants cater for everyone's taste: Champs offers a large variety of local and international beers and large TV screens with comfortable seating. La Dolce Vita trattoria is designed for families to enjoy pasta dishes and pizzas baked in specially made pizza ovens. KOI offers a variety of Asiatic fusion with a delicious selection on the menu, a sushi bar and part of living cooking.

Kaori Asian Restaurant Puerto del Carmen

Located within the 5 Star Luxury Hotel Fariones, Kaori Asian restaurant offers an exclusive a la carte dinner service to taste a wide range

of Asian cuisine. Enjoy delicious combinations of culinary specialties across the Asian continent. Experience an alternative dinner for all lovers of the Asian cuisine for hotel and external guests including vegetarians.

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El Diablo Restaurant

A once-in-a-lifetime eating experience awaits guests at the El Diablo Restaurant in the Fire Mountains. Food is cooked on a grill heated by geothermal heat emerging from a volcanic chasm below in the bowels of the earth. The temperature inside the mountain at this point is 500° C and even a few inches below the surface it is 100° as can be seen in two displays by park rangers. Before or after your meal be sure to go on the guided tour of the Volcanic Route on coaches equipped with multi-lingual commentaries. The tour is included in the admission price paid at the park entrance.

Open 10.00 -16.45 daily

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Castillo de San José

Starters include caramelised goat's cheese, Iberian roast pork carpaccio, foie shavings and vanilla salt. Main dishes include, Atlantic wreckfish with king prawn Canarian tuna steak Tataki style, honeyed squid rice with saffron and cured cheese slices, Carved grilled entrecote, Pork cheeks served and seasoned with local salt flower, duck magret with crispy skin served with Porto sauce and dates, Desserts include, goats milk yoghurt with local strawberry compote.

Wednesday - Saturday 12.30 – 16.00
19.30 – 23.00 Sunday 12.30 -16.00



Gregorio Fuentes Betancort Skipper of Ernest Hemingway's boat

José Juan Romero / Illustrations C.F. Tunncliffe



Arrecife honoured Gregorio Fuentes with this sculpture in Arrecife



The skipper of Ernest Hemingway's boat, the Pilar, Gregorio Fuentes Betancort, was born on Lanzarote 11 July 1897. According to historians the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*, for which the famous author won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954, was based on a story told to him by Fuentes Betancort among other anec-

The blossoming of the vine
NEW GENERATIONS WITH THE SAME

PASSION

A photograph of two men, an older man and a younger man, standing in a vineyard. The older man is wearing a hat and a light shirt, and the younger man is wearing a cap and a dark shirt, holding a rake. The background shows a vineyard with rows of vines.

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notes he told him during their journeys at sea. They first met when Hemingway ran out of the brown onions he used to incessantly chew when fishing and was stopping every passing craft to see if they had any on board. One of them was the boat of Gregorio Betancort and when he returned to his ship he told his host Max Perkins the famous publisher who also published the works of Scott Fitzgerald among others, that if he ever bought himself a boat he would ask Gregorio to be skipper because of the immaculate state he found on his fishing smack in which he used to bring fresh fish to the United States. They struck up a very close friendship because of their similarity in age, only one year separated the two mariners.

When Gregorio turned 99, the Lanzarote Cabildo invited him to return to the island of his birth and sent two journalists from Lancelot to accompany him, the author of this article and Federico Coll, who are seen with him in the photos they took in his home in Cojimar, Cuba where the Pilar is moored on public display.



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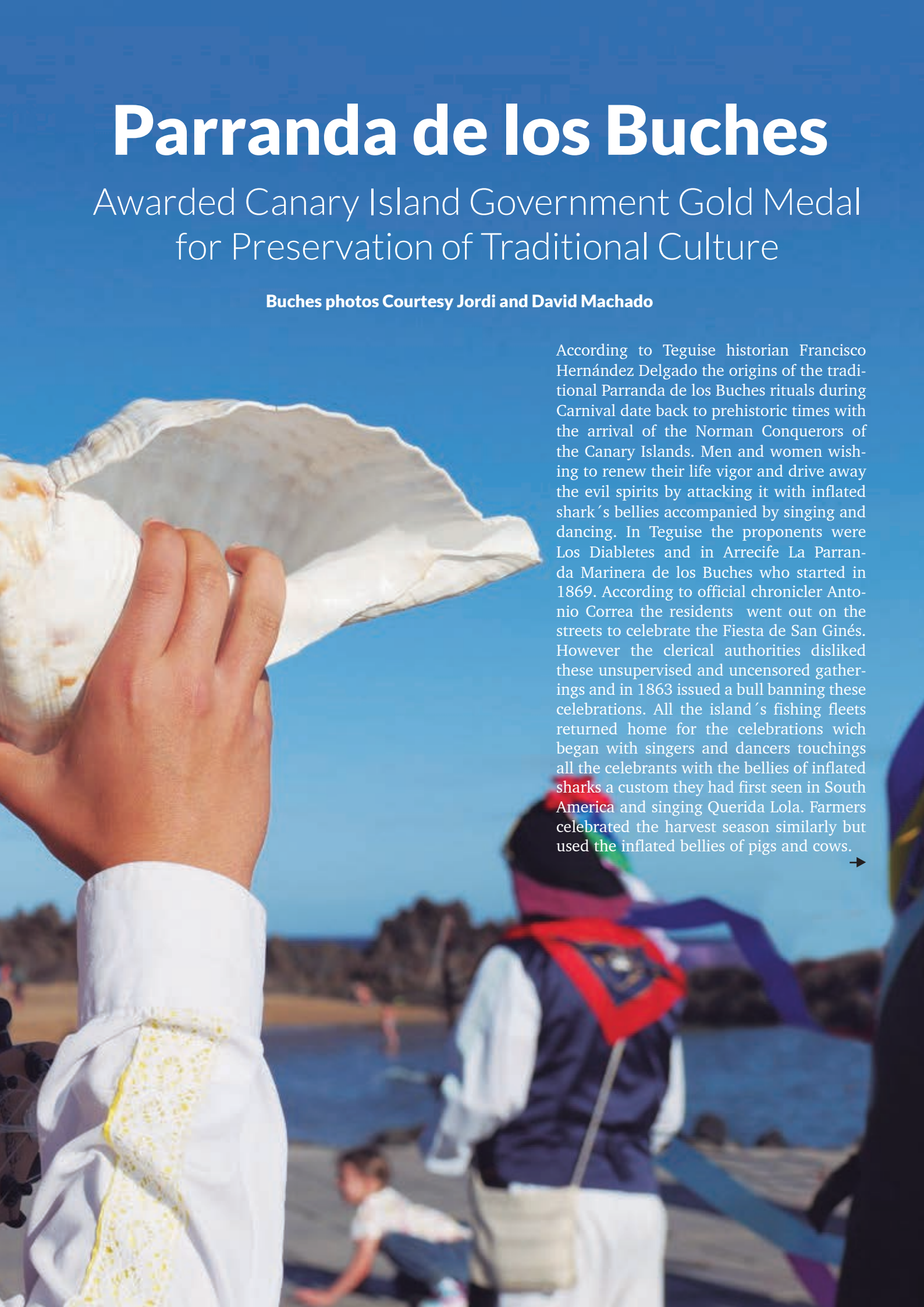


Parranda de los Buches

Awarded Canary Island Government Gold Medal
for Preservation of Traditional Culture

Buches photos Courtesy Jordi and David Machado

According to Tegui historian Francisco Hernández Delgado the origins of the traditional Parranda de los Buches rituals during Carnival date back to prehistoric times with the arrival of the Norman Conquerors of the Canary Islands. Men and women wishing to renew their life vigor and drive away the evil spirits by attacking it with inflated shark's bellies accompanied by singing and dancing. In Tegui the proponents were Los Diabletes and in Arrecife La Parranda Marinera de los Buches who started in 1869. According to official chronicler Antonio Correa the residents went out on the streets to celebrate the Fiesta de San Ginés. However the clerical authorities disliked these unsupervised and uncensored gatherings and in 1863 issued a bull banning these celebrations. All the island's fishing fleets returned home for the celebrations which began with singers and dancers touching all the celebrants with the bellies of inflated sharks a custom they had first seen in South America and singing Querida Lola. Farmers celebrated the harvest season similarly but used the inflated bellies of pigs and cows.



Cover of Los Buches Record



Sixty years ago sailors decided to give the island's ancient carnival tradition with the Parranda Marinera los Buches dressed up in traditional peasant attire. When asked why fishermen dress up in traditional farmers attire, the President of Los Buches Juan Antonio Machado replied, "because the Carnival is all about dressing up!" Our founders were very brave people who even carried on with the custom although it was strictly forbidden during the franco regime because the singers would sing rhymes criticizing and poking fun at of the government. Nowadays as sharks are in danger of extinction artificial fish bellies.



Photos from the distant past





Former President of Los Buches José Julián Villanueva, blowing a whistle to sound like a bird singing





Lanzarote firefighters return from the Spanish Championship in Cartagena with third place in technical equipment and undetermined maneuver

Francisco J. Aparicio: "Our members of the Lanzarote Safety and Emergency Consortium have demonstrated their ability to resolve complex traffic accident situations, they proudly represented Lanzarote and La Graciosa as they amply demonstrated, not only in training but in their daily work, their vast experience in treating the victims of such tragedies on both locations."

Firefighters from the Lanzarote Safety and Emergency Consortium returned from the National Traffic Accident and Trauma Rescue Meeting (ENRATT) with third place in technical equipment and undetermined maneuvers, as well as fourth place in the overall classification.

The president of the Safety and Emergency Consortium, Francisco J. Aparicio, stated that the firefighters "have demonstrated that they are capable of resolving complicated traffic accident situations."

"Without a doubt, our team has always risen to the challenge in complex situations, which always saves lives," he asserted. The Lanzarote firefighters performed two undetermined maneuvers—one of which earned them third place—in addition to participating in a trauma exercise. "We were satisfied, above all, because the firefighters gave their all," noted Aparicio, who was present in Cartagena with the manager, Enrique Espinosa.





The president of the Lanzarote Cabildo Oswaldo Betancort, and the president of the Security and Emergency Consortium, Francisco J. Aparicio and Manager Enrique Espinosa wished the Lanzarote representatives good luck. Photo Sergio Betancor

The team representing Lanzarote in Cartagena was composed of firefighters Chedey Tanausú Rodríguez Quintero, Rubén Tomás Guerra Rodríguez, Roberto Iván Betancort Corujo, Yoné Echedey Martín Fernández, Acaymo José Rodríguez Quintero, and Néstor Crespo Rodríguez. “Now, after these practical exercises, our firefighters will continue to ensure the safety of all the citizens of Lanzarote and La Graciosa, through swift action that always seeks to safeguard the well-being of all,” concluded the president of the Security and Emergencies Consortium, Francisco J. Aparicio.



The Fire Brigade were delighted at receiving the award





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THE FAMILIES ARRIVED
9, march 1731
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Route of Original Canary Island Settlers from Vera Cruz to San Antonio de Bejar

Canary Island Families

Juan Leal Goras
Juan Curbelo
Juan Leal Jr.
Antonio Santos
Joseph Pedrón
Manuel de Niz
Vicente Alvarez Travieso
Salvador Rodriguez
Francisco de Arocha
Antonio Rodriguez
José Leal
Juan Delgado
José Cabrera
Maria Rodriguez Provayna
Mariana Moleano
Felipe Pérez
Joseph Antonio Pérez
Martin Lorenzo de Armas
Ignacio Lorenzo de Armas

SAN LUIS POTOSI
Valle de
San Francisco
Saucada de los Molinos
San Luis de la Paz
Las Carboneras
Puerto Pinto
Amacala
Los Colotillos chicos

SAN JUAN DEL RIO

Ruano
San Francisco
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Curtitlan

MEXICO CITY

VERA CRUZ
LANDED 19, JULY 1730



Lanzarote-San Antonio, Texas

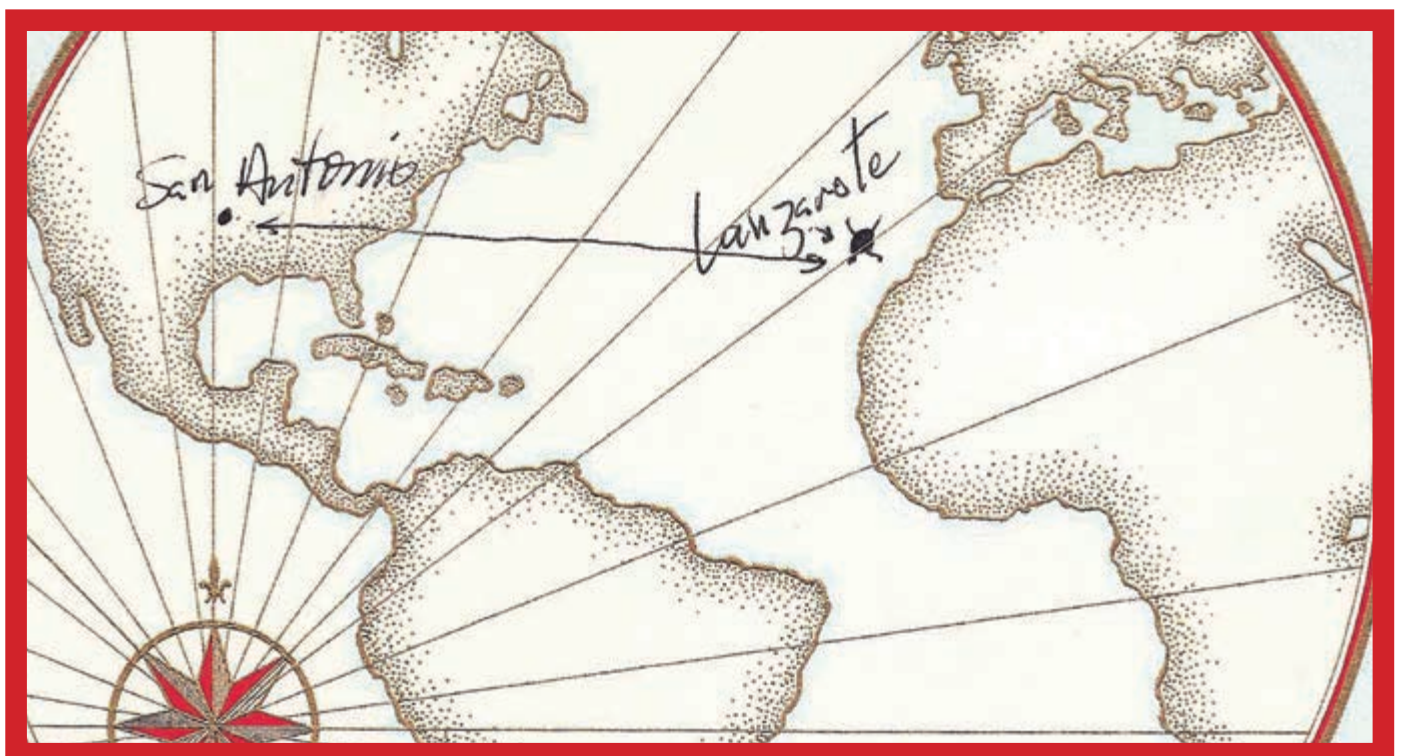
Sister City Twinning Unanimously Approved by San Antonio Council

During the same session the installation of a Cycling Route throughout the city was approved which means a Sister City Sustainability Twinning programme was also created, as Lanzarote also has a dedicated Cycling Route and have agreed to on an exchange of information about gastronomy



"It was a special opportunity for me to visit Lanzarote and become acquainted with this unique island, which shares historic ties with San Antonio. President Betancourt is a visionary leader, shaping the future of the island and forging new global connections—especially with San Antonio. We are proud to have established a new sister city relationship with Lanzarote and look forward to fostering lasting people-to-people ties, as well as mutually beneficial business and cultural collaborations."

Mayor Ron Nirenberg



Dr Alfonso Chiscano sketched this vision on a Christmas card sent in 2011 predicting a future direct flight from San Antonio to Lanzarote-Canarias

How the Lanzarote-San Antonio, Texas Relationship Began



Dorothy Pérez

Following the publication of a Spanish-language book by the Ayuntamiento of Teguiise about the founding of San Antonio, Texas, by Canary Islanders in 1721, town historian Francisco Hernández Delgado asked Lancelot – English Edition to find out whether anyone now living in San Antonio was of Lanzarote descent. So we contacted the American Embassy in Madrid the Consulate General in Barcelona, the Chamber of Commerce in San Antonio plus many other institutions but to no avail. Six months went by when Juan Jorge Erhard a former colleague at Lancelot who was now a tourist guide in the Fire Mountains showed us the copy of an invitation given to him by a tourist from San Antonio which read, “We are holding a mass at San Fernando Cathedral followed by lunch at the Menger Hotel on 9 March to commemorate the day of the arrival of our ancestors from the Canary Islands in 1730. If you wish to attend send a cheque for \$25 to Dorothy Perez, Logsgood, Union City, San Antonio, Texas.” We immediately replied saying we wanted to publish the history of the Canary Islanders in the next issue of the enclosed Lancelot quarterly magazine.

Start of Initial Correspondence

1997

Dear Larry and Liz,

When I received your letter with the Lancelot magazine, sunshine entered my life. I am a descendent of Juan Delgado and Juan Curbelo who, with 16 other families, emigrated to Lanzarote together with Juan Leal Goraz in 1720 to found the city of San Antonio in Texas one year later in 1721. Yours is the first communication any member

of my family has received from the beloved island of our birth in almost 280 years. I am the President of the Association of Canary Descendents of San Antonio and work in the Alamo. In my free time I visit local schools dressed in traditional Lanzarote costume to tell the pupils about the Canary Islands.

Dorothy Pérez

2001



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
EDWARD D. GARZA
MAYOR

September 17, 2001

Mr. Larry Yaskiel
Mrs. Liz Yaskiel
Editors of Lancelot Magazin
Canary Islands, Spain

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Yaskiel:

On behalf of the City of San Antonio, it is my great pleasure to extend warm greetings to you and the citizens of the Canary Islands.

Although we are in a time of great despair, we must pull together and strengthen our ties of diplomacy with one another in order to overcome this great tragedy. Our Sister Cities program has played an important role in strengthening San Antonio's global ties with other regions of the world, in particular with the Canary Islands.

In coordination with our longstanding Sister City relationship, I have been informed that 14 Canary Island Descendents of the founding families of the City of San Antonio will be traveling to the Canary Islands on a goodwill mission from September 26 to October 9, 2001. The delegation leaders are Mrs. Patsy Dill Moss and the new Canary Island Descendent Association President, Mr. Eugene Chapa.

As we forge ahead into the new millennium, it is our desire to further develop the Sister City's commercial, educational and cultural exchanges. This will continue to be an important step towards unifying our citizens and creating opportunities for the future, that are mutually beneficial.

We truly value and appreciate the support and friendship that you have extended to us throughout the years.

Sincerely,

EDWARD D. GARZA
Mayor

This letter, written only six days after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, was personally carried to Lanzarote by Descendents President Ed Chapa

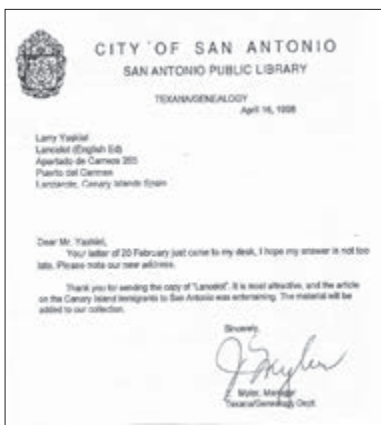
1998

From the city of San Antonio Public Library

Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending me the copy of Lancelot. It is most attractive, and the article on the canary islands immigrants to San Antonio was entertaining. The material will be added to our collection.

J. Myler,
Manager Texana Genealogy Dept.



2025



Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort and San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg sign Sister City agreement



"An Acorn planted by Lanzarote descendent Dorothy Perez in San Antonio, Texas in 1997 has blossomed into a "Sister City" Oak Tree on Lanzarote 28 years later in 2025"

1998

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank Lanzarote's Tourist promotion Board through yourselves for the large parcel of Lancelot magazines which arrived in time to give to the other members of the Canary Islanders Descendents Association before our annual get together.

Thanks also for the Lanzarote T-shirts and pins. As you know we commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of our ancestors from Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands at San Antonio on 9 March 1731 each year with a mass in San Fernando Cathedral followed by a luncheon.

This is a very busy time for us as we celebrate Texas Independence Day and commemorate those who lost their lives defending the Alamo during the first week of March which is why it has taken me so long to send this letter off to you.

With the best wishes from deep in the heart of Texas,

Dorothy Perez
Logwood, Universal
City San Antonio,
Texas

GUINEVER The grandfather of Dorothy Perez was the youngest survivor of the Battle of the Alamo.

2001

San Antonio 1731-2001

Dear Sir,

May I say thank you through the columns of Lancelot to Mr Francisco Hernández Delgado, the Town Historian of Tegui-se. He took the trouble to send me a copy of a handwritten manuscript which is of major importance to the history of both Tegui-se on Lanzarote and the city of San Antonio, in Texas.

The document is a bill of sale for some land sold by Juan Leal Goraz before leaving your island on his historic one year journey to help found our city of San Antonio in 1731. This year on Sunday 4 March we will celebrate the 270th anniversary of this seminal event at the annual mass held by the

Canary islands Descendants at San fernando Cathedral.

John O. Leal
Hidalgo de texas
San Antonio, Texas

GUINEVER Juan Leal Goraz had been the Mayor of Tegui-se before setting out for America leading a party of fifty-six canary Islanders, Forty-four of whom were from Lanzarote. They founded the city of San Antonio in 1731 and Leal Goraz was appointed its first mayor.

The present mayor of Tegui-se, Juan Pedro Hernández, received an invitation from the Canary Islands Descendents of San Antonio and is attending the celebration of the 270th anniversary of his predecessor's arrival.



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EL JEFE DEL GABINETE DE
PLANIFICACIÓN Y COORDINACIÓN

Palacio de La Zarzuela
Madrid, 28 de marzo de 2025

Señor
LARRY YASKIEL
Editorial Lancelot, S.L
ACE Gran Hotel
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35500 ARRECIFE (Las Palmas)

Estimado amigo:

Me complace acusar recibo a la carta y documentación que dirigió a Su Majestad el Rey el pasado día 17, en la que Le informa del reciente acuerdo de hermanamiento de la isla de Lanzarote con la ciudad de San Antonio, en Texas; al tiempo que tiene la amabilidad de remitirle un ejemplar de la revista *Lancelot English Edition* y dos libros; *La Rocola del Bar Rumba*, del que es autor y *Estadounidenses con pasado Lanzaroteño*.

Su Majestad me encarga que, en Su nombre, le agradezca esta información, así como las publicaciones que Le ha hecho llegar, y le envíe un cordial saludo, lo que cumplo con el mayor agrado.

Atentamente,

JUAN CARLOS GONZÁLEZ DÍEZ

dv

His Majesty King Felipe the Sixth of Spain, graciously expressed his satisfaction at receiving the news of the Sister City agreement in the book

Looking for the roots. Chronicles of the first visits



Mayor Juan Pedro Hernández presents Dorothy Pérez with the Flag of Teguise in 1999



Cabildo President Enrique Pérez Parrilla presents her with a traditional Lanzarote costume in 1999



Dorothy Pérez in The Cactus Garden in 1999



Descendants visiting the Tourist Centres in 2001



Town Historian Francisco Hernández Delgado shows San Antonio Descendants, led by President Ed Chapa, their family records, in 2001



2001. Historian Francisco Hernández showing University of San Antonio President Ricardo Romo and his wife Associate Professor Harriet Romo records at the Emigration Museum Santa Barbara



2006. The late Dr Alfonso Chiscano, who played a pivotal in establishing the San Antonio Lanzarote-Canary Islands connection for over three decades was honoured by the Ayuntamiento with a memorial statue at Costa Tegüise. Steve Chiscano who followed in his father footsteps



2006. Deputy Mayor Luciano Pérez with Dr Chiscano and Harriet Romo



2006. Historian John Leal in San Antonio with the descendants



Mayor Ron Nirenberg holding a special edition of Lancelot together with Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Culture Councillor Óscar Pérez among others celebrating the 275th Anniversary of the founding of San Antonio



Dr Chiscano and the Deputy Mayor of San Antonio meet Lancelot executives Antonio and Jorge Coll among others in their Arrecife offices



2014. Oswaldo Betancort, Olivia Duque, Francisco Hernández. Dr Chiscano and Maruchi Rodríguez



Lancelot TV staff display the flag of San Antonio presented by Alamo President Kate Rogers which was also shown to English-language pupils in several of the island's schools



2024. President Oswaldo Betancort welcomes CIDA President Freddie Bustillo with his wife Gloria and San Antonio Honorary Spanish Consul Steve Chiscano to the Lanzarote Cabildo. Photo Óscar Pérez

Eagerly Searching Documents for their Original Roots

During a stroll round the town the delegation was joined by founder of the Amigos of the Descendants on Lanzarote, Óscar Pérez. Kate Rogers, Executive Director of the Alamo Trust, has visited Lanzarote twice to research the island's original architecture for display at the multimillion dollar state-of-the-art visitor centre and Museum scheduled to open in San Antonio in 2027. She will be adding her many years of experience of running the Alamo for the benefit of the future Emigration Museum of Tegui.



The visiting Texan delegation joined the Lanzarote governing authorities in the archives of Francisco "Paco" Hernández Delgado examining documentation of the Lanzarote emigrants dating back almost three hundred years in the presence of Mayoress Olivia Duque, Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández and Culture Councillor Mar Baronat



Ron Nirenberg and Olivia Duque with a portrait of Juan Goraz Leal of Tegui who became the first mayor of San Antonio in 1721 having previously been the mayor of Tegui. It was painted by local artist and historian Santiago Alemán based on an original sketch sent by San Antonio historian Juan Leal



Ron Nirenberg, Steve Chiscano, Kate Rogers and Liz and Larry Yaskiel of Lancelot



In Tegui Archives Mayor Ron Nirenberg with Town Historian Francisco Hernández, who has had 246 visits 130 requests for information and found 75 specific family roots including those of Kate Rogers and Freddy Bustillo

The Future Casa Torres Museum in Teguisse

Seat of Historical and Cultural Ties between
Sister Cities Lanzarote and San Antonio

Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort and Mayor of Teguisse, Olivia Duque, together with Mayor of San Antonio, Ron Nirenberg, visited the building, accompanied by an institutional and business delegation from Texas, with the aim of analyzing its transformation into a new cultural site

The Lanzarote Cabildo is promoting the creation of Casa Torres Museum in the town of Teguisse, as a cultural center which will preserve the legacy of Canarian migration to Texas strengthening ties between Lanzarote and San Antonio, Texas. This was announced by Oswaldo Betancort, during a visit to the 18th-century building accompanied by Mayor of Teguisse, Olivia Duque, Mayor of San Antonio, Ron Nirenberg, during an official visit to the island with prominent institutional and business delegation from Texas.

Casa Torres, acquired by the Canary Islands government, was declared a Site of Cultural Interest in 1985 and is currently undergoing restoration. Its conversion into a museum will be a key testament to the shared history between Lanzarote and San Antonio, which began in 1731 when a group of Lanzarote families emigrated to Texas, founding the city of San Antonio and actively participating in the creation of the region.

President Oswaldo Betancort: "The Casa Torres Museum will be a symbol of the historical connection between our two regions to allow future generations to learn about and appreciate the value of their ancestors who crossed the Atlantic more than 290 years ago, thus strengthening our cultural, academic and tourism ties and enabling new opportunities for collaboration."



In the words of Teguisse Mayor Olivia Duque, "Casa Torres is an architectural gem that deserves to be preserved and appreciated. This important project not only has a strong cultural component but will also contribute to strengthening the identity of Teguisse and Lanzarote. It is an honor for our municipality to host this museum, which will not only be a place of remembrance but also a center of knowledge and a driving force for cooperation between Lanzarote and San Antonio."

San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg emphasized the importance of this initiative as a bridge between the two regions: "The migration of Lanzarote residents to San Antonio is an integral part of our history. Through the creation of this museum, we are not only celebrating that legacy, but also creating a collaborative platform that will further strengthen the ties between our communities, promoting cultural, academic, and tourism exchanges between our two cities."

Mayor Nirenberg expressed his enthusiasm by saying

“San Antonio, the seventh largest city in the United States, would not be what it is today without its Lanzarote-Canarian heritage”



At the Casa Torres Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort and the Mayoress of Teguié Olivia Duque accompanied the delegation from the US:

Ron Nirenberg Mayor of San Antonio

Erika Nirenberg, First Lady of San Antonio

Shahrzad Dowlatshi, Chief Diplomacy and Protocol Officer

Steve Chiscano, Honorary Consul of Spain in San Antonio

Kate Rogers, CEO of Alamo Trust

Trey Rogers, Spouse to Ms. Rogers

Julia Lopez, President Canary Islands Descendents Association (2025-26)

Mari Tamez, Heritage Outreach Manager, Bexar County and Former President, Canary Islands Descendents Association (2017-2021)

Natalie Smith, Board member, Main Plaza Conservancy

Interpretation Centre

Casa Torres Museum, designated to be the seat of the history of Canarian migration to Texas, manifests the experience of the 16 family groups who emigrated in 1731. In addition to the permanent exhibition on migration, restoration work is being carried out on the building, with the support of history and transformation experts, to ensure that the building and its contents embody a faithful testament of this legacy. The Alamo Museum, the Alamo Trust in San Antonio and other key institutions in Texas are collaborating in the project to promote academic, cultural, and tourism exchanges. In the long term, the creation of the Canary Islands - Texas Foundation is expected to ensure the project's sustainability.



Lanzarote and San Antonio formalize their twinning relationship with Mayor Ron Nirenberg's visit to the island

In an event steeped in historical and cultural significance, the mayor of San Antonio (Texas, USA), Ron Nirenberg, began his official visit to Lanzarote, accompanied by the president of the Island Council, Oswaldo Betancort, and a delegation of institutional and business representatives. The main objective of the visit is the signing of a Sister City Agreement between the two towns, a document that strengthens the ties that have united the Canary Islands with this region of the United States since the 18th century, when many island families emigrated to Texas (1731) to populate the region now known as San Antonio, on behalf of the Spanish Kingdom, subsequently establishing the first Texan Council and civil government there.

President Oswaldo Betancort, one of the main drivers in recent years of this enhanced cultural and commercial relationship between those who share a history on both sides of the Atlantic, has emphasized the importance of this Twinning Agreement, "which becomes an opportunity to strengthen our cultural and historical connection; an ideal channel to convey our sustainable development policy, also facilitating the development of new marketing channels that boost our primary sector and open up niches for technological innova-



Mayor Ron Nirenberg is working on establishing direct flights with Canary Islands

tion because we share sustainable development models."

The island president also thanked Mayor Nirenberg for his work and perseverance in honoring the contribution of Lanzarote families to the founding of their city. "With this alliance, we hope to continue nurturing this relationship for another 300 years. This will be good news for our businesses and entrepreneurs, because wealth emerges from exchange."

The official twinning ceremony, which took place at the Presidency of the Island Council, was also attended by the Minister of Universities, Science, Innovation, and Culture of the Government of the Canary Islands, Migdalia Machín, and

the President of the Canary Islands Parliament, Astrid Pérez, at the invitation of the island president. This twinning cements a close collaboration that encompasses strategic areas such as economic cooperation, heritage preservation, and environmental education.

During the event, Mayor Ron Nirenberg expressed his enthusiasm for this partnership: "San Antonio wouldn't be what it is today without the Canarian and Lanzarote heritage. This twinning, which was unanimously approved by the San Antonio council, is a recognition of our shared history and a commitment to a future of cooperation and exchange."



Family photo in the Cabildo

The President said to the Mayor,
"I would like to make you our custodian to ensure that the Sister City connection actively continues whatever position you hold"



In the presence of the Canarian Parliament President Astrid Pérez and the Councillor of the Canarian Government Migdalia Machín, Oswaldo Betancort presented Ron and Erika with traditional Lanzarote headwear and the book on Lanzarote architecture, *Tesoros de la Isla*, by artist Santiago Alemán



Displaying the Twinning Document in the presence of Julia Lopez and Steve Chiscano who stated
"Lanzarote had made a remarkable impression in the United States and the Canarian Descendents are forging new commercial links with the native isle of their ancestors"



Exchanges in Tourism and Agricultural Products



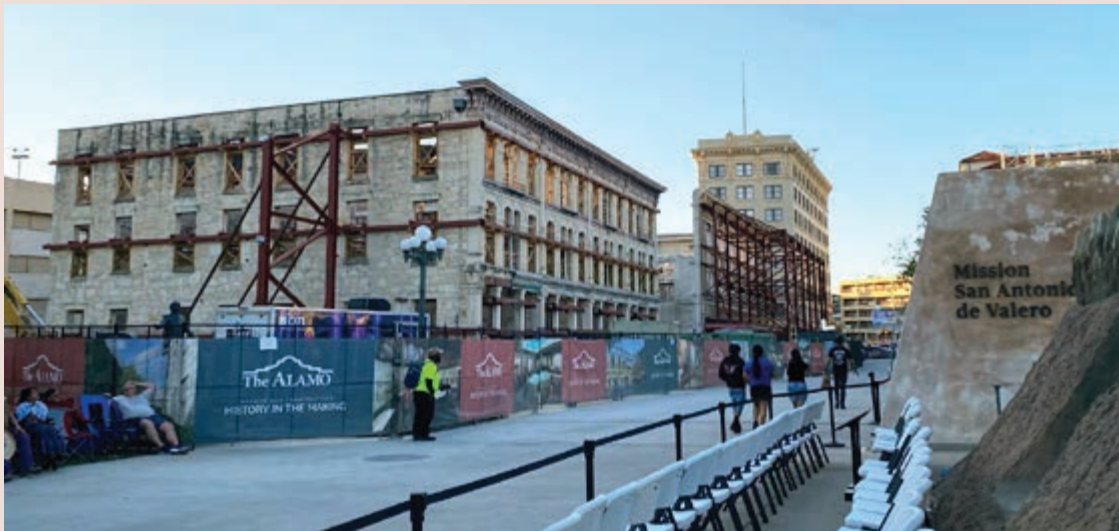
As a direct result of the Sister Cities twinning agreement Texas importers expressed interest in tourism interchanges and agricultural products such as cheeses and Denomination of Origin Lanzarote wines during their conversations with President Oswaldo Betancort, CACT Councillor Angél Vazquez and CEO Tourist Information Héctor Fernández and President of the Chamber of Commerce José Valle who assured them of speedy administration of all transactions and import export regulations. President of the Board of the Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wines Jorge Rodríguez assured the visitors from San Antonio of the expertise of his members following many years of experience with overseas clients.

"San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg reviewed the economy of the state of Texas and reaffirmed his interest in strengthening the historical and economic ties between both territories."

At a business breakfast on San Fermina Islet hosted by the Lanzarote executives for San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Honorary American Consul Steve Chiscano, to strengthen commercial ties and highlighting the island's firm commitment to opening new markets for Lanzarote companies by collaborating in the economic, commercial and tourism fields for the promotion of strategic projects. CEO Tourism Héctor Fernández stated "The tourism strategy that Lanzarote will deploy in the United States acts as support for the Lanzarote brands of quality products. This will focus on San Antonio and other cities with connections to the main hubs in Euro products. San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg reviewed the economy of the state of Texas reaffirming his interest in strengthening economic ties between both regions.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg and his delegation at Timanfaya in the Fire Mountains and at La Geria the unique wine cultivation region which has remained unchanged for several hundred years

Photos: Steve Chiscano and Ana Sánchez



Update from Honorary Spanish Consul Steve Chiscano showing how the new museum is reaching completion

The Lanzarote Wine Regulatory Council is involved in promoting new international alliances



Mayor Ron Nirenberg with the President of the D.O. Board of Lanzarote Wines Jorge Rodriguez

The Regulatory Council of the Lanzarote Wines D.O. actively participated in the institutional and business meetings held during the visit of the US delegation to the island. This presence is part of a strategy to open up new opportunities for international cooperation in the areas of innovation, sustainability, and promotion of local products.



Sister City Educational Partnership for First Aid Learning in the schools of Lanzarote and San Antonio Texas

President of the Cabildo Consorcio de Seguridad and Emergencias Francisco Apararicio considers it important to include children's education in the Lanzarote-San Antonio Sister City relationship and has sent copies of a book on the subject by schoolgirl Llara Montequin published by the Consorcio, "Sarita La Tirita," to Honorary Spanish Consul in San Antonio Steve Chiscano who considers it an excellent idea and example of cooperation. Children often experience an accident in the home and are able to offer life-saving assistance to a parent even before the rescue services arrive.



Francisco Aparicio and Llara Montequin holding the book



Chamber of Commerce of Lanzarote and La Graciosa President José Valle met the Mayor of San Antonio Ron Nirenberg and his delegations to promote economic cooperation between both entities

José Valle, as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Lanzarote and La Graciosa, congratulated the Island Council on this initiative, which he assured "will have the full support of the Chamber of Commerce to help the business sector champion the Lanzarote brand as a spearhead in these new markets, since our products and companies represent the stories of our families and culture, and it is our letter of welcome."



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Reports from the Canarian Government

President Clavijo highlights the “success” of the eco-dining rooms, which have already reached 24,000 students in the Canary Islands



*The president of the Canary Islands
Fernando Clavijo*



The President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo, highlighted this Monday the “success” of the eco-dining rooms, which now serve 24,000 diners at 127 schools across the islands. He did so at the Capellanía del Yágabo Early Childhood and Primary School (CEIP) in Lanzarote, where he addressed the program’s success, which “directly benefits the children who are educated in the foundations of healthy eating, but also local products, the key players in this initiative, and local businesses.”

This school is one of seven public schools in the archipelago where this program launched more than a decade ago. It is a benchmark in the state for promoting organic agricultural production and promoting healthy eating in schools based on organic, local, fresh, and seasonal products.

During the visit, the head of the Canary Islands government was accompanied by the Regional Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Food Sovereignty, Narvay Quintero; the Regional Minister of Education, Vocational Training, Physical Activity, and Sports, Poli Suárez; the Regional Minister of Universities, Science, Innovation, and Culture, Migdalia Machín; the President of the Lanzarote Island Council, Oswaldo Betancort; the Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León; the Director of the ICCA, Luis Arráez Guadalupe; the Director of the center, María Dolores Romero; and eco-farmers from the island, as well as other island and local authorities and members of the center’s management team.



The President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo, checks the benefits of the program, which inspired the Royal Decree on Healthy and Sustainable School Cafeterias and has been recognized by the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition, at the CEIP Capellanía del Yágabo, one of the pioneers in implementing it



On his first visit to the Canary Islands British Ambassador Alexander Wykeham Ellis met the President Fernando Clavijo

The Canary Islands joins the celebration of Earth Day once again this year to continue raising awareness about respect for nature



*Tourist and Employment Councillor,
Jessica de León*



For the tenth consecutive year, the Canary Islands brand is joining in the celebration of Earth Day. The contextual marketing campaign we developed for this occasion focuses on the concept “Today nature has a gift for you,” a message that aims to highlight the extraordinary “gifts” that the Canary Islands’ nature bestows upon us every day, which must be cared for and preserved.

Every year since 2016, the celebration of International Mother Earth Day, an event commemorated every April 22nd, through an action based on the dayketing strategy. This strategy consists of taking advantage of key moments when audiences are most willing to share certain messages. With the message

of this tenth edition, whose production is financed with European ERDF funds, we wanted to pay tribute to planet Earth by showcasing, once again, the landscapes and natural treasures of the archipelago, a true gift for those who live and visit it.

The visitors who accounted for 21% of total arrivals to the Canary Islands in 2024 and are characterized by their independence, with only 35% purchasing a package deal compared to 50% of the total. Furthermore, this traveler stands out for enjoying a longer average stay (10.1 days compared to 9.4 days overall), spending more evenly across the region, and prioritizing the surrounding environment, the trail network, and the landscape when choosing their destination.



*Promotur Managing Director
José Juan Lorenzo*

The Canary Islands is consolidating its promotion aimed at sustainability-conscious tourists by disseminating the destination’s best practices

For the fifth consecutive year a new phase of this communication initiative on good social and environmental practices at the tourist destination. The audiovisual production, which will begin soon, will feature eight new projects selected for 2025, adding to the 23 currently included in the initiative.

There’s no doubt that tourists are increasingly placing importance on sustainability-related aspects when choosing their leisure and vacation destinations.



*Spain’s Tourist Minister Jordi Hereu with
Canarian Tourist Councillor
Jessica de León and SPEL CEO
Hector Fernandez*

Lanzarote and the Canary Islands at the ITB in Berlin

Photos Nacho Gonzalez



ITB
BERLIN

The Lanzarote Cabildo with CEO Spel Tourism Hectór Fernández and Canarian Government Tourism Councillor Jessica de León were well represented at the ITB in Berlin, 4-6 March, one of the three most important Annual Tourism Fairs for the European Market, where they held meetings with every major tour operator and airline executive operating in the Archipelago.

At the Lanzarote stand, Jessica de León, Hector Fernández, CEO SPEL, José Valle, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Executives Rita Hernández, Teguisse and Ani Ruiz, Tías among others. Cicar the leading car hire firm in the Archipelago who provide holiday-makers with comprehensive multilingual tourist guides in every vehicle, hosted Canarian Tourism Minister Jessica de León among other authorities.

Puerto Carmen participated in the ITB Berlin confirming their role as the most popular tourist destination for German holiday makers, represented by Ani Ruiz Manager of tourist promotion who pointed out that the Fair coincided with the 30th anniversary of the Sustainable Tourist Distinction Lanzarote received from the UN at a gala ceremony held in Jameos del Agua in 1995.

Students and teachers and pupils from the Lanzarote College of Tourism visited the Fair as part of their academic training as Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort stressed "The visit of future tourism professionals is the key to maintaining the island is identified with in the international market."



Canarian Tourism Councillor Jessica de León is greeted by senior executives at the Cicar Hire stand



Lanzarote Tourism Invited the Tourism Sector to Define a Joint Strategy Focused on the American Market

The event brought together the tourism sector to define a joint strategy focused on the US market. President Oswaldo Betancort expressed his gratitude to the strong response and business participation which he considered essential to strengthening the island's commitment and reducing dependence on traditional sources in line with our commitment to international expansion.



CEO SPEL Tourism Lanzarote Héctor Fernández who thanked CEO of Tourism España in New York Maggie Castelltort who gave a detailed presentation of the opportunities offered by the market highlighting the growth of international tourism, the increase of spending per traveler and the growing demand for new destinations.

The United States represents a great opportunity for attracting high-quality tourism seeking unique experiences in sustainable surroundings offering excellent year-round weather conditions. Victor Moreno Ocaña Director of Strategic Alliances at Iberia offered his full support. Turismo Lanzarote executives Paula Muñoz and Melody detailed marketing operations in the American market.

"The unity of all entities, both public and private, is essential to strengthening Lanzarote's commitment to market diversification and reducing dependence on traditional sources, in line with its tourism internationalization strategy," concluded Oswaldo Betancort.

Magí Castelltort, Turespaña Tourism Advisor in New York, during the presentation. "It's vital to invest in positioning Lanzarote so that potential customers get to know the island and its most valued attributes: good weather, a unique landscape, and, above all, a high level of personal safety. Furthermore, the US is a profitable market with great potential for seasonal adjustment, which allows us to attract visitors year-round and diversify our tourism demand."

Finally, the President of the Island Council closed the meeting by congratulating the Lanzarote Tourism team and thanking the business community for their response and strong participation, especially José Juan Lorenzo, Managing Director of Turismo de Canarias; Susana Pérez, President of the Lanzarote and Asolan Tourism Federation; José Valle, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Lanzarote and La Graciosa; and Ángel Vázquez, CEO of CACT.

Geological Studies in La Corona Volcanic Tube at Jameos del Agua



*President of the Cabildo Oswaldo
Betancort*



Nine scientists from Padua University, Italy, well known for their research in the fields of vulcanology and volcanic sciences came to Lanzarote to interchange knowledge with local experts. Their work focused on laser scanning in caves, collapses of pyroclast materials thanking the Cabildo and Geopark technicians for their unconditional support stating that they consider Lanzarote a site of global importance for studying terrestrial and planetary geology. La Corona stretching for over seven kilometers is one of the Island's most prestigious treasures and it is of major importance to preserve its incalculable international geological value ensuring its preservation for the future.



Jameos del Agua Scientific Seminary

Councillor Samuel Martín, "Lanzarote is home to a unique eco system and at the Geopark we count on everyone's collaboration to preserving the blind crab *Mundopsis Polymorpha* which lives on the seabed of Jameos del Agua."



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The Cabildo Pays Tribute to Eight Leading Women from Lanzarote and La Graciosa on International Woman's Day

Laureana Hernández Cabrera, Amor Lopez, Esther Cabrera Quintana, Ana Maria Oncina Cordon, Cristina Rosa Martín, Inés Rojas de León, Vicente Monga Garcia and Toledo Martín

Each woman stands out for their contribution to the areas of economy, the primary agricultural sector and as entrepreneurs, serving as an inspiration for future generations. Videos of their activities were distributed among educational centres as a teaching resource and to promote the transmission with a gender perspective among students. Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort stressed the importance of manifesting their efforts as well as their dedication to their respective fields and commitment to progress. This tribute acts as an inspiration for us to continue fighting for a future in which no girl or woman ever sees



their dreams limited. Marcie Acuña described them as role models reminding us to advance in equality, breaking down the barriers for future generations. Vice President Maries Jesús Tovar and Councillor

for Youth, Trade and Industry Aoa Revelo supported and congratulated each woman and their families. As a public commitment to equality the Cabildo illuminated their facade in violet.



To celebrate the 112th anniversary of its founding, the Cabildo awarded distinctions to former presidents, Dímas Martín, Juan Carlos Becerra, Sebastiana Perera, Inés Rojas, Francisco Cabrera, Pedro San Ginés and Manuela Armas

French Students Visit the Cabildo to Interchange with the Lanzarote College of Tourism Education Councillor Ascensión Toledo welcomed and their teachers from Sainte Benign, Dijon to promote future collaboration with the Lanzarote College of Tourism. They exchanged symbolic figures to strengthen the cultural ties between them



Lanzarote brings its culinary excellence to the Madrid Gourmet Show with Saborea Lanzarote

The island reinforces its commitment to the quality and authenticity of its products at Europe's leading gastronomic showcase

Lanzarote once again establishes itself as a leading gastronomic destination at the 38th edition of the Salón Gourmets de Madrid, where it is present through Saborea Lanzarote. The fair is the largest event dedicated to high-end products in Europe and a unique opportunity to showcase the richness and uniqueness of Lanzarote cuisine.

The president of the Lanzarote Island Council, Oswaldo Betancort, highlighted the importance of this event for the island. "Our participation in the Salón Gourmets consolidates our commitment to the primary sector and gastronomy as key elements of our identity and tourist attraction. It is an unbeatable opportunity to showcase the quality of our products and the talent of our chefs to the world."

In this regard, the Minister of Economic Development, Nori Machín, emphasized that "Saborea Lanzarote is a fundamental platform for promoting our wine and gastronomy nationally and internationally, promoting innovation without losing the essence and tradition that make our cuisine unique."



The Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort promotes the Lanzarote wines with Jorge Rodríguez, and Nereida Pérez of Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wine

Premiere of My Favourite Place at El Salinero Theatre



The work highlighted a care module focused on inclusion, autonomy, inclusion and community life. Among the audience, Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort, Social Services Councillor Marci Acuña, Culture Councillor, Culture Councillor Jesús Machín, Canarian Government Councillor Candelaria Delgado, President of Canarias Inclusion Carmen Laucirica and Manager of Adislan Lanzarote Monica Hernández. Marci Acuña explained that the series is structured in five episodes starring Marisol, Francisco Javier, Nadia, Noellia and Yacorán who share their lives, emotions and dreams from a home in Arrecife. They show how it is possible to build a life of dignity when in the right environment.

The Lanzarote Cabildo pays tribute to Kenneth Gasque by Erecting his sculpture on Puerto del Carmen

Kenneth Honoured for Placing Lanzarote Prominently on the Annual International Sports Calendar

The Lanzarote Cabildo Sports Department has installed a sculpture in tribute to Kenneth Gasque, a key figure in the island's sports history, on Puerto del Carmen Beach Avenue where the endurance race event has been held every year over the past three decades.

The highly emotional occasion was presided over by Cabildo President, Oswaldo Betancort, with Sports Councillor Juan Monzón, the Mayor of Tias José Juan Cruz and the Lanzarote artist who sculpted the bust Lanzarote Cintia Machín alongside the honoree Kenneth Gasque and Anali Gasque. The epicenter of this international event, and was attended by the president of the Lanzarote Island Council, Oswaldo Betancort; the Minister of Sports, Juan Monzón, the Mayor of Tias; the creator of the sculpture, Lanzarote artist Cintia Machín; and the honoree himself, Kenneth Gasque.

"His vision made Lanzarote an international benchmark for the triathlon, with the creation of



IRONMAN LANZAROTE in 1992 which transformed the image of our island and projected it to the world as a top-level sporting destination," said President of the Island Cabildo, Oswaldo Betancort, who emphasized that Kenneth was "much more than the Ironman. He was the soul behind an impressive constellation of sporting events, from the Volca-

no Triathlon in 1984 to the Wine Run, including marathons, festivals, mountain races, and theme weeks, he also announced that the process will be initiated "to name Kenneth Gasque as a Favorite Son of Lanzarote."

The work, by Cintia Machín, is cast in bronze and depicts Kenneth Gasque with one of the images we all remember.

El Grifo: More than 250 years of history in every glass

To speak of El Grifo is to immerse yourself in more than two and a half centuries of winemaking tradition. Founded in 1775, this winery not only holds the title of the oldest in the Canary Islands but is also among the ten oldest in Spain. Its legacy has remained intact over the years, and tangible proof of this is the stone from the founding winery, discovered in the 1980s during renovations to the winery.

Located in Lanzarote, ownership of El Grifo has passed through three families over the centuries: the Ribera, the De Castro and, since 1880, the descendants of Manuel Gar-



cía Durán and the Otamendi family, the current proprietors.

At the winery entrance, a mythological figure watches from above: a griffin, a legendary creature with the body of a lion and the head of an eagle. This is

no coincidence. This emblem, designed by the celebrated César Manrique, symbolizes the strength and indomitable spirit of El Grifo, a winery that has managed to soar without losing its roots in the volcanic soil that sustains it.

César Manrique's Monument Totally Refurbished



**Tourist Centres Councillor
Ángel Vázquez**



The Sculpture of the Monumento al Campesino has been totally refurbished by the CACT Tourist Centres to the standard set by its creator César Manrique in tribute to the Lanzarote farmers whose ingenuity hundreds of years ago created an irrigation system to feed the island during times of severe drought. The 15 metre-high Monument was made to perfection according to Councillor Ángel Vázquez who is seen with FCM President José Juan Ramírez at the installation. He praised the skilled workers for their precise refurbishment skills using advanced anti-corrosion treatment in their commitment to preserve the artist's memory.



The 12th Lanzarote Art Biennial

This exhibit from CACT with the collaboration of the Ayuntamientos of Tias and Arrecife featured two photography exhibits exploring landscape and memory from unique perspectives. "What we don't see, What we seek" by renowned Mexican photographer Graciela Iturbide at the Ermita Gallery, Tias invited visitors to discover what remains hidden in everyday life examining the relationship human beings and their volcanic environment. Agustín de la Hoz Gallery Arrecife displayed *Cúmulo* by



Daniel L. Fleitas with 48 photographs exploring the tension between reality and artifice in Lanzarote's natural landscape. He arranges the images in a continuous line, using the horizon as a visual axis to generate fragmented

narratives that contrast similar or contrasting perspectives of the territory. Councillor Ángel Vázquez highlighted how both offer a visual testament between tradition and modernity, architecture nature and tourism.



Lanzarote Cuisine Stars at the Que Bueno Canarias Awards

The Gala at Jameos del Agua was hosted by CACT Tourist Centres Restaurants

The event assembled authorities, chefs de cuisine and the specialist media to recognize the excellence of Lanzarote's traditional Canary Islands cuisine

Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort, "Lanzarote has built from its fame as a tourist destination to become the international centre of the region's traditional cuisine through quality and excellence. CACT Councillor Ángel Vázquez "Our restaurants are practicing the use of local products with zero carbon footprint to protect the environment."



CACT Tourist Centres Strengthen Their Commitment to Lanzarote Designation of Origin Wines D.O.

Increased sales and diversified product ranges consolidate more equitable management for the Island's unique vineyards

In 2024 sales totaled 21,500 bottles, a significant increase over the 12,602 bottles sold in 2022 and according to forecasts for 2025 sales are expected to maintain an upward trend reaching more than 30,000 bottles. The change in management has allowed 23 local D.O. to wineries to have a real and effective presence in the CACT catering and event areas compared to the 14 listed under the previous administration. Now all have the opportunity to sell their production thanks to a rotation system that balances their presence in both the restaurants and

at public affairs ensuring greater equity and visibility. This approach has also expanded the wine lists at the restaurants while increasing the by-the glass wine service which has grown from just four vineyards to 75, all of which bear the label of Lanzarote Denomination of Origin and are sustainable based on zero footprint. With these figures and a transparent management model "CACT reaffirm their commitment to the local wine sector promoting the quality and diversity of D.O. Lanzarote wines as a fundamental part of their gastronomic identity."



Islote de Fermina, recognized with a Sun by the Repsol Guide

The islet, managed by the Lanzarote Art, Culture, and Tourism Centers, has received national recognition for its gastronomic and cultural offerings, and its pet-friendly approach.



Rufus T. Firefly

One of Spain's leading pop rock groups Rufus T. Firefly transformed the Cactus Garden into

the stage for a musical experience through a unique wireless headphone system with an impeccable sound quality never before experienced on Lanzarote. Combined with the unique setting created by César Manrique the event emphasized the firm commitment of the Tourist Centres to positioning the Island as an exceptional cultural landmark for international holidaymakers.

Puerto del Carmen dresses in green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

The City Council pays tribute to Mai Blake of the Irish Harbour Bar, Shey and Kathleen Byrne of Paddy's Bar, Gilbert Browne of Spinnekar Bar, Gerry Flannigan of Nelly's Bar, and John Killeen of Lanzarote Investments

José Juan Cruz, Oswaldo Betancort, and Eileen Izquierdo congratulate the Irish community on their patron saint's day

José Juan Cruz, Oswaldo Betancort, and Eileen Izquierdo congratulated the Irish community for this “vibrant and exciting” celebration. Varadero Square has been covered in green since last Friday, with a large crowd of residents and tourists enjoying the festive atmosphere, a symbol of the strong bond between Ireland and Lanzarote.

One of the highlights of today's event was the recognition of five Irish entrepreneurs who, for more than two decades, have been pillars of the Puerto del Carmen community. Those honored are Mai Blake of the Irish Harbour Bar; Shey and Kathleen Byrne of Paddy's Bar; Gilbert Browne of Spinnekar Bar; Gerry Flannigan of Nelly's Bar; and John Killeen of Lanzarote Investments.

The Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz, expressed his gratitude to the business owners and the Irish community “for choosing Puerto del Carmen.” “For more than 50 years, thousands of Irish citizens have made this their favorite destination, creating bonds of friendship and collaboration that we continue to strengthen today,” he added.

The president of the Lanzarote Island Council, Oswaldo Betancort, recalled that the island “has been for decades, and will continue to be, the favorite destination for thousands of Irish citizens who have also found their home here, thus contributing to the development and enrichment of our island.” The island leader congratulated the large Irish community on Lanzarote and thanked them for “the efforts they make to ensure that every Irish person—this is the second largest source market on the island, after the United Kingdom—who comes to Lanzarote and La Graciosa feels at home.”



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz with John Killen and at the presentation in Ireland





Members of the delegation from Lanzarote with their Irish hosts

The Lanzarote Ireland Network Organised an Official Visit by the Cabildo to Ireland's Parliament and Mansion House

Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort was personally greeted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin strongly strengthening the close ties between them

Enterprise Ireland - Unlocking Business and Investment Opportunities

New avenues for collaboration between Irish businesses and Lanzarote's thriving investment ecosystem with Lanzarote's 4% corporate tax rate, strategic location and growing innovation sectors. This dialogue opened exciting prospects for Irish entrepreneurs looking to expand.

RedC Research - Insights Driving Economic and Tourism Growth

A fascination discussion at RedC Research provided valuable insights into market trends, Irish consumer behaviour and tourism development strategies. Understanding these dynamics is key to strengthening Lanzarote's position as a destination for business, investment and remote work. Aer Lingus COO Adrián Dunne was warmly thanked by the Cabildo for his collaboration.

The Lanzarote Delegation, headed by President Oswaldo Betancort, President Chamber of Commerce José Valle, Spel Tourism CEO Héctor Fernández, Tías Mayor José Juan Cruz and Luis Alvarado, General Manager of Economy and European Affairs.

The high level visit was coordinated by Lanzarote Ireland Network (LIN), Dublin Organiser: Hillary Copeland, EnCircle 360 Events, Lanzarote Liason: Marta Armas Nam Communications and Head of Lin Communications.

Main Sponsors: Killeen Property Group (KPG) and Lanzarote Investments Real Estate headed by John Killeen whose companies are celebrating 20 years of activities on Lanzarote and Business Post Group.



Meeting with the Ambassador at the Spanish Embassy to Ireland. To reinforce the strong diplomatic, economic and cultural ties between Ireland, Lanzarote and Spain as a whole. President Oswaldo Betancort was officially welcomed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin



President Oswaldo Betancort with John Killeen

Major Themes Discussed

- Showcasing Lanzarote as a hub for Irish entrepreneurs
- Deepening business and trade connections
- Expanding investment opportunities
- Reinforcing cultural and tourism links

The Third Puerto del Carmen Modernization Plan has been approved, with 55 public and private projects

The Plan includes 18 renovation projects for tourist accommodation and the free acquisition by the City Council of 210,000 m2 of land

Photos Dory Hernández



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz



“The approval of the Third Puerto del Carmen Modernization Plan represents a fundamental milestone for our municipality. With an investment of almost €400 million, this plan encompasses 45 private initiatives and 10 public initiatives aimed at revitalizing and updating our tourism infrastructure and public services. This initiative is essential to remain competitive in a constantly evolving global tourism market,” explains the Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz Saavedra.

The private projects consist of the remodeling of 37 tourist and commercial establishments, five development units (three residential and two tourist), and two infrastructure projects. This plan includes the transformation of 18 accommodations, many of which will be converted from apartments to four-star hotels, thus elevating the quality of the tourist offering. The modernization of iconic shopping centers is also planned.

“This ambitious project is the result of collaboration between the public and private sectors. I deeply appreciate the cooperation of all parties involved,” he declared.

The Councilor for Urban Planning, Ulpiano Calero, detailed the most relevant aspects of this document, which aims to “incentivize the rehabilitation, renovation, and upgrading of accommodation and complementary services.

The Modernization Plan includes, for example, the provision of land for the future construction of a Health Center in Puerto del Carmen and numerous public projects to be carried out on Puerto del Carmen’s main thoroughfares, such as Reina Sofia, Juan Carlos I, and Timanfaya streets; Roque de Este and Acatife; Frankfurt, Grecia, Bajamar, Tenerife and Hierro; Agonal, Roque Nublo, Cenobio, Taburiente, and other streets.



Tías City Council approves an extraordinary €10 million loan for investments

The Councilor for Economy and Finance Tomás Silvera emphasized that this economic injection incorporated from the treasury surplus will allow for strengthening investment in key areas such as Sports, Education, Parks and Gardens, and Roads and Public Works.

Silvera emphasized that “this financial injection will strengthen key areas such as Roads and Public Works, Parks and Gardens, Education and Sports, improving our resources, public services, and urban spaces, promoting sustainable and balanced growth throughout the municipality.”

Four beaches in Puerto del Carmen receive the Sicted tourism quality award

The Councillor for Beaches, Christopher Notario, received the seal of quality from the Secretary of State for Tourism at the Lanzarote Council. Eight companies from the municipality were also distinguished

Playa Grande, Playa Chica, Poci-llos, and Matagorda received this week the Sicted distinction for commitment to tourism quality, a project of the State Secretariat for Tourism of the Government of Spain. The presentation ceremony took place at the Lanzarote Island Council.

In addition to the beaches, eight establishments and public services in the municipality of Tías have also obtained this seal, such as VIK San Antonio, R2 Bahía Kontiki, Aloe Plus Lanzarote Puerto del Carmen, HG Lomo Blanco apartments, Jable Bermuda apartments, Parque Tropical apartments, Canary Shuttle Mácher Tías, and Ereza Los Hibiscos adults-only.



Tías Town Councilor for Beaches, Christopher Notario, attended the presentation ceremony and expressed his pride in receiving this award, “which recognizes the ongoing effort to offer top-quality beaches in Puer-

to del Carmen.” The ceremony was presided over by the SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote delegate, Héctor Fernández, and the Director General of Tourism Quality for the Canary Islands Government, Héctor Mateo.

Tagoror Games consolidates its position in Puerto del Carmen, breaking participation records in its fourth edition



More than 300 athletes competed in a unique CrossFit event that combines sport, tourism, and entertainment in a privileged setting

During the event, attended by the Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz, accompanied by the Councilor for Sports, Ismael Cruz; the Councilor for Beaches, Christopher Notario; Culture Councilor Pepa González, the head of SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote, Beatriz Acuña; and members of the Tagoror Box organizing team, they learned the details of this edition, which will feature events in three iconic venues in the municipality: Plaza del Varadero, Playa Grande, and the Fariones Sports Center.

Tías celebrates its 2nd Job Fair, focusing on diversity and inclusion in the workplace



Authorities at the opening ceremony

A total of 45 companies, associations, and institutions highlight the importance of incorporating diverse talent into Lanzarote's productive fabric

The Plaza del Varadero in Puerto del Carmen hosted the 2nd Tías Emplea Fair, with the participation of 45 companies, associations, and institutions linked to employment and economic development in Lanzarote. The fair

was organized by the Tías City Council, together with the Lanzarote Tourist Federation and Asolan, and in collaboration with the Lanzarote Island Council.

The event featured writer, actor, and lecturer Pablo Pineda, the first European with Down syndrome to earn a university degree. He delivered a moving message of achievement, inclusion, and diversity to the audience.



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Reports from Yaiza

Femés Researches the Origin of the Timple

Photos Alex Salebe



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda



The exhibition at Casona de Femés Gallery “Echoes of the Identity of the Timple” curated by Daniel Moral and coordinated by renowned Timple player José Vicente Pérez, remains open until 30 June 3pm to 8pm. The display of the five-stringed miniature guitar shows the history and its cultural presence in Lanzarote and symbolizes its play-

ing on Lanzarote by virtuosos of the instrument including the maestro Benito Cabera whose book was also presented. Documentary videos were also screened and its tones heard via QR codes. Organisation was by Yaiza Councillor César Rijo with the collaboration of Tias Culture Councillor Pepa González and their co-workers.



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda Describes Yerove Rodriguez Machín as a Great Example for all the Youngsters in our Municipality

Local triathlete Yerove Rodriguez Martín is already preparing to participate in the 2023 Australian Paraolympics as a member of the Spanish team at the highest level involving 1.5 k. swimming 4k. cycling and 10 k. running. During a two day visit to his hometown Playa Blanca the Ayuntamiento hailed him for setting an example for all young athletes.



Yaiza hosted children, youths and adults of 17 European nationalities who were delighted with the results of their visits

Mayor Oscar Noda said that despite the cost of the overhead was considerable the human resources are even more important. We are very proud of the efforts of our team. 150 members of British Scouts Overseas spent a five day visit to

Yaiza Municipality where they were heartily welcomed and enjoyed the scenic beauty of the Fire Mountains and other tourist attractions. Mayor Noda said that they enjoyed visiting the Fire Mountains and other Tourist Attractions.



Yaiza approves its budget of 31.1 million euros

Mayor Óscar Noda, “the Ayuntamiento is leveraging its investment on the 29 million euros saved from the previous year. €400,000 is committed to improving garden maintenance and another €100,000 to events, and €130,000 to subsidies for sports schools. In culture we continue to fund performing arts and promoting tourism whilst awaiting the support from the regional government and the acquisition of additional land.”



Yaiza celebrates World Book Day by promoting reading and literary creation

The Council purchased 200 books including fiction, poetry and children's books for the libraries at Yaiza and Playa Blanca which also included workshops to improve reading comprehension specifically aimed at children and senior citizens



Yaiza Invests 22 Million Euros in Sports and Social Welfare

Mayor Óscar Noda and Councillor for Economy and Finance proposed that the Ayuntamiento use part of year's surplus for improvements in culture, playgrounds, roads and other urban facilities on behalf of rate-payers which was approved by the Council at a plenary session.



Fifty Yaiza seniors improve their digital skills

The Council and the Creciendo Association are developing the En-red Project which facilitates access to new technologies and grants greater autonomy to the group of beneficiaries. A large part of the medical, banking and other types of transactions are downloaded on to mobile devices. It

is imperative to acquire and develop skills in managing digital resources. On Tuesdays and Fridays residents will receive one hour training in Yaiza and Playa Blanca with the aim of bridging the digital divide and adding a new activity to the municipal aging programme.





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Reports from San Bartolomé

Caring for ourselves. First Anniversary of the San Bartolomé Family Respite Center

Isidro Pérez, Mayor of San Bartolomé



The Mayor of San Bartolomé Isidro Pérez

A year ago, in San Bartolomé, we opened the doors to a project into which we poured all our hopes and expectations: the Family Respite Center.

It was founded in March 2024 with a clear objective: to guarantee comprehensive care for our seniors and offer caregiver families real support in balancing their personal, work, and family lives. Today, on its first anniversary, we celebrate everything we have achieved in this young journey.

Since its opening, the Center has served 187 people, 43 cases have been opened, and the average daily stay has reached 242 days. These figures reflect the significant need we have just met in our municipality for groups that truly require support, a conscious and grounded commitment from this City Council to dignify care for the elderly, promoting their active aging through specific activities and, at the same time, providing a much-needed respite for their caregivers.

A first birthday is always a great celebration. It's the joy of knowing that the most critical period of starting over, of new beginnings, has been overcome. The San Bartolomé Family Respite Center in Lanzarote is, without a doubt, one of the municipality's most ambitious projects, through which we have taken a giant step in defending a sustainable social care system, guaranteeing professional companionship and care to service recipients, as well as time for their families to maintain their personal, work, and social activities.

The Family Respite Center is aimed at people with functional limitations, cognitive impairment, reduced mobility, or who are partially dependent on others for their daily lives. This important task has been coordinated by the Elderly Department of the San Bartolomé City Council. Thanks to the flexible services offered at this space, its schedule, and the attention of a multidisciplinary team made up of psychology, social work, and occupational therapy staff, the Center has not only fulfilled its care function but has also become a benchmark for our municipality in social welfare policies.

Today, we can proudly say that the San Bartolomé Family Respite Center is much more than a care resource. It has become a place of coexistence, a place of joy for celebrating birthdays and enjoying quality of life, a dignified, public service environment full of opportunities.

I firmly believe in strengthening these types of services, in the role we, as human beings, play throughout our lives: caring for people.

San Bartolomé awards the contract for the underground parking and Plaza Santa Elena in Playa Honda, with an investment of almost six million euros

This long-awaited project, which will improve mobility and create a new public space for neighborhood gatherings, is the largest public investment in history made with its own resources

This is a key project for the municipality, both for its impact on improving mobility and for the urban and social value it will bring to Playa Honda. The total investment amounts to € 5,798,968.99 , plus € 405,927.83 corresponding to the 7% IGIC (Income Tax), financed entirely with municipal funds, making this project the largest public investment in the history of San Bartolomé, carried out with its own resources.



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The San Bartolomé City Council celebrates the 4th Teguey Festival, a tribute to Canarian folk music

Organized by the City Council through the Department of Culture and the Teguey music group, this festival was launched in 2022 and has become a musical gathering place that takes us on a sonic journey from traditional Canarian folklore to genres such as boleros, cumbias, and original compositions, many of which are already part of Lanzarote's popular songbook.

The mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, emphasized that "the Teguey Festival is a living example of the love for our roots. San Bartolomé is filled with music and collective memory in an event that connects us



with who we are and with those, like Francisco de León, who have dedicated their lives to preserving our traditions. The history of this festival promotes experience and talent, ensuring new audiences and intergenerational reach."



The Mayor of San Bartolomé asks the President of the Canary Islands to agree to the construction of a new health center in Playa Honda

The mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, requested the President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo, for the necessary funding to establish and build a new health center in the municipality, responding to a long-standing demand from residents. San Bartolomé currently only has one medical office in Playa Honda.

Mayor Isidro Pérez has defended this formula as an effective way to speed up the process and address the healthcare needs of the citizens of San Bartolomé as quickly as possible.



The San Bartolomé City Council expands its artistic heritage with a new monumental sculpture

This is an artistic ensemble created by César Corujo for the surroundings of the palm grove of the Casa Mayor, which is added to the Municipal Sculptural Plan of San Bartolomé, which gives greater prominence to public space through art

The mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, emphasized that this new addition strengthens the Municipal Sculpture Plan, an initiative that seeks to integrate artistic expressions of high cultural value into the municipality's public spaces through the promotion of the visual arts.



The San Bartolomé Theater Cultural Week concludes successfully after attracting more than 3,700 attendees

This edition has consolidated the municipality's position as a cultural benchmark in Lanzarote and throughout the Canary Islands in the performing arts, with a diverse and high-quality program that has been enthusiastically received by the public.



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Reports from Arrecife

Mayor Yonathan de León announces that the city will have more than 30 million euros for investment in public works, adding new funds from the surplus to the 2025 budget



Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León



Deputy Mayor and Councilor for Finance, Echedey Eugenio, stated at the press conference that “we are maintaining financial stability, ensuring that the City Council continues to operate reliably.”

The Arrecife City Council’s budget for the 2025 financial year is €74,382,091, an increase of 8.70% compared to 2024.

Arrecife City Council will approve its 2025 annual budget, the largest in the municipality’s history , with

Arrecife presents its highest budget with more than 74 million euros, and a 9% increase prioritizing public services and investment in neighborhoods

significant investment capacity and the strengthening of public services.

Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, announced today that the budget will reach almost 75 million euros, an increase of 7 million compared to the 2024 fiscal year, without raising taxes on citizens.

The budget increase is in line with population growth, which now exceeds 70,000 inhabitants, making the city of Arrecife the capital of the peripheral islands of both Spanish archipelagos (the Canary Islands and the Balearic Islands) with the largest resident population.

Arrecife Local Police Officer Marcos Rosario was awarded the Professional Merit Medal in the Police Aeronautics specialty

Mayor Yonathan de León welcomes this recognition, which endorses the great capacity and professionalism of the Local Police Drone Unit, which has carried out anti-drug operations and monitored the recent floods. The Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, welcomes this recognition for Officer Marcos Antonio Rosario Galindo, of the Arrecife Local Police Force, and congratulates him on behalf of the City Council. For the Mayor, who is directly responsible for the Local Police, this recognition, also overseeing the Drone Unit, confirms the great capacity and professionalism of this Local Police unit in the capital of Lanzarote, which has carried out anti-drug operations and monitored the recent floods, among other important operations.



Marcos Rosario is responsible for the Drone Unit of the Local Police and the Technical Coordinator of Civil Protection of Arrecife

Lanzarote's capital has seen an increase of more than 250,000 cruise ship passengers between January and March

The port of Arrecife records a 24 percent increase in cruise passenger arrivals between January and March

Arrecife continues to demonstrate its strength as a port for cruise ship arrivals in 2025. The Port Authority of Las Palmas (APLP) has released official statistics showing that the capital of Lanzarote has experienced a 24% increase between January and March of this year.

During the first quarter of 2025, the port of Arrecife recorded 250,018 passengers, a 23.7 percent increase compared to the same period last year, adding almost 48,000 more passengers to the total.

Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León, the only public official on the Las Palmas Port Authority's Board of Directors, confirms that this increase shows that the city of Arrecife has become a preferred destination for tourist shipping companies on their annual trips to the Canary Islands and the northwest coast of Africa.



Mayor Yonathan de León announces that Arrecife will be a strong player in cruise tourism during the upcoming winter season

Students from Las Salinas and the German institute Städtische Real Schule Rosenheim visit Arrecife City Hall



Both institutes have been conducting student exchanges for 10 years with the Erasmus + programs

Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, welcomed 50 students, accompanied by several teachers, participating in the Erasmus+ program, including students and teachers from the Las Salinas High School in Lanzarote's capital and the German-speaking Städtische Real Schule Rosenheim in Bavaria.

Before their visit to Arrecife City Hall, the students, accompanied by the Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan

de León, visited the historic area of Puente de las Bolas and San Gabriel Castle, where the Arrecife History Museum is located. The Mayor spoke to them about César Manrique's work and importance in making Lanzarote a special island, and about the fact that he won an award in Germany for his conservation and artistic work in nature. Yonathan de León also explained Lanzarote's high value as a tourist destination in Germany.

The Iberian Festival honors Arrecife en Vivo as the festival with the Best Cultural Program in Spain



Mayor Yonathan de León and Councilor for Tourism Eli Merino are pleased with this important recognition for the festival, which is part of the musical life of the capital of Lanzarote

Five awards in thirteen years of history. This is the list of accolades garnered by Arrecife en Vivo, one of the most unique festivals in the Canary Islands, which offers an energetic live music experience every autumn in the marina of Lanzarote's capital.

After becoming the Best Small Format Festival (2016) and Best Medium Format Festival (2019), the Lanzarote festival achieved a new recognition awarded by professionals in the Spanish-Portuguese music industry, this time for its cultural programming.



Teguisse celebrates the 40th anniversary of the La Villa Market with year-round activities

Events commenced with the performance of the Diabletes de Teguisse, batucadas and parading through the streets of the town to the best rhythm of Carnival

Photos Raúl Prada



Teguisse Mayor Olivia Duque



More than 500 stalls are open to the public, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. which has evolved internationally as one of Lanzarote's most popular tourist attractions.

Teguisse Ayuntamiento has honored the Teguisse Market on its 40th anniversary with a wide range of activities and events throughout the year marking history and tradition where residents of all ages can enjoy folklore, performances, and show-cooking workshops to strengthen local commerce.

Mayor Olivia Duque highlighted the Sunday Market which has beco-

me a must-attend event every Sunday throughout the year, for both residents and visitors and emphasized the need to continue promoting and maintaining these types of traditions that “manifest the essence of the municipality.”

“We also recognize the effort and dedication of all the stand holders every Sunday, who dedicate their time to promoting and sharing a

part of Teguisse history with the population and holidaymakers.”

Town Hall Marketing Councillor, Eugenio Robayna, highlighted that the municipality, recognized by the Spanish Government as one of the “most beautiful towns in Spain,” received around 2,200,000 tourists in 2024 which has led to an increase in the quality of life and leisure activities in the town.

The Teguisse Library organized workshops to promote creative and emotional development

Mayor Olivia Duque emphasizes the need to interact and encourage citizen participation through activities that stimulate their senses through various workshops. “This is an excellent opportunity for our children to learn to interact with each other and to experience, firsthand, the importance of reading,” she emphasized.

The City Council also implemented the Minimundi program: Exploring the Universe of Writing and Reading at the Los Llanos de Muñique



and Caleta de Famara sociocultural centers. This innovative program, aimed at young people aged 4 to

12, aims to encourage reading and storytelling among them. For her part, Councillor for Libraries, Mar Boronat, explains “Both innovative and cutting-edge projects, with active methodologies, allow us to differentiate ourselves from other activities for the healthy reading and writing development of our young population,” With these types of initiatives, the Teguisse City Council reinforces its commitment to education and youth participation through dynamic events.



Teguise Mayor Olivia Duque with Cabildo Social Services Councillor Marci Acuña were at the inauguration

Tegui

se City Council pays tribute to the woman from La Graciosa with the inauguration of a sculptural ensemble

The work, by artist Rigoberto Camacho Pérez, symbolizes the strength and sacrifice of the island's protagonists, and also kicks off the events commemorating International Women's Day. During the inauguration, the mayor of Tegui

se, Olivia Duque, highlighted the significance of this tribute, a tribute so requested by the public, noting that "today we commemorate the women of La Graciosa, whose lives and efforts have been key to the history of our island." With this inauguration, the City Council continues its work to enhance the municipality's cultural heritage, always highlighting the traditions and figures that have shaped the local identity.



Rita Hernández, Councilor for Tourism, represents Teguise in the renewal of quality and excellence accreditations for facilities, activities, and services



Rita Hernández and Hector Fernandez display the SICTED Award for Excellence

The Comprehensive System for Tourism Quality in Destinations (SICTED) is a project promoted by the State Secretariat for Tourism (SETUR) with the support of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP). Its main objective is to improve tourism quality in destinations by offering a consistent level of quality in the services offered to tourists.

SICTED was born at the beginning of the 21st century, derived from the Spanish Comprehensive Tourism Quality Plan 2000-2006 (PICTE).

Tegui

se participates with its beaches (Las Cucharas 2007, Playa Bastián 2010, and El Jablillo 2016), its tourist information offices, and numerous establishments, activities, and professionals.

Rita Hernández emphasizes that, over the years, the influence of tourism in Tegui

se and La Graciosa has served to improve the quality of life for residents.

XIII Edition of the White Night in Tegui

This event will take place on Friday, June 27, at the Villa, and features a wide program of activities and shows for all audiences

Teguise City Council, through the Department of Culture, has begun preparations to host the 13th edition of the Noche Blanca (White Night). This event, held in the town, promises a day packed with activities for all audiences. This year, the celebration returns to its original date, just before the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and will run throughout the day, from 4:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.



Mayor Olivia Duque emphasizes that the event will feature more activities than ever, spread across eleven different locations in the municipality. "We want to offer both residents and visitors a day full of concerts, workshops, shows, and exhibitions, ensuring that culture, gastronomy, commercial activities, and children's activities are present in every corner of our historic center," she states.

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Potter Dorotea de Armas and writer Félix Hormiga Received The Golden Medal from the Orden del Cachorro Canario

Potter Dorotea de Armas Curbelo (Muñique, 1899 - Camino de las Montañetas, 1997), posthumously, and writer Félix Hormiga will be the new Honorary Cubs of the Order of the Canary Puppy in Lanzarote. Both will be invested after the assembly corresponding to the first half of the year, which took place in the Hotel Lancelot Playa in Arrecife in the presence of Hotel Manager Carlos Cruz.

With this distinction, the Order in Lanzarote seeks to recognize the careers of institutions and individuals who stand out for their work in preserving, transmitting, and defending Canarian identity, as well as Lanzarote's customs and traditions. It also recognizes their commitment to preserving and disseminating the values associated with Canarian culture.

Doña Dorotea was noted for introducing traditional Aboriginal figurines into the iconography of her pottery. One of her most notable works is "Los novios del mojón" (The Bride and Groom of the Mojón), inspired by pieces found at archaeological sites from the pre-Hispanic era.

Félix Hormiga has cultivated theater, painting, and writing. He has also worked as an editor. His work is characterized by a continuous reflection on the reality of the Canary Islands, from its most individual and concrete aspects to its most collective and historical ones.



Photo Liz



The Cacharro Gold Medal has been awarded to Doña Dorotea for her life's work teaching about Lanzarote traditional pottery and to the writer Félix Martin Hormiga for his dedication to research into the island's culture and history especially on the subject of the island capital Arrecife



Arrecife is promoting a petition to have the Port Authority cede this land to the city

Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, is promoting an initiative to increase the number of green spaces and public parks in Arrecife. Arrecife City Council will request the Port Authority of Las Palmas to lease a large plot of land near the former Puerto de Naos salt ponds, located near the pedestrian promenade that connects San José Castle and the Muelle de los Mármoles—where one of the two cruise ship terminals has opened—with the city center via its waterfront.

This new park will be located near the former Agramar canning factories, and will house a pumping system belonging to the Lanzarote Water Consortium.

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Hotel Fariones, Best Hotel in Natural Environment in Spain

This award not only consolidates the hotel as a benchmark in slow luxury tourism on the national scene, but also recognizes its legacy on the island.

The 5* Hotel Fariones, the exclusive establishment located in the heart of Lanzarote, has been named Best Hotel in Spain's Natural Environment in the third edition of the 2025 National Geographic Travel Awards, awarded by readers of the iconic magazine.

This award not only consolidates the hotel's position as a benchmark in slow luxury tourism on the national scene, but also recognizes its legacy on the island, having been the first hotel on the island to welcome tourists several decades ago, and recognizes its exclusive facilities and green areas located in an unbeatable location overlooking the Atlantic.

The award thus highlights its wide range of wellness, gastronomy, and relaxation experiences, all set in a privileged setting of 5,000 m² of lush tropical gardens. Furthermore, its beachfront location means the 5* Hotel Fariones offers direct access to three different beaches, with Puerto del Carmen as the centerpiece.

Furthermore, the new Fariones Wellness Resort has recently opened, an oasis of serenity with wonderful sea views where you can reconnect with your well-being and blend seamlessly into the natural surroundings, between the tranquil Playa Chica Beach and the charming Calita Fariones.

All these qualities have earned the iconic establishment a place as a winner of these prestigious awards, which were announced in the new special issue of the renowned magazine.



Wine Day Celebration



The D.O. Vinos de Lanzarote joined the action this year with a collective toast at the Casa-Museo del Campesino enlivened by a party. In addition, a selection of local products accompanied by island

wines were offered.

This represented an opportunity for the Regulatory Council to bring together all who work, promote and support the wine sector with a designation of origin.



Canary Islands Car (CICAR), the leading car rental company in the Canary Islands, actively participated in the 45th edition of Expovacaciones, the tourism fair held in May at the Bilbao Exhibition Centre.

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Lanzarote's Molina Orosa Hospital Hire 89 Doctors from 20 Specialties Starting July 2023 under Director Pablo Eguía

In 2024, the doctors performed nearly 11,700 surgical procedures, a record number, which led to a 40-day reduction in surgical delays. Furthermore, they attended 220,200 consultations, 14 percent more than in 2023



The Councillor of Health, Esther Monzón, announced in the Plenary Session of the Canary Islands Parliament that, starting July 2023, the Health Services Management Department of the Lanzarote Health Area hired a total of 89 medical professionals from 20 different specialties at the Doctor José Molina Orosa University Hospital, 57 of whom were hired in recent months.

In this regard, Monzón stated that the Lanzarote hospital currently has 557 medical specialists, "which represents a significant increase of 6.4 percent compared to previous periods." The regional minister also highlighted that some of these additions correspond to specialties that are difficult to cover, such as Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, and Urology.



The Lanzarote Council is transforming the connectivity of the Doctor José Molina Orosa University Hospital area
The new horizontal signage allows for the flow of traffic entering the health center from the Los Cuarteles roundabout

Italian schoolchildren visit Yaiza, hosted by Mayor Óscar Noda and CEO Playa Blanca

Ten students from the historic city of Atri discover the cultural and scenic riches of Yaiza and Lanzarote. The Erasmus exchange program connects the Adone Zoli Institute with the southern school.



Ten Italian students from the Adone Zoli Institute, in the historic town of Atri, province of Teramo, are enjoying the Erasmus exchange program in Lanzarote this week. The program brought them to the municipality of Yaiza thanks to CEO Playa Blanca. They are participating in school days alongside boys and girls from the southern educational center, combining classroom activities with excursions outside the school environment, including guided tours to iconic locations that allow them to discover the cultural and scenic richness of Yaiza and Lanzarote and satisfy their interest in learning.

The group of visiting schoolchildren, aged between 16 and 18, visited the Benito Pérez Armas Cultural Center in Yaiza on Monday, accompanied by teachers from their institute and teachers from CEO Playa Blanca, including its director, Miguel Aguerralde.



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 Tegui, call 928 590342.

Inter-denominational Sunday Worship at Costa Tegui

Services are held in English at the Hotel Beatriz Costa & Spa every Sunday morning at 11:00am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

For more information please contact Stuart 630 175 810 or via our website www.sundayworshiplanzarote.com

Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

Norwegian Church abroad – Religious and Social Cultural Centre C/Rociego 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.

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| Emergencies | 112 |
| Ambulance | 928 812 222 |
| Hospital | 928 595 000 |
| Fire Brigade | 928 816 312 |
| Police | 928 597 107 |
| Water Board | 928 814 400 |
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| Ayuntamiento of Tias | 928 83 36 19 |
| Ayuntamiento de Tinajo | 928 84 00 21 |
| Ayuntamiento de Yaiza | 928 83 62 20 |

Puerto del Carmen Church



Markets

Arrecife Markets

Charco de San Ginés
Wed and Thur 9-2

Recova Town Market
Mon to Sat 9-2

Historic Old Town
Saturday 9-2

Puerto Calero

Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen

Plaza del Varadero
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca

Marina Rubicón
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Tegui Market

Sundays and
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Tegui

Pueblo Marinero
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca

Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market

Saturday 10-14:30

Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.50 euro, USA 1,90 euro. Puerto del Carmen post office is open Monday-Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday closed. Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30 hrs, Saturday closed. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.

BRIDGE No 156

By Maria Brandt

A safety play

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



Bidding

| W | N | E | S |
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| 2 D | pass | 2 NT | pass |
| 3 H | pass | 4 D | pass |
| 4 NT | pass | 5 D | pass |
| 6 D | pass | pass | pass |



You are West in 6 Diamonds and North leads the Jack of Diamonds with South following suit. Now plan your game.

Your first thought will be on trying to get a top score often at the expense of putting safety first. If the Hearts break 4-3 you can see the opportunity of making all the tricks by cashing Ace and King of Hearts and ruffing twice in dummy. However, an "expert" player will take the view that not many pairs will have managed to beat the slam on these hands and, therefore it will be a good score just to make the contract.

Your safety line is to plan for the worst possible break in Hearts which is South being void in them. So here, at the second trick you cross to dummy's Ace of Spades and play a low Heart. If South should ruff you'll be able to draw his last trump and still have one left in dummy for your other Heart loser. If South follows, you win, and play a low Heart from your hand and give away a trick. Now the opponents can't prevent you from ruffing your second low Heart with dummy's 10 of Diamonds.

Note that if you play your Ace and King of Hearts straight away, and South is void or has a singleton, you'll go down.

All 4 hands:

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| ♠ Q 7 4 | | ♠ K 5 |
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| ♦ J | | ♦ A K Q 7 4 3 |
| ♣ K 5 3 | | ♣ A |

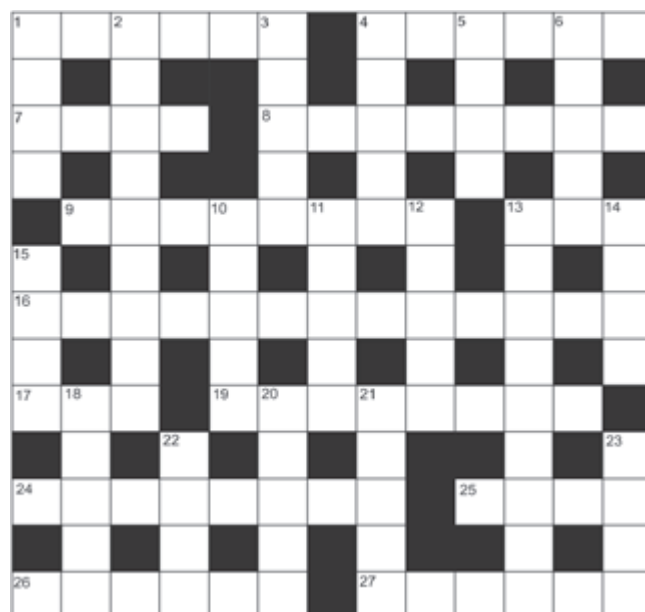
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SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 154.

Across; 1 Erased, 4 Canyon, 7 Real, 8 Abattoir, 9 Stranger, 13 Cep, 16 Queen of Hearts, 17 Art, 19 Steaming, 24 Biennial, 25 Scar, 26 Vessel, 27 Shrewd. Down; 1 Earl, 2 Apartment, 3 Drain, 4 Cease, 5 Note, 6 Ovine, 10 Aunts, 11 Gaffe, 12 Rheum, 13 Chronicle, 14 Pose, 15 Aqua, 18 Raise, 20 Trial, 21 Atlas, 22 Onus, 23 Arid.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 155

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Wooden house (6)
- 4 A small lump (6)
- 7 Slightly open (4)
- 8 Spinal column (8)
- 9 Deceased (8)
- 13 A canine mammal (3)
- 16 Food processor (8,5)
- 17 A young child (3)
- 19 Detergent (8)
- 24 Endeavours (8)
- 25 Capital of Peru (4)
- 26 Rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Remained (6)

DOWN

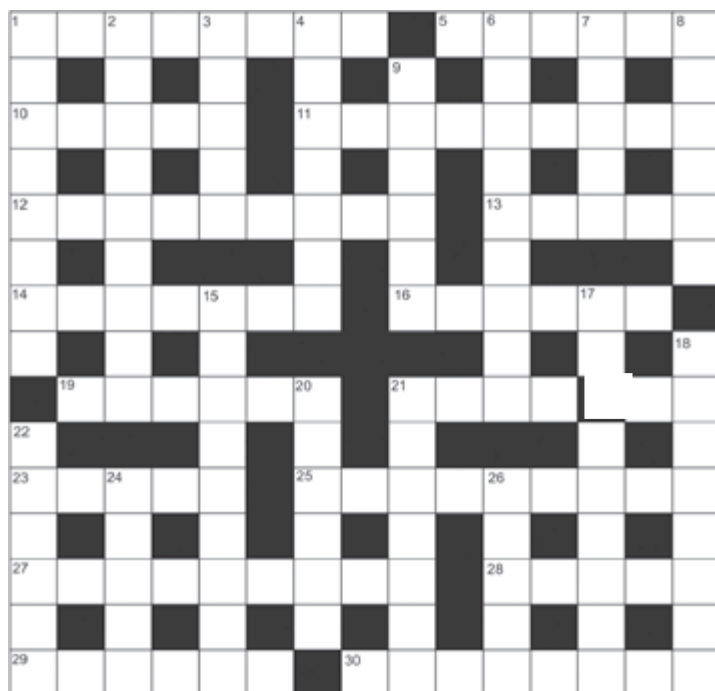
- 1 Prattle (4)
- 2 Astonishment (9)
- 3 Rhizome (5)
- 4 A recess (5)
- 5 Liability (4)
- 6 Jargon (5)
- 10 Garret (5)
- 11 Stomach lining of an ox (5)
- 12 An evil spirit (5)
- 13 Nimbleness (9)
- 14 Clothes (4)
- 15 The flesh of mammals (4)
- 18 Promises (5)
- 20 A flower (5)
- 21 Another name for donkeys (5)
- 22 A lake (4)
- 23 Hairless (4)

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

NO. 94. Across; 1 Robinson, 5 Nutmeg, 10 Purse, 11 Armstrong, 12 Remission, 13 Creel, 14 Entrain, 16 Scribe, 19 Fresco, 21 Prairie, 23 Amber, 25 Precedent, 27 Exculpate, 28 Dhoti, 29 Sunday, 30 Retreats. Down; 1 Repartee, 2 Barometer, 3 Needs, 4 Ovation, 6 Urticaria, 7 Moose, 8 Gaggle, 9 Amends, 15 Australia, 17 Barcelona, 18 beatniks, 29 Orphan, 21 Precede, 22 Easels, 24 Bacon, 26 Elder.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 95

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 A hinged flap on a table. (4,4)
- 5 A narrative song with a recurrent refrain. (6)
- 10 A canvas support. (5)
- 11 A light silvery element of the alkali metal group. (9)
- 12 A professional card player who cheats. (9)
- 13 Any member of the labiate genus *Thymus*. (5)
- 14 To scrutinize carefully or in detail. (7)
- 16 Land governed by a ruler or government. (6)
- 19 To be present at an event or meeting. (6)
- 21 The caretaker of a building. (7)
- 23 Another name for a proverb. (5)
- 25 The capital and chief port of Somalia. (9)
- 27 A session of practising a play or concert. (9)
- 28 Incensed with anger. (5)
- 29 To give money to a charity. (6)
- 30 Either of the two wings of a cruciform church at right angles to the nave. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Completely soaked. (8)
- 2 Paying close attention to detail. (9)
- 3 An inflatable plastic mattress. (5)
- 4 To satisfy an appetite or thirst. (7)
- 6 May the presentiment not become real or take place. (5,4)
- 7 Laymen as distinguished from clergymen. (5)
- 8 A young unmarried woman. (6)
- 9 Lacking in common sense or normal intelligence. (6)
- 15 Lacking in refinement. (9)
- 17 A person who dies without having made a will. (9)
- 18 A quarrel or altercation. (8)
- 20 A reversible fabric of silk or linen with a pattern woven into it. (6)
- 21 A person who fraudulently manipulates facts or figures. (7)
- 22 The capital of Spain. (6)
- 24 Drained of colour. (5)
- 26 Condescend to do something. (5)

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. Carretera Arrecife-San Barolomé nº 48 – Primera Nave, Argana Alta, Arrecife. Tlf. 928 804 834. 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 Teguisse 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



Classical Concert

The IX Arrecife Classical Concert Series was held between March and April at the Agustín de la Hoz Cultural Center, sponsored by the Arrecife City Council's Department of Culture.

This series featured internationally renowned musicians such as cellist Angel Luis Quintana, accompanied by pianist Miguel Angel Castro, who performed in the first performance. He was followed by Canadian violinist Alexandre Da Costa, accompanied by pianist and researcher Josu Okiñena. For the third performance, the OCL Quintet tackled a repertoire based on poetry, as the series was titled "Music and Poetry," and featured poets Mercedes Minguela, Fabio Carreiro, and Tere Perera. The final concert was given by promising violinist Pablo Araya, born in Lanzarote and living in Salzburg.

In July, the Lanzarote Classical Orchestra will present a new project sponsored by the Lanzarote Island Council. It consists of four concerts featuring other arts such as literature, dance, poetry, and theater, called "OCL Conversations."



Founder and Director Roberto Fuentes Announced the IX Annual Lanzarote Classical Orchestra, (OCL)



Mancha Blanca Fair 10-15 Sep

Artisans from the San Antonio, Texas, Canarian Descendents are the guests of honour of the Cabildo at the 2025 Fiesta de Los Dolores in Mancha Blanca.



The former Cabildo premises in Arrecife hosted an exhibition of the Island's literary legacy consisting of 10 Books out of a total of 134 work. Among them Le Canarien 1402-1405 from the chronicles of Jean le Verrier and Pierre Boutier, Lanzarote by Agustín de la Hoz, Unpublished Architecture by César Manrique and Treasures of the Island by Santiago Alemán

6 June

Carpets of dyed salt are displayed on the paths leading to Arrecife Church.

Teatro Municipal Tías

1 June, 20:00 h.
Lornoar Trio

27 June, 21:00
Arabian Lava Festival

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