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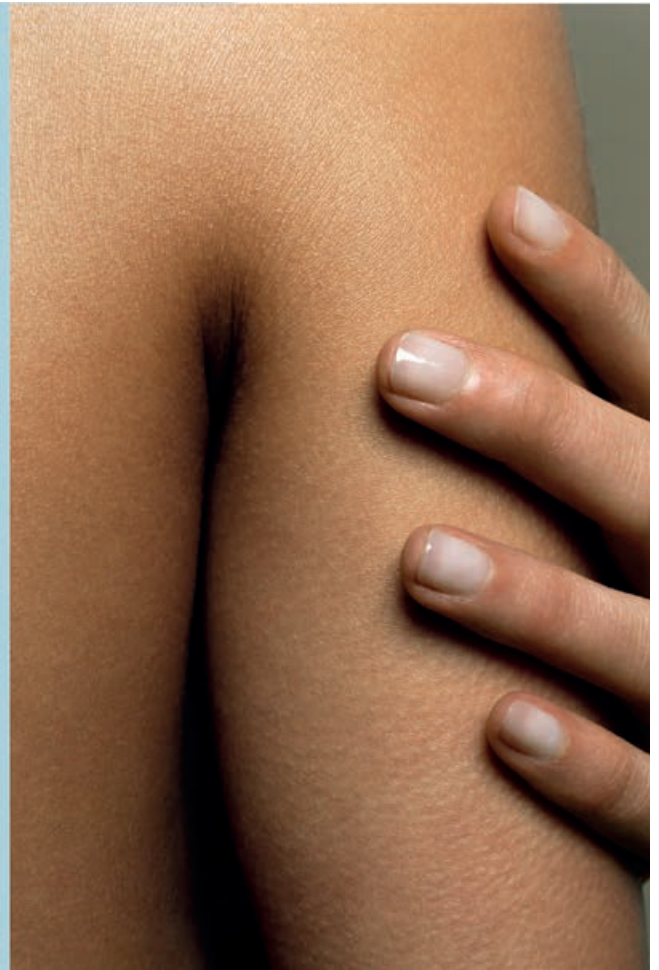
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Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to Lancelot

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. In addition, as Poet Laureate, Shakespeare received an annual stipend of one hundred gold guineas and 252 gallons of Canary wine."

Having enjoyed your stay on Lanzarote you might consider buying a holiday cum retirement home. And why not? It makes sense choosing a resort offering sunshine throughout the year and yet only a few hours from London, Dublin and most other airports in Europe. Enjoy your holiday and please come back again. Adios till next time.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

11th July, 2023

Dear Mr. Yaskiel,

The King has asked me to thank you for your generous letter further to the attendance of you and your wife at the Garden Party in Buckingham Palace on the 9th May. It was also most kind of you to enclose copies of *Lancelot* magazine.

His Majesty was interested to learn about your passion for horticulture and the significance of cochineal cultivation in traditional art and textiles of Lanzarote.

Your thoughtfulness in sharing this information with The King is most appreciated. His Majesty would have me thank you again for writing as you did and convey to you his warmest wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence Secretary

Mr. Lawrence Yaskiel.



Garden
Party at
Buckingham
Palace



Household Cavalry Whitehall London Cochineal Dye

Dear Sir,

Thank you so much for sending me the Lancelot article on cochineal from Lanzarote being used to dye the uniforms of the Life Guards in the 19th century. I was wondering if I might use a shortened version to publish in our regimental magazine. If you are happy for me to proceed, then I would send you a copy of the finished magazine (in May 2022).

Yours ever,

Lt Col (Retd) R R D Griffin
Regimental Adjutant
HQ Household Cavalry
Horse Guards
Whitehall London SW1A 2AX

GUINEVERE The feature article about the Lanzarote Connection to Cochineal Dye in Lancelot No. 155 has aroused an exceptional volume

of interest, as can be seen from the above as well as in the following three letters. Unfortunately we cannot print them all due to space restrictions but please accept our thanks.

Cochineal Dye Lanzarote Connection

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate Lancelot on the excellence of your comprehensive history of the cultivation of cochineal dye and its connection with Lanzarote. It has taken many years of hard work by the

Milana Association to have revitalised the cultivation of the dye on Lanzarote and achieved national and international recognition as well as its declaration by the European Union as a unique heritage.

With very best wishes

Sebastiana Perera
President Milana Association

César Manrique Cochineal Dye Paint

Dear Sir,

In the superb main feature in your last issue about the connection of Lanzarote to the cultivation of cochineal you mention some famous painters such as Rembrandt and Renoir using cochineal in their works. You also stated that César Manrique sited the Cactus Garden in Guatiza because of its proximity to the area where cochineal was cultivated. It would be interesting to know whether Manrique used cochineal in his works.

Thanks once again for an excellent article.

Sheila Sturridge,
Puerto del Carmen
and Arbroath UK

GUINEVERE You have raised an excellent point and we turned to Felix Martin Hormiga of Arrecife,



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a local historian, author and also a painter who knew Manrique and his works very well. He told us that neither Manrique nor any other well known local artists, Ildefonso Aguilar or Juan Gopar ever used cochineal paint because the carmine acid which is extracted from the cochineal insect to make the natural dye fades too fast.

This condition known as “light-fastness” is the permanence of a pigment and its resistance to change on exposure to light. The longer a pigment retains its original colour determines the life expectancy of the work of art which is why certain colors fade faster than others. The lightfastness rating printed on a paint tube label is an indication of the resistance a hue has to changing when exposed to light. Grades I or II are the most light-fast and should not fade if a painting is properly cared for.

Our article mentioned Rembrandt

and Renoir but another readers has pointed out that Van Gogh is another example of a famous painter who used cochineal in his masterpieces which of course subsequently faded. Colour change in artworks has been commented on by experts for centuries.

Cochineal Dye
Dear Sir,

During a visit to the Cactus Garden our guide took us to an adjoining field to show us a prickly pear cactus and scraped some white powder resembling cigarette ash off a leaf into a folded piece of cellophane. She crushed it in her hand and a crimson liquid oozed which, she said, was the source of the war paint used by the Aztec Indians to paint their bodies and faces before going into battle. When the Spanish colonisers of Mexico learnt about this

source of bright red colouring they shipped vast amounts of the prickly pear “tunera” plant back to Madrid where it became a major industry. Spain kept the secret of its origins from the other European nations for over a century.

Nowadays, what process do they use to make the dye?
Stanley Woodruff,
Las Brisas, Playa Blanca.

GUINEVERE According to the Milana Association the process is as follows: Grind the dried cochineal insect, then dilute it in a container of water and boil for three minutes. Filter the preparation to obtain cochineal colourant and immerse the textile in a colour fixative diluted in hot water, leaving it to soak for a short time before rinsing out. The colour fixatives used are aluminium sulfate lemon juice, vinegar, salt and tartaric acid.



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Hemingway and Lanzarote

Dear Sir,

What is the connection between Ernest Hemingway and Lanzarote? A commentator on a radio programme said that January 2022 marked the 20th anniversary of the death of the skipper of Hemingway's boat Gregorio Fuentes, a sailor who had been born in Arrecife on Lanzarote. How did they meet up and did Hemingway ever visit Lanzarote?

Stewart Singer,
Island Homes, Famara

GUINEVERE Gregorio Fuentes was born in Arrecife and went to sea as a deck hand in his father's boat at the age of ten. Several years later he emigrated to Cuba. 1928, the writer Ernest Hemingway, riding on the success of *The Sun Also Rises*, was on board a boat owned by publisher Max Perkins who used to invite his most successful authors, including

Scott Fitzgerald and Tennessee Williams, to go marlin fishing with him during a yearly vacation in Florida. Hemingway had a strong passion for brown onions which he munched incessantly whilst at sea but one day his supply ran out and he insisted on finding his favourite snack by hailing every ship that passed asking if they had some on board. Suddenly a storm blew up and their engine broke down and they started drifting in the Caribbean very far from land.

They were spotted by Gregorio Fuentes who was sailing close by and he towed them to safety. When Hemingway noted the immaculate condition of his fishing smack he said that if he ever was in a position to buy his own boat, he would put Fuentes in charge. A few years later he bought the *Pilar* and appointed the Lanzarote-born sailor his skipper.

Thus began a friendship which lasted for the rest of the author's life

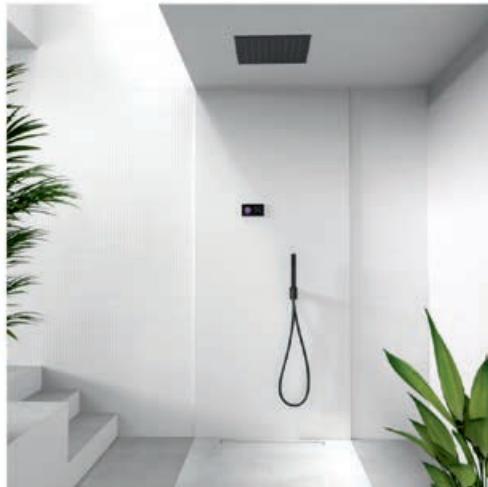
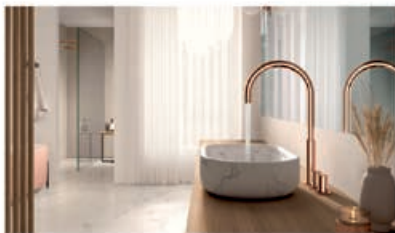
and as a sign of this he called his youngest son Gregory. During their long trips, Fuentes would regale the American author with stories of his adventures at sea. One incident that caught his attention took place in his younger days when he single-handedly battled a 600-pound marlin which was so large that it had to be tied to the side of the boat in order to land it on shore. But, by the time he reached the harbour the marlin had been chewed up by sharks. This tale was the inspiration for the storyline of *The Old Man and the Sea*, in which the leading character, a fisherman, was based on Gregorio Fuentes and for which Ernest Hemingway was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954. Ernest Hemingway committed suicide in 1961 and bequeathed the *Pilar* and his fishing tackle to Fuentes who turned the boat over to the Cuban



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government. They installed it as a tourist attraction outside the author's former home Finca Vigia near Havana - now named Museo Ernest Hemingway - and appointed Gregorio Fuentes as custodian.

After Hemingway died, Fuentes retired as a skipper saying, "I loved and admired that man very much, and never wanted to take charge of anyone else's boat."

In recognition of the international fame he had brought Lanzarote, Gregorio Fuentes was invited to visit the island in 1998 as a guest of the Cabildo Island Council. It was the first time he had set foot on his native isle in 96 years. Gregorio Fuentes died in Cojimar, Cuba, in 2002 at the age of 104 and was survived by four daughters, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. There is however no record of Hemingway ever visiting Lanzarote. Nowadays a sculpture stands on the roundabout connecting downtown Arrecife with Marina Lanzarote depicting the Gregorio Fuentes-Hemingway connection to the Island capital.

Hospital "Triage"

Dear Sir,

I was recently attended by the emergency department at Lanzarote hospital but mystified by the word "traje" on the wall of the waiting area. What does it mean?

Mike von Winterfeldt
Puerto del Carmen
Frankfurt am Main

GUINEVERE The hospital tells us that the word "Triage" is of French origin and refers to the emergency medical staff deciding on the gravity of the patient's illness, whether it requires hospitalisation or could be attended to as an outpatient. Apparently the word dates back to the time of the French Revolution when field doctors gave wounded soldiers wristbands of differing colours indicating how serious their wounds were. Chambers dictionary translates the meaning of the word as 'the selection for treatment of casualties most likely to survive'.

Malvasia Wine

Dear Sir,

We have just returned from our first holiday on Lanzarote and brought back some wine as gifts for friends one of whom asked us the meaning of the word Malvasia seen on the label.

John Havestum Oslo,
Norway Las Breñas

GUINEVERE Malvasia is the name of a grape brought to Lanzarote and other Canary Islands by the Romans. It originated on the Greek island of Monembasia which translates as

Malvasia in Spanish and Malmsey in English. Shakespeare writes about Malmsey in many of his works most notably in Love's Labour's Lost and Henry IV but the most famous reference to Malmsey in all literature can be found in Richard III, when Richard orders the execution of his brother, the Duke of Clarence. Richard's two hired assassins decided to drown Clarence in a large butt (cask) of the brew. When they arrive at the Tower of London to carry out the task, the unsuspecting Clarence asks for a cup of wine. The "Second Murderer" offers this ghastly retort: "You shall soon have wine enough, my lord."

Drago Tree

Dear Sir,

My wife and I are fascinated by the regal-looking drago tree which we first saw many years ago at the Monumento Al Campesino. We understand that it has an interesting history and its sap was used as a healing remedy at one time. Can you tell us anything more about it?

Helga and Manfred Schmidt
Los Molinos Costa Teguisé
- Mannheim

GUINEVERE Dracaenadraco, the Canary Islands dragon tree, or drago, is a subtropical species native to the Canary Islands, Cape Verde and Madeira. When the bark or leaves are



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cut they secrete a reddish resin.

One of the sources of the substance known as dragon's blood was used to stain wood, such as the Stradivarius violin. The Guanche ancient inhabitants of the Canaries worshipped a specimen in Tenerife and hollowed its trunk into a small sanctuary.

The unique characteristic of the drago is its slow growth. It increases in height in the same way as a palm does, by putting out new leaves in the heart of its tufted crown and dropping an equal amount of old ones.

When a dragon tree once branches, it never grows higher but continues to spread in width. The branching takes place only after it blossoms and it generally does not flower for fifteen or even thirty years or even longer.

Part of the mythology of these islands, the famous drago tree at

Icod on Tenerife is estimated to be over 1,000 years old. The hollow trunk was large enough for a good-sized room or cave-dwelling. When the original Guanche inhabitants of Tenerife called an assembly to appoint a new chief, the meeting took place in the famous drago tree at Orotava.

According to German scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt, at the beginning of the 19th century it measured 21 metres in height with a circumference of 14 metres and estimated to be 6,000 years old.

According to Canarian historian Viera y Clavijo, the sap of the drago was used for dyes and varnishes and was in great demand in Europe as a cure for dysentery, haemorrhage, and diarrhea and was also placed on ulcers and open wounds to dry them out. Known as dragon's blood, the resin only used to ooze from the bark in the heat of midsummer.

There used to be a custom in the Canary Islands to take any child suffering from a hernia to a drago at dawn on the feast day of San Juan.

Before sunrise, an incision was made in his foot which was immediately followed by a cut by the same knife in the bark of the tree. If as a result of this, sap flowed from the bark, it was taken as a sign that the hernia would heal. The drago has also been studied as a possible cure for leukaemia.

Spanish Civil War

Dear Sir,

I read a report in a newspaper that at the start of the Spanish Civil War General Franco flew to Morocco from the Canary Islands in a plane which had come from Croydon Airport, England, flown by a British pilot.

What was Britain's role in what



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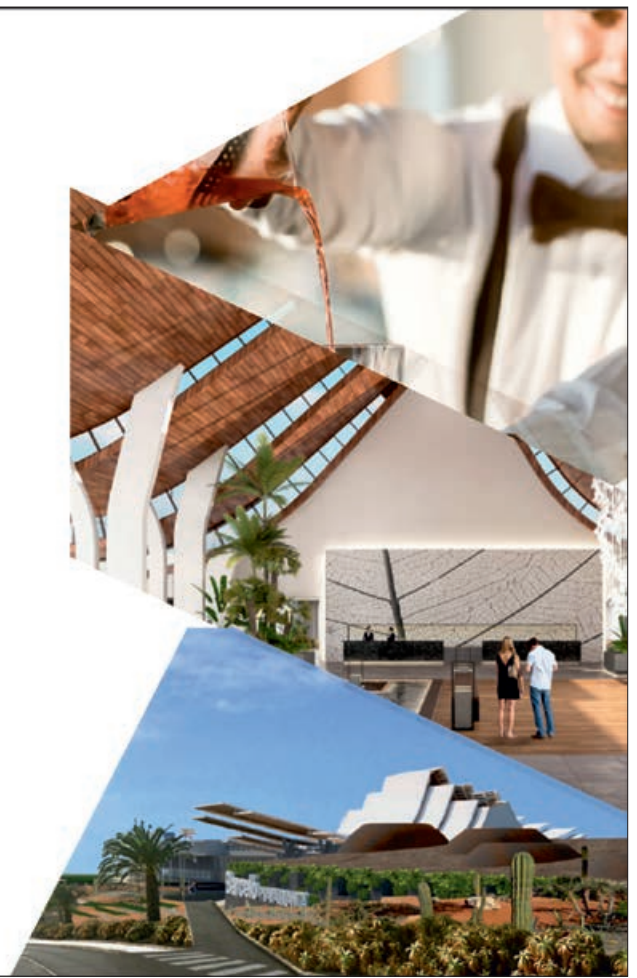
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proved to be the outset of the conflict and how was it connected to the Canary Islands?

Stella Abercrombie
Portsmouth and Costa Teguisse

GUINEVERE Historians believe that in 1936, when General Franco was stationed as head of the military in the Canary Islands, his supporters hired a plane to fly from Croydon (London) to Las Palmas and then on to Morocco. On board the aircraft were another man and two girls, to give the appearance of two couples en-route for a holiday weekend in North Africa. However, in recent years other reports have thrown light on what could point to the covert involvement of the British Government. The following is an extract from the BBC History Magazine by Michael Alpert, Emeritus Professor of Spanish History at the University of Westminster.

One summer morning in 1936 a plane took off from Croydon airport, piloted by Captain Cecil Bebb, with a friend, Major Hugh Pollard as navigator. A flight log showed that it was bound for the Canary Islands.

Two young platinum blondes were on board to make it look like a pleasure trip. Special Branch, who are responsible for national security in the UK, monitored all international flights at Croydon. They may have known that this was no joy ride. Major Pollard was an experienced MI6 officer, Spanish-speaking and with firearms expertise. He had worked under journalistic cover in Ireland, Mexico and Morocco. His superiors in the intelligence services probably had a fair idea of what his object was in flying to the Canary Islands.

The commander of the Spanish garrison there was one General

Francisco Franco, whom the Spanish Government had sent there some months before to keep him out of the way as he had a reputation for his hostility to the Republic. Had a Spanish plane landed in the Canaries the authorities might have been alerted, but the British flight did not arouse suspicion.

The plane flew Franco and right wing conspirator Emilio Mola to Tetuan in Spanish Morocco. On July 18 1936, some Spanish generals announced a coup against the elected Socialist government and Franco arrived in Morocco the following day to raise support from Spain's African army. The generals had thought that their coup would give them power within a couple of days, but the Spanish people resisted, and so the Civil War began.

Franco's flight had been planned over lunch at Simpsons restaurant

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in the Strand where Douglas Jerrold, editor of the right-wing Catholic English Review met London-based Spanish journalist Luis Bolin who was later Franco's propaganda and censorship chief. They decided to charter a De Havilland Dragon Rapide aircraft and a pilot, Captain Cecil Bebb from Olley Air Services at Croydon. Jerrold brought Major Pollard into the plot and arranged for him to travel on the plane as navigator, along with Pollard's daughter Diana, and another young woman, Dorothy

Watson, to provide cover for their real intentions. The year 2025 has been marked as the 50th anniversary of Franco's death and the return of democracy to Spain.

The ikaro quartet play Coldplay

Review by Norman Warwick

The Camel House is a unique and intriguing venue for special concerts

here on Lanzarote. It is now a palatial home, with courtyards, a music auditorium and fantastic sea views. Its only drawback is that the final approach to the place is along half a km of narrow, unlit single lane, cliff top road that leads into a car park cul-de-sac. You can check out online how Sir Ernest Hall began the many series of classical concerts that have been held at the venue, now under a new ownership seemingly intent on continuing the concert tradition.

However, as the couple who now own The Camel House, introduced tonight's guests, it became apparent that whilst perpetuating Sir Ernest's legacy, they might also be enhancing it with some daring music selections.

The Ikaro Quartet, are a string quartet from Tenerife dedicated to the dissemination of classical and modern music in all its breadth.

Tonight's performers were cer-

tainly a quartet of talented young musicians who allowed their classical training to inform an interpretation of the music of Coldplay. After the hosts had given us all a warm welcome from the stage, Danielle introduced the four musicians of The Ikaro Quartet. The artists, looking casually chic in their all black ensembles and entered the stage by walking through the audience. They were led by Juan Manuel Diaz (Violin 1) who, once on stage, introduced his female colleagues as Iballa Suarez (Violin 2), Ewa Moszczyńska (Viola) and Kathleen Balfe (Cello).

These young happy, smiley people presented us with a sixty minute celebration of Coldplay. There were twelve pieces that all fit perfectly (though some might argue the technicalities of that) into this classical instrumental environment.







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There were some delightful techniques to be heard, from the percussive use of a bow on cello that gave it a driving force, and the pretty pizzicato playing on violin 2 and the viola. It is interesting to recall that, although we think of this fusion of popular and classical music as being a new phenomenon, these same techniques were instructed to his session men by Buddy Holly when he recorded songs like Raining In My Heart back in the nineteen fifties.

The opening Coldplay song from The Ikaro Quartet tonight was a melody borne on a heavenly zephyr.

From tracks like Yellow and Fix You there were more soaring melodies that served to extend the beautiful riffs that we hear throughout Coldplay's repertoire. On Fix You, especially, the cello was the driving force for all the music.

Juan and his colleagues introduced every title before playing a piece and I thought it spoke very well of them that they attributed this work to its composers whilst also identifying its influences from classical music.

Paradise had a skippy, charming rhythm with the first violin offering a floaty underlay and the second violin offering pizzicato steps.

Something For You had a gorgeous opening few bars of solo violin and Yellow was denoted by a distinctive cello section, whilst My Universe included percussive strikes on both violin and cello.

The Science somehow conjured up the pastoral and the pragmatic Sky Full Of Songs somehow spoke of the manner in which these pieces were complementing.

The closing number was, of course, Viva La Vida that holds a melody

I hum in the car whenever I'm living the good life by driving my car on the Lanzarote roads.

As the final note of this piece rose to the rafters the audience, as one, rose to their feet, to offer a standing ovation. This had been a triumph.

More to the point, it had been only the first of two performances in this same venue on successive evenings. I would have loved to have attended the second concert, too, with The Ikaro Quartet offering us a celebration of Queen. However, we had a previous commitment to another event elsewhere on the island.

That's the only problem on the Lanzarote arts scene. If you want to see everything, there are so many gigs and so little time that, like Queen themselves, we find ourselves Under Pressure to accommodate them all.

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New Tax Regulations 2025

January 2025 brought with it important tax developments. These changes affect different aspects of the Spanish tax system, including Personal Income Tax (IRPF), public aid, taxation of Influencers and changes to the savings scale. Below is a detailed analysis of the main regulatory updates.

Child Support Annuities Exemption

As of 3 April 2025, the Personal Income Tax Law expressly establishes the exemption of maintenance annuities not only by virtue of a court decision, but also in cases of regulatory agreement or equivalent agreements at the autonomous community level. This amendment confirms the previously existing administrative doctrine.

Taxation of Influencers

It is established that the income obtained by Influencers as creators of digital content is income from economic activities of a professional nature. This classification is because the main activity is the creation of content, regardless of the distribution method used.

Obligation to Declare for Unemployment Benefit Recipients

From the 2024 personal income tax return, all recipients of unemployment benefits will be obliged to file an income tax return, even if this is their only source of income. This eliminates the possibility of being exempt based on the general requirements of the Personal Income Tax Act.

Changes to the Tax Scale on Capital Income

From 1 January 2025, the highest tax bracket applicable to capital income will be modified:

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This increase also applies to residents, who live abroad but are subject to Spanish Income Tax.

Workers posted to Spain: The rate of the last bracket of the taxable savings base for those who apply for the special regime for posted workers is increased from 28% to 30%.

Reduction for Exceptional Income in Artistic Activities

From 1 January 2025, a reduction in personal income tax for exceptional income from work derived from the creation of literary, artistic or scientific works will be introduced. This reduction will also apply to artists in the performing, audiovisual and musical arts, as well as to technical or auxiliary activities necessary for these disciplines.

Compensation for Personal Injuries: Out-of-Court Settlements

From 3 April 2025, compensation for personal injury will be exempt from personal income tax, even when the amount has not been fixed by law or in court, but through mediation agreements or other alternative means of conflict resolution.

Latest news on the legislation regulating dwellings used for touristic lettings

On February 12th, 2025, the government of the Canary Islands has presented its law proposal to the regional parliament. This law will now pass through the parliamentary departments of control and once approved in its final form and officially published, and will, if maintained as proposed, introduce significant restrictions and control on these dwellings, their activity and licensing.

Unfortunately, at the publishing time for this edition of the magazine, we can't comment on details of the presented legislation, as it has provisional character. However, as its approval by parliament is estimated to be in April or May 2025, it is our intention to analyze this topic in detail and other legal related legal aspects in the next edition.

In the event, that the Spanish Government should meanwhile approve further new tax legislation or modifications for 2025, we'll comment about these in the next editions.



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A Brief Guide to Property Purchase



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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Central Southern Route La Geria

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

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

post 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



La Geria is the centre of the wine cultivation region

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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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



Monumento al Campesino, 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 Lanzarote folklore and culture including its unique agricultural history. Take the Arrecife-Tahiche main road, turn right at Tiagua and follow the signs. Mon - Fri 10 - 5.30, Sat 10 - 2.30.

Northern Route Teguisse

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 Teguisse has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

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

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



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

Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Teguisse

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





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Malpais de la Corona, 'badlands' caused by the eruption of nearby Monte Corona. During an eruption whilst debris is shot out skywards, volcanoes also often break out below ground, a molten lava stream forging a tunnel. One such volcanic tunnel, the Atlantida, is below the earth's surface at this point which at 7 1/2 kilometres is the longest in the world.

Jameos del Agua

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



Jameos del Agua



Arrecife

goon 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 some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manri-

que 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 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 Rubicon-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 Lineas Romero from Playa Blanca to Corralejo.

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Documentary “Memories of the Land”

60th Anniversary Los Campesinos Folklore Group

Golden Medal of the Government
of the Canary Islands

The screening of the documentary at Multicines Atlantida in Arrecife at the beginning of December 2024 was the culmination of a series of events celebrating six decades of concerts of one of the Canary Islands’ most celebrated folklore groups Los Campesinos from Lanzarote. Their traditional music is based on the wide range of activities of farmers when planting and harvesting crops such as reaping, threshing and winnowing. The singers and dancers emulate these movements in their performances often whilst holding agricultural tools in their hands. They maintain the age-old traditions of the countryside which is of ethno-historic importance. Renderings of ceremonies such as Rancho de Pascua by Los Campesinos can be traced back to the arrival of the Normans at the beginning of the 15th century. Besides playing concerts in Lanzarote for over 60 years Los Campesinos have constantly toured all the other Canary Islands as well as mainland Spain and further afield. When the BBC came to Lanzarote in the 1980s they filmed Los Campesinos dancing in the traditional wine cultivation region of La Geria.







Over 10,000 people visited the documentary *Memoria de la Tierra (Memory of the Land)* at the Casa Amarilla



Miguel Angel Corujo has been managing and directing Los Campesinos during the last 40 years. Cabildo Culture Councillor Jesús Machín emphasized the important role Los Campesinos play in keeping alive the cultural history of Lanzarote. Councillor Aroa Revelo and musician-composer Benito Cabrera who produced the documentary are also in the photo





Parranda Marinera Los Buches Gold Awards

La Parranda Marinera de Buches, founded in 1979, have renewed the tradition of awarding Golden Buches for people who help maintain the tradition of this highly popular nautical folklore troupe. The ceremony 2024 was attended by 300 people at Cuatro Esquinas Cinema who included Mayor of Arrecife Yonathan de León, Cabildo Social Services Councillor Maite Corujo and the president of the Buches Association Juan Antonio Machado and his executive. Historian Óscar Torres spoke about the history and traditions of Los Buches and music was provided by Adrián Niz, José Vicente and Roberto Gil. Among recipients was the late artist César Manrique for his mural in Casa de Agustín de la Hoz whose award was accepted by Alfredo Díaz, Director of the Educational Department of the CM Foundation.

The tradition of Los Buches is the star of Vientos de Alegría a Tribute to the Lanzarote Carnival and its connection with the sea. Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort, “this



performance allows us to look with pride towards the future, and we will continue to support the traditions that make us unique. Cabildo Councillor Ascención Toledo: “The book *El Objeto Encontrado* demonstrates the valuable anthropological value of Los Buches’ traditions.

Paranda Marinera de Los Buches is presided over by Juan Antonio Machado assisted by Roberto Gil and Sergio Betancort with the participation of the Los Buches dance troupe, the Rubicón Folklore Group



dance troupe and the performance of Mararúa, brings back the traditional seafaring Carnival roots, which demonstrate the vitality of tradition.



Cachorro Canario Receive Gold Medal of the Canarian Government

The highly respected Cachorro Canario organisation is dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of the cultural and ethnological traditions of the Canary Islands.

Don Francisco José Navarro Rodríguez receives the award from J. Carlos Cruz, Secretary of Cachorro Canario in the presence of members of the executive including historian-photographer José María Barreto



Reminiscences of a **Lanzarote Woman** Working in the Fields

*Paintings by author Ana Cabrera,
of traditional Lanzarote scenarios*

In this arid and dry land that typifies this island, the peasant woman worked, suffered, gave birth and loved. She knew no games, because her childhood was spent in the fields. Her work day never stopped, from morning to night. She kneaded, cared, cleaned, sewed, made crafts, washed diapers, worked in the fields and at home, and tirelessly traveled the island roads in search of water or food. She had children who did not reach adulthood. Many did not know pleasure and most did not allow themselves to doubt or think that they had rights beyond their husbands, or that they could do anything other than what was established before. She fulfilled the established role and, when she could, she was happy, because there are many testimonies of nostalgia for that past. In that sense, she was not an exception, the same thing happened and still happens to other women in many parts of this planet. In short, she was an ordinary woman who had a discreet and anonymous life but who, was happy with the life she had.





My name is Ana Cabrera, I was born in Lanzarote and my passion for art began when I was a child. I am self-taught, my first sketches were in black and white, using the Rotring technique. For personal reasons, I stayed away from painting for a while. It was in 1998, when I moved to Italy, that I took up my passion for painting again. Since then I have not stopped painting and capturing my vision of life and art on canvas. I have finally returned to the island with great enthusiasm and with a good project, to prepare my exhibition. I love my island, a magical territory where I can feel, grow and create. I am very proud of my roots and I want to pay tribute mainly to our grandmothers. Women who lived in the shadow of their husband, father or brother but who were a fundamental pillar in the construction of what we are today. They have been the shadow under the hat, the silent mouth, the warm hand that rocked the lullaby, that beautiful Canarian lullaby of Tamazigh origin and that so symbolizes our origin, hoping that they will never be forgotten.



Celebrating 50 Years of Timanfaya National Park

Upon being honoured with the title of Professor by Chichester University, Dr Duncan Reavey elected to make his inaugural speech at the CEP Teachers' Governing Board in Arrecife

Presented by Ruth Saavedra Corujo

He suggests, "Why don't we leave the classroom and learn in nature, taking time to be our true selves, we have forgotten how to play says Duncan Reavey, holding a five-pointed star made from hazel wood from the forests of the South Downs, a national park in southern England

This professor of Environmental Education at the University of Chichester is the founder of the Forest School, a training program that takes place in a forest with a learning dynamic based on "the freedom for students to explore the environment and discover themselves and others through curiosity and imagination."

He explained this yesterday in the first part of the Interpretation Days organised by the Timanfaya National Park, managed by the Department of Ecological Transition and Energy of the Government of the Canary Islands, on the occasion of the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

This activity takes place throughout the year and is especially designed for children between 4 and 5 years old. These children go through five stages of learning: well-being, decision-making, motivation to set their own challenges, empathy with others and development of social skills.

Statistical studies reveal that children who have participated in this program in nature improve their academic results and acquire

University of Chichester Students with Lancelot magazine on the top of Montaña Bermeja, La Graciosa with the caption "Lancelot reaches the parts other magazines cannot reach"



Duncan Reavey

social skills more quickly: "they are better at communication, listening, teamwork and resilience."

It is not only early childhood education that is replacing desks with trees; adult students at the University of Chichester are also taking part in this Forest School, the perfect setting for learning a variety of skills: geology, topography, mine-





Duncan Reavey (far left) after his Inaugural Lecture as Professor of Environmental Education. Alongside is Carlos Dizi (an Honorary Graduate of University of Chichester), with University of Chichester colleague Matt Berry (2nd from right) and 14 students of Outdoor & Adventure Education from the University of Chichester. He gave the same talk at CEP Lanzarote Teachers' Educational Board in Arrecife with whom Chichester University have had a close annual relationship for almost three decades

ral extraction, forest management, seed dispersal, invasive species, climate change and sustainable living.

The first phase of learning always involves spending time exploring nature and getting to know oneself better. This triggers other arts such as creative writing, theatre or musical composition. The testimonies of the young people, aged between 18 and 19, reveal that the experience is transformative.

Hannah didn't expect to get to know her classmates better in a few weeks in the woods than she did during her entire first year of college. Saskia, who learned to chop wood, make fire and make ink from the acorns of an oak tree, wrote: "The power that tools give you is incredible... They make you feel like a little god."

Three decades choosing Lanzarote as an open-air classroom

Dr Reavey has been organising educational trips to Lanzarote for almost thirty years, enabling students from the University of Chichester to swap the forest for the volcanic, Atlantic nature of the island.

Coming into contact with such a different ecosystem and having the opportunity to speak with the local people, "who feel a great love and pride for their nature," provides his students with new learning opportunities.



Seen with CEP teachers who have always warmly welcomed Chichester students to join their pupils in their activities

"To be successful in life, you have to be good at asking questions, and in Lanzarote, questions arise by themselves," the British environmentalist and writer explained yesterday.

**Dr. Reavey's inaugural lecture is available on the Timanfaya National Park YouTube channel
Commentary by journalist Ruth Saavedra**



Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort congratulates Dr Duncan Reavey for 25 years of visits to Lanzarote



San Antonio, Texas and Lanzarote Agree a Sister City Accord

President Oswaldo Betancort hosts Mayor Ron Nirenberg for the signing ceremony on March 10 in Lanzarote

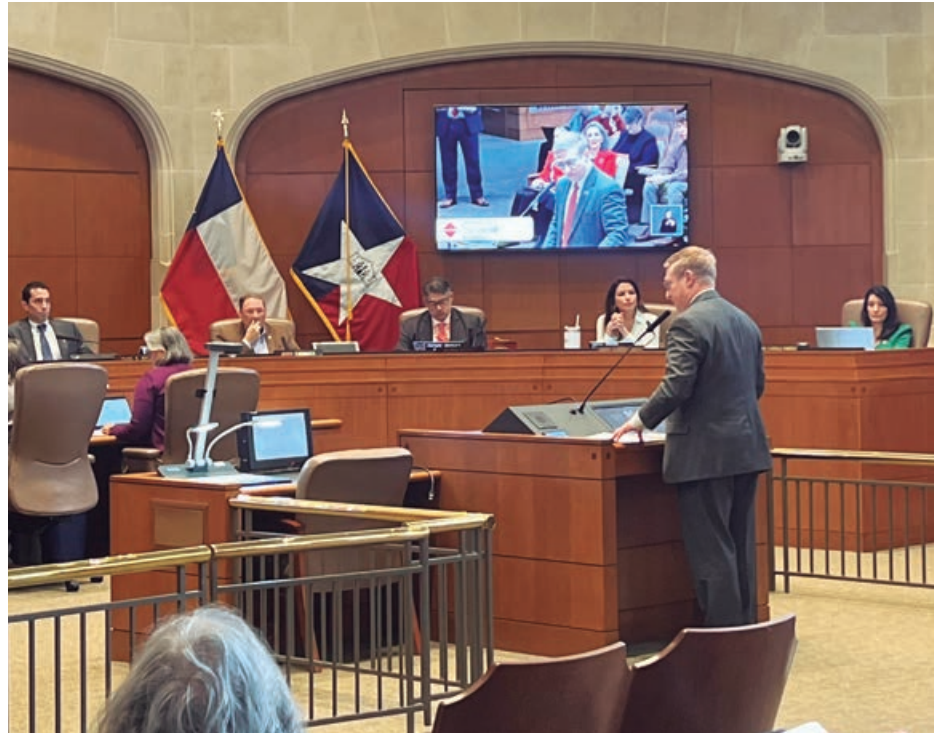
This followed the visit to San Antonio by the president with leading members of his island government where they established excellent relations with their opposite numbers among the councillors at City Hall as well as other professional bodies.



Steve passed the gratitude of the Cabildo President to the Mayor and City Council of San Antonio



Mayor Nirenberg appointed Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort as Honorary Mayor of San Antonio



The Council approves unanimously the sister cities accord following the impassioned presentation by the Honorary Spanish Consul Steve Chiscano



Lanzarote Descendents proudly display their family heritage outside San Fernando Cathedral on the celebration of Dia de La Candelaria. Photos Paul Casanova García. CIDA Photographer





300 Years of Cultural and Educational Exchanges

On 9 March 1731, fifty-six travel-weary men, women and children, arrived at Presidio San Antonio de Bexar in Texas. The majority, 80% came from Lanzarote, and one year later they founded the first civil township in the history of Texas and were each declared a nobleman by the King of Spain. They elected Juan Leal Goráz of Teguisse as the first mayor of San Antonio. A special mass is celebrated every year at San Fernando Cathedral on the 9th of March organised by the Canary Islands Descendants Association.



The President and leading members of the Cabildo at the Alamo together with their hosts



Portrait of the first Mayor of San Antonio Juan Leal Goráz painted by the artist Santiago Alemán hangs in the office of the present incumbent Mayoress Olivia Duque



Steve Chiscano used the book by Juan Romero to illustrate the Lanzarote-San Antonio connection



Newly elected President of CIDA Julia Lopez who has visited Lanzarote. She is also seen with Steve Chiscano at the adoption of the San Antonio-Lanzarote Sister-Agreement and with Mari Tamez former President and Communications Manager Lindsay Fuller



Lanzarote and La Graciosa reinforced their Image at Fitur as sustainable islands which prioritize spending per tourist

Photos Nacho González

Lanzarote also reaffirmed its Strategy for Raising Awareness for Ethical and Responsible Tourism, presented in September 2024, which seeks to promote respect for the island's natural and cultural heritage highlighting that key agreements "consolidated our position as leaders in sustainability and quality tourism, reinforcing the image of a sustainable model that prioritizes spending per visitor over volume."

Furthermore, participation in this unique forum will serve to consolidate highly profitable markets such as the United States and strengthen alliances focused on environmental protection. Meetings with Iberia and prestigious American airlines concentrating on establishing regular flight schedules between Lanzarote and the east coast of America. The presentation of the Guide to Good Sustainability Practices and the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Sustainable Tourism Charter are important milestones on the agenda.



King and Queen of Spain visit Fitur



President Oswaldo Betancort: "We are quality destinations committed to ethical and committed tourism, and inform visitors of the importance of protecting what makes our islands unique"

Tourist Centres Councillor Ángel Vazquez: "Our policy is searching for quality rather than quantity at the Tourist Attractions"



Spain's Minister of Tourism with President Fernando Clavijo and Tourism Councillor Jessica de León together with CEO Mamerto Cabrera at the Cicar stand

The Lanzarote SPEL Foreign Promotion Society under CEO Héctor Fernández conducted a busy agenda of more than 40 meetings in Madrid, including with Iberia to establish regular flights from the East Coast of the USA to Lanzarote

Sister City Agreement with San Antonio will Strongly Support Lanzarote's Presence in the North American Market

Lanzarote will also resume its Strategy for Raising Awareness for Ethical and Responsible Tourism, presented in September 2024, which seeks to promote respect for the natural and cultural heritage of both islands. Héctor Fernández, CEO of SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote, highlighted that “at Fitur, key agreements will be consolidated that reinforce our position as leaders in sustainability and quality tourism.”

Lanzarote and La Graciosa will be presented as benchmarks in tourist spending in the Canary Islands, highlighting their sustained growth and the effectiveness of destination management. This leadership, supported by the latest data from the third quarter of 2024, reinforces the image of a sustainable model that prioritizes spending per visitor over volume.

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A benchmark in tourism innovation in the Canary Islands

On the other hand, Lanzarote will lead the constitution of the Smart Tourism Destination Governance Board, integrating the seven municipalities of the island and strengthening its position as a benchmark in tourism innovation in the Canary Islands.

The island will also reaffirm its commitment to sports tourism with the presentation of key events and agreements related to the Spanish Handball Cup and Mini Cup, as well as the signing of an agreement with FesTVAl, consolidating its reputation as a venue for major audiovisual events, organizing the Meetings FesTVAl Lanzarote professional days.

Participation in Fitur 2025 will also include meetings with airlines, tour operators and the Association of Tourist Municipalities of the Canary Islands to strengthen air connectivity and regional tourism.



Héctor Fernández CEO SPEL Lanzarote Tourism gave an enthusiastic reaction to the adoption of the new Sister City accord with the seventh largest city in the United States of America founded by Canary Island emigrants in 1720, most of whom were from Lanzarote. In fact the first 13 mayors of San Antonio were from this island which gives us a major foothold in the most important and largest market in the world



Jessica de León, Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo and Héctor Fernández de León in discussions with tour operators and Iberia



Presenting the Copa de España in Lanzarote

Canarian Government President Fernando Clavijo headed the delegation to the Annual Fitur Tourism Fair in Madrid



The Councillor of Tourism and Employment, Jéssica de León, stressed the importance of connecting with more appreciative and high quality tourists who spend more when on holiday. “We have focused on increasing tourist revenue while maintaining the current levels of tourist arrivals, which we will achieve by improving experiences at the destination and connecting with those tourist segments of greater value that share the objective of ensuring that tourist activity has a positive impact on the environment, culture, heritage and the citizens of the islands,” said de León.

“We are going to promote the quality of companies and rehabilitate the infrastructure and the degraded public and natural space to connect with tourists who are aware of the value of our destination,” explains the Vice President of the Government of the Canary Islands at the inauguration of the stand.



The archipelago plans a 6% increase in national and international air capacity throughout 2025

The Vice President of the Canary Islands Government, Manuel Domínguez, confirmed at the inauguration of the new Canary Islands stand at Fitur the commitment of the regional government to the archipelago's tourism industry. “There is no better way to look after the Canary Islands than to offer them opportunities in their homeland, so we cannot stop supporting this model of wealth generation, for a tourism that is a driving force of the Canary Islands economy,” said Domínguez, who assured that it is necessary to “firmly and unequivocally defend” a sector that creates 40% of jobs in the Canary Islands and accounts for 35% of GDP.






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Eating out on Lanzarote

El Aljibe de Obispo Bodega Stratus

Fundamentally traditional products produced locally at the “Finca de Uga.” Delicious food prepared from sustainable ingredients and produced with love and care based on the beloved menus passed down from our Mothers and Grandmothers. Irresistible traditional dishes such as watercress and local cheese salad, rabbit with aubergine, courgette and tomatoes, the exquisite “parmigiana”, delicious potajes and rich broths are all produced and served with care and consideration. The menu has been created perfectly so as to be paired beautifully with the volcanic wines from the Stratus Bodega.. Open daily from 12 to 8. Closed Tuesdays. Guided tour of the Stratus Bodega with wine tasting at 11.30, 1.00 and 4.00.

Barceló Lanzarote Active Resort Costa Teguisse

Newly refurbished Barceló Lanzarote Active Resort located on the front line at Costa Teguisse 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 isle 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.

On the menu: pork gyoza with ground pork, chives, green onion, cabbage, ginger, garlic and oysters. Also prawn tempura, king crab and black pig.

A very exclusive culinary project based on high quality ingredients and exotic flavours and techniques which will take you on a journey through the Asian continent in an ambience of exclusive design. Open Tuesday – Saturday 19.30-22.00.

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

Isla de Lobos Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort 5*L

‘Isla de Lobos’ Restaurant, known for its breath-taking views of the sea and Fuerteventura and Lobos

islands, is one of the most recommended on Lanzarote’s gastronomical map, representing the highest standards expected of a five star hotel through its service, luxury and comfort. The menu is based on a flavorful cuisine that uses the best raw ingredients from local producers, fishermen and the Finca de Uga farm, which results in rich creations and an incredible range of exclusive products of exceptional quality. Traditional cuisine blended with new techniques achieves diverse textures and experiences whilst fully respecting the product and its origins.

Open Tuesday – Saturday 6.30 pm, last orders, 10.00 pm.

Almacen de la Sal Playa Blanca

This tasteful restaurant overlooking the sea in Playa Blanca with seating in the interior and on the terrace, serves modern international cuisine with local home-grown products. Specialities: tartar of salmon smoked in Uga, red tuna tartar and the exceptional sardine tartar; meat dishes include, pork and boneless lamb cooked at a low temperature. The fish selection includes Janubio salt bass (lubina). Open daily 15:00 – 23.00, closed Monday.



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

Lanzarote Wines Stand Out at Madrid Fusion and Barcelona Wine Week

The Board of the Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wines was highly satisfied with the reaction to the products of the island's vineyards at the two most prestigious annual gastronomic shows in the Spanish calendar, Madrid Fusion and the Barcelona Wine Week. These events serve as a showcase to exhibit the unique singular qualities of Lanzarote wines which are cultivated in a spectacular landscape unique in the world. Vines are planted in a pit partially filled with porous black lava which feed any night moisture available down to the roots. In the photos, vineyard owners and growers together with officials from local institutions.



Denomination of Origin Wine Board Secretary Nereida Pérez and President Jorge Rodríguez with local authorities in Madrid and Barcelona



Sponsored by Fundación Líneas Romero, the second edition of the Sustainable Talent Award was presented at the Chamber of Commerce of Lanzarote and La Graciosa

After analyzing 28 proposals, Macaronesia Digital SLU was recognized for its socmr.v.net project, designed for various agricultural uses.

This competition recognises innovative initiatives that contribute to sustainability and economic and social development in the Canary Islands.

The innovative platform allows monitoring and verification of organic carbon in agricultural soils, helping farmers access the carbon credit market and improve crop water management. Its technological approach and alignment with European decarbonisation policies make it a key tool for climate change mitigation and soil regeneration. The winning project has been awarded 5,500 euros.

Several mentions

Along with the winner, Juan Pedro Dyangani Ose made it to the final



The event was attended by prominent figures from the institutional and business world, including José Valle, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Oswaldo Betancort, President of the Cabildo of Lanzarote; Migdalia Machín, Councillor for Universities, Science, Innovation and Culture of the Government of the Canary Islands; and Federico Romero, President of the Líneas Romero Foundation

with TokenMYs , a digital ecosystem that promotes the recycling of organic waste through blockchain and artificial intelligence; Javier Jiménez Rodríguez with Effiwaste , a digital platform to reduce food waste in the HORECA sector, optimizing food

purchasing and promoting in-house composting; and David Francisco Pérez with NEO EURISCO , a project focused on the development of sustainable supercapacitors from industrial hemp biomass to improve energy storage on electrical platforms.

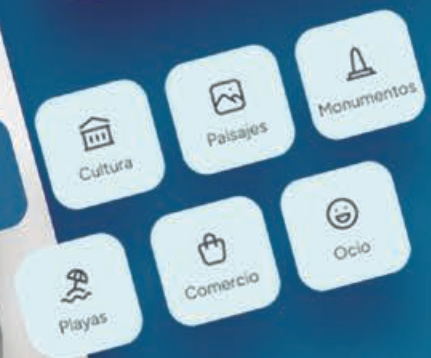
Lineas Romero Lateen Sailing Regatta

14 yachts participated in the race and the winners were Di Napoli and Manuela III. Teguisse Mayoress Olivia Duque congratulated Lineas Romero for the excellent organisation of the event whose President Federico Romero thanked all participants and their sponsors for maintaining this traditional Canarian nautical sports competition.



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Reports from the Canarian Government

A thousand students discover the nutritional benefits of gofio thanks to the 'Olympic Breakfast' project



The president of the Canary Islands
Fernando Clavijo



Canary Islands President Clavijo highlights that the Canary Islands has established a model to follow for other autonomous communities, which combines the promotion of zero-kilometre products with the promotion of healthy habits among the educational community.

The alliance promoted by the Government between the primary sector and the educational field is materialized in two other major initiatives: 'Ecomedores de Canarias' and the 'School Plan for Consumption of Fruits and Vegetables'

The President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo, and the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food Sovereignty, Narvay Quintero, visited the Princesa Tejina Infant and Primary Education Centre (CEIP) in Tenerife to learn first-hand about the development of the 'El gofio, desayuno Olímpico' initiative, which has already reached a thousand Canarian students through the public company GMR Canarias.

This project, which has former Olympic athlete Mario Pestano as its special ambassador, seeks to promote the properties of this local "super-

food" while supporting the agri-food sector and encouraging healthy lifestyle habits.

The action, which is part of the Canary Islands Government's 'Growing Together' strategy, is being carried out in a dozen educational centres in Tenerife and Gran Canaria, through informative talks and sports demonstrations by the athlete in which their students and Physical Education teachers participate.

In addition to 'El gofio, desayuno Olímpico', the alliance promoted by the Canarian Executive between the primary sector and the educational field is materialised in two other major projects: the Canary Islands Eco-dining Centres Programme and

the School Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Plan. Both promote the consumption of local, fresh and seasonal products among students, thus promoting local production on the islands and healthy eating.

During his speech, President Fernando Clavijo stressed that "the Canary Islands have established a model for other autonomous communities to follow, which combines the promotion of the consumption of zero-kilometre products with the encouragement of healthy habits among children, benefiting our local producers and the entire educational community and encouraging sustainable development that prioritises our rural areas."



International organizations highlight the “Journey to decarbonization” tool created by Tourism Canary Islands as an example of sustainability



**Tourist and Employment Councillor,
Jessica de León**



The free digital tool allows companies to measure and reduce their carbon footprint, has become an example of sustainability at an international level. The European organizations NECSTouR and the European Travel Commission and the University of Queensland, in Australia, position this initiative as a reference for all tourist destinations.

This recognition from international tourism and educational organisations, together with the certification that the tool received from Aenor in September of last year, positions us as a leading destination in terms of climate action.

In the case of NECSTouR, the Network of European Regions for Sustainable and Competitive Tourism has produced a document on “Journey to decarbonisation” which is offered on its intranet as one of the five European examples of good practices in climate action. NECSTouR highlights the economic, human and technological resources invested by Turismo de Islas Canarias in the tool, in addition to the challenges that have already been achieved and on which work continues.

NECSTouR has produced a document on “Journey to decarbonisation” which is offered on its intranet as one of five European examples of good practice in climate action which has been made available to the Network’s components, more than 40 European regional tourism authorities and more than 30 partners including universities, research institutes, representatives of tourism companies and sustainable tourism associations.



**Promotur Managing Director
José Juan Lorenzo**



Cabildo Honours and Distinctions Awards 2024

Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort: *“These distinctions are a well-deserved and sincere tribute to those who have contributed to the development and identity of Lanzarote and La Graciosa”*



President of the Cabildo Oswaldo Betancort



President Oswaldo Betancort during his introductory address

One of the main honours is awarded posthumously to **Blas Cabrera Felipe**, born in Arrecife in 1878 and died in Mexico 1945, as Favourite Son of Lanzarote. Blas Cabrera is one of the most outstanding Spanish scientists of all time. He is considered the father of modern physics in Spain. He was Albert Einstein's host in Spain in 1923 and was part of the prestigious Scientific Committee of the Solvay Conferences in 1930.

Sebastiana Perera Brito was named Favourite Daughter of Lanzarote, the first woman to receive this distinction. An educator and social promoter, Perera played a crucial role as president of the Cabildo of Lanzarote in launching initiatives such as the Insular Plan for Socio-Cultural Action and the Annual Crafts Fair. In addition, she founded the Milana Association for the revival of the traditional cultivation of cochineal dye, designated a Protected Cultural Asset by the European Union in 1990 and received the highest possible accolade by King Charles III of England in 2024 for horticultural innovation.

By consensus, the Institution designates Blas Cabrera Felipe, and Antonio Corujo as Favorite Son, and Sebastiana Perera and Inés Dug as Adoptive Daughter; and grants other distinctions such as the Timanfaya de Oro and the Jameos de Oro, in their different categories.

Composer musician **Antonio Corujo Tejera** was named a Favourite Son (on an exceptional basis). Born in San Bartolomé in 1933, Antonio Corujo is a fundamental figure in the musical folklore of the island. Coming from a family of singers and dancers, he has dedicated his life to preserving and spreading the traditional lyrics and dances of Lanzarote, especially through his work at the Rancho de Pascua in San Bartolomé.

Inés Dug Godoy (Fuente de Cantos, Badajoz, 1941) has been named Adoptive Daughter of Lanzarote. A pioneering archaeologist, Dug Godoy has dedicated a large part of her career to researching the Zonzamas site. Her work will always be linked to this extremely important project site discoveries here have

been fundamental to preserving the ancient history of Lanzarote.

Ildefonso Aguilar de la Rúa was awarded Jameo de Oro. During his outstanding career, Aguilar has managed to articulate his own voice on the island of Lanzarote, showing a unique perspective that reflects his personal vision of the landscape, thus inspiring the creation of an austere and particular artistic universe. Among the artist's most notable achievements are more than a hundred individual and collective exhibitions in galleries, museums and cultural centers around the world.

Timanfaya de Oro for Science: **María Martín Díaz**. Engineer and leader in data research at the Canary Islands Oceanic Platform PLOCAN, Martín promotes sustain-

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Awards and Distinctions Ceremony at Jameos del Agua Auditorium. All the prizewinners holding their distinctions

nable development and marine conservation, helping to position the Canary Islands, Spain and the European Union at the forefront of oceanic research.

Jameo de Oro Social: **The Mental Association El Cribo**. Founded in 1992, El Cribo is a reference in mental health on Lanzarote, offering support and psychosocial rehabilitation to people with mental disorders and their families.

Jameo de Oro Económico: **Grupo Cabrera Medina**. This is prestigious family-run business group that offers services throughout the Canary Islands and was created in 1967 by Don Mamerto Cabrera Medina.

Jameo de Oro Deportivo: **Alejandro Hernández Hernández** (Arrecife, 1982). Alejandro is a Spanish football referee in the First Division. He has also been an international referee since January 2014.

Jameo de Oro Traditional Culture: **Francisco José Navarro Rodríguez**. A radio announcer by profession, he received the Golden Badge from the Cabildo of Lanzarote in 2017 upon retiring after a career spanning 44 years.

Jameo de Oro Turístico: **Club La Santa**. This is a world-renowned accommodation centre based on sport and exercise, well-being, health and numerous social activities.

Jameo de Oro Humanitario: **Lanzarote Firefighters Consortium**. Recognized for their pro-



Favourite Daughter of Lanzarote Sebastiana Perera speaks on behalf of all the recipients

fessionalism and dedication to protecting the community, the Lanzarote Firefighters have been awarded in numerous national rescue and emergency competitions.

Jameo de Oro International Solidarity: **Alberto Hugo Rojas**. Photographer and reporter in conflict zones and refugee camps, Alberto Hugo Rojas is a member of the Reporters Without Borders collective and the NGO Peace in Construction.

Jameo de Oro Educativo: **Asociación Mercedes Medina**. It was created in memory of Mrs. Mercedes Medina, a teacher from Lanzarote for many years. Since its foundation in 2011, this association has awarded scholarships to Lanzarote students, promoting equal opportunities in the academic field.

Jameo de Oro for Sustainability: **Vidal Martín Martel** (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, 1968) has been studying cetaceans in the Canary Islands for decades. He was co-founder and first president of the Spanish Cetacean Society (SEC), co-founder and director of the Museo de los Cetáceos de Canarias (MCC). He has directed numerous regional, national and European research and conservation projects on cetaceans.

Jameo de Oro for Equality: **ADEPSI Association**. The ADEPSI association, present in Lanzarote since 2016, is a non-profit organization whose objective is the social and labor inclusion of people with disabilities and their families, promoting improvements in their quality of life.

Jameo de Oro for Cultural Heritage: **Salinas de Janubio**. These salt mines, located in the municipality of Yaiza, date back to the end of 1895. The company Salinas de Janubio, SL, has received several awards for the quality of the salt, which it processes using traditional methods.

Honorary Advisor to the Cabildo of Lanzarote: **Antonio Ramos Díaz** "Toñín" (Arrecife, 1949). He began working in the Tourist Centres in 1968, keeping the original spirit of the Centres alive until his retirement. He was a close collaborator of César Manrique in the Art, Culture and Tourism Centres, and a fundamental pillar in the cultural promotion of the island.

Students from the Lanzarote School of Tourism perform a brilliant adaptation of the classic ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’

The performance at Tinajo Theatre, combined artistic talent, experiential learning and support for vulnerable families through food donations

Fourth-year students of the subject “Social Skills and Group Animation” of the Degree in Tourism of the Lanzarote University School of Tourism, attached to the ULPGC and dependent on the Education Department of the Cabildo de Lanzarote, staged, a brilliant adaptation of the classic Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The event was attended by the Councillor for Education of the Cabildo of Lanzarote, Ascensión Toledo, who highlighted that “these types of activities are an example of how learning can transcend the classroom to create transformative experiences, fostering social commitment and the integral development of our students. From the Cabildo, we will continue to support projects that reinforce these values and demonstrate how education and solidarity go hand in hand.”

The director of the University School of Tourism, Eva Crespo, was also present, as well as teachers, family members, friends and residents of the community, who did not hesitate to praise the creativity, involvement and social responsibility of the young people.



Francisco Aparacio President of the Lanzarote Security and Emergency Consortium delivers a fire engine for use on La Graciosa



Councillor for Education Ascensión Toledo introduces discussions among book lovers of Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury at the Biblioteca Insular in Arrecife to be followed by monthly talks on the works of Fiodor Dostoevski and Margaret Atwood, among other authors, in the following months up until June

The Cabildo of Lanzarote commemorates World Cancer Day together with associations and renews its commitment

The objective is to raise awareness and sensitize citizens about this disease and its variations, which affect more than 200,000 people in Spain

The Cabildo of Lanzarote commemorated World Cancer Day on February 4 by lighting of the main façade of the Island Government building in violet, as well as the reading of a manifesto during a plenary session of the Corporation. In addition, the president of the Cabildo, Oswaldo Betancort, and the Councillor for Social Welfare and Inclusion, Marci Acuña, participated in the placing of a banner installed by the President of the Association of Oncogene Families of Lanzarote (AFOL), whose president, Carmen Arrocha, was present.

Councillor Marci Acuña has highlighted the importance of continuing to make progress in the fight against cancer and recalled the re-



newed commitment of the public administration to support this type of association, “which defends the rights of people who suffer from cancer. It is our responsibility to support this association and continue to improve public health to offer the population of Lanzarote and La

Graciosa optimal medical care”, he added.

AFOL is a non-profit association, created in 2001 by a concerned group of parents, who provide psychological, social, educational and economic help, to minors and adults suffering from cancer.

The Insular Hospital of Lanzarote, awarded for the best communication at the Congress of the Canary Islands Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology

The award-winning work, entitled ‘Placement of midline catheter as a practice of venous capital management’, is a retrospective study that collects data on the effectiveness and complications of the technique, among other aspects.

The study was promoted by the Nursing Department of the hospital center to promote the improvement of the quality of care.

The Nursing team of the Acute Care Unit of the Insular Hospital of Lanzarote, attached to the Department of Health of the Government of the Canary Islands, has won the award for the best oral presentation within the framework of the XXXV Congress of the Canary Islands Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SOCAN-GER).

The award-winning scientific paper entitled Midline catheter placement as a venous capital management practice, is a retrospective observational study that collects,



among other aspects, follow-up data and the effectiveness and complications of the technique.

The study was proposed by the Nursing Department of the hospital center to promote the impro-

vement of the quality of care by putting into practice the advances in intravenous devices and with the creation of a therapy team for the insertion and maintenance of vascular access.

Midnight Chimes from Castillo de San José

Every euro invested by the Tourist Centres in the New Years' Eve Chimes from the Castle of San José broadcast throughout Spain generated a six fold advertising return for Lanzarote



Tourist Centres Councillor Ángel Vázquez

The Councillor indicated that the New Year's Eve chimes had been a "milestone" in the strategy developed during 2024 to consolidate the positioning of Lanzarote and the Tourist Centres in the national market. "What was achieved in December is only the culmination of a year of intense work," said Vázquez. "The rankings and amount of viewers is a battle between TV stations. Our commitment was to reap several million impacts every day because we wanted people to talk about sunny Lanzarote, the Tourist Centres and César Manrique in December when the whole country was suffering freezing temperatures. We showed millions viewers the spectacular Isote de Fermina bathed in sunshine in midwinter. And the Lanzarote of César Manrique and Manrique was discussed to an audience of about 11 million viewers in the programmes broadcast by TV Cuatro and Telecinco for an entire month throughout the month of December; and also to the more than 20 million viewers who discovered the charms of the island and the work of the genius in the self-promotion campaign of the New Year's Eve chimes broad-



Tourist Centres Councillor Vázquez: "Our commitment was to obtain several million hits every day for a month drawing attention to Lanzarote, the unique Tourist Centres and César Manrique. The campaign launched on Mediaset España channels and platforms had more than 126 million impacts in a major advertising campaign on Lanzarote that would have cost 4.9 Million euros."



cast by Cuatro and Telecinco during the week leading up to the 31st. Whether you like it or not, you can't hide the sun with a finger."

Finally, the councillor expressed

his conviction that the significance of this entire communication campaign has been reflected in the marked increase in national tourists in the first quarter of 2025".



The Centers for Art, Culture, and Tourism

Online ticket sales with timed entry reservations

The Centers for Art, Culture, and Tourism, CACT, continue advancing in the digitalization and optimization of access to their sites, consolidating online ticket sales with timed entry slots at Cueva de los Verdes and are working on the implementation of this system at Jameos del Agua, where it will be available soon. In a later phase, the Fire Mountains of Timanfaya will also install this module, please check the website.

The system, which has already proven effective in the centers where it has been implemented, allows visitors to select time slots with limited capacity, ensuring more organized and a fluid visit without unnecessary waiting. Furthermore, the measure aims to reduce human impact on natural spaces and enhance the overall visitor experience.

During an interview, CACT Councillor Ángel Vázquez said that visitor reaction has been highly positive they say that visits now feels more relaxed and unhurried the tour more comfortable. After introducing this system at Cueva de los Verdes and working on its upcoming launch at Jameos del Agua, the final phase with will be the Fire Mountains, which will start operating before the busy summer high season. Visitors just need to go to our website, www.cactlanzarote.com, and select the center and choose the date and available time slot. They then go to the designated waiting area 15 minutes before their scheduled entry. Once operating, tickets will no longer be sold on-site. With this strategy, the Centers reinforce their commitment to sustainability and improvement of the visitor experience, adapted to the new needs of modern tourism.



The new House of Volcanoes, candidate for the EMYA 2025 European Museum Award

The facility located in Jameos del Agua is competing for the award against 41 nominees from 18 European states. Vázquez: "Being on that list is already a reward for the transformative capacity of a proposal of great value for Lanzarote and for Tourist Centres"

The new Casa de los Volcanes, the innovative museum space located in Jameos del Agua that helps to understand the origin, landscapes and nature of the island and the planet in an entertaining and educational way, has been designated as a candidate for the EMYA 2025 European Museum Award under the auspices of the Council of Europe, which are given to museums that transcend the limits of traditional narrative, inspire through creativity and promote standards of excellence, sustainability and social responsibility.

The Jameos del Agua facility is nominated for this award against 41 candidates from 18 European states "Being included in this list is already a reward for the transformative and knowledge-generating capacity and is a proposal of great value for Lanzarote Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez concluded. The winner to be announced at the EMYA 2025 Annual Conference in Białystok, Poland in May. The Centre received 136,639 visitors during 2024.

Tías puts out to tender for 329,541.77 euros the improvement of the lighting on Avenida de las Playas, from Plaza de las Naciones to Matagorda

Photos Dory Hernández



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz



The Tías Town Council has put out to tender the improvement of the public lighting in Puerto del Carmen, with a budget of 329,541.77 euros. This project, which covers the area from Plaza de las Naciones to Matagorda beach, is part of the municipality's commitment to sustainability and energy efficiency.

Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz

Saavedra, has highlighted that “this legislature will make the Town Council one of the most sustainable institutions in Lanzarote, thanks to the numerous projects for improvement, change and renovation of public lighting.” These initiatives will not only allow the municipal electricity bill to be significantly reduced, but will also reinforce the municipality's

commitment to the fight against climate change.

This project is in addition to other activities already underway, such as the renovation of public lighting in La Asomada and Conil, as well as in various streets of Puerto del Carmen, reaffirming Tías' objective of moving towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly model.

The Tías Town Council thanks the citizens for their involvement in the consultation on the future of the Lonja del Varadero

The Tías Town Council expresses its most sincere gratitude to the residents of the municipality, as well as to the Fishermen's Guild of La Tiñosa, for their active participation in the survey aimed at deciding the future use of the Lonja del Varadero. The results of the consultation have shown broad support for the idea of transforming this emblematic space into a project that values traditional fishing and marine biodiversity, fundamental pillars of the cultural and natural heritage of Tías.

In response to this majority will, the Town Council has initiated the steps to design a project that combines both proposals. The objective is to turn the Lonja into a point of reference that not only preserves and promotes our fishing traditions, but also encourages the conservation of the rich marine environment that characterizes our municipality.



The Fishermen's Guild, the key

José Juan Cruz, Mayor of Tías, has highlighted that “citizen participation is essential to build a Tías that reflects the aspirations of its people” and has especially acknowledged the collaboration of the Fishermen's Guild of La Tiñosa, whose knowledge and experience will be key to developing this initiative.



Tías Town Hall Details Upcoming Projects to the Lanzarote Tourism Federation

Mayor José Juan Cruz and Councillors Ulpiano Calero, Urban Planning and Tomás Silvera, Economy, chair a working meeting with Tourist Federation President Susana Pérez and her executive, Roberto Reyes and Héctor Pulido to discuss major projects that affect Puerto del Carmen. The 3rd Stage of the Modernization Plan, which foresees an investment of 299,802,351 euros, includes 48 activities, is in its final stages, among which 11 major projects of environmental, social and economic sustainability stand out.

Its objectives include increasing public areas and facilities, renovating shopping centres, rehabilitating and renovating accommodation establishments to restore capacity and implementing sustainable mobility.

The summary of actions of this plan is detailed with 18 interventions in the renovation of tourist accommodation, 7 renovation actions for specialization towards tourist use, 6 renovations of complementary equipment, 6 actions of the PMM2, 5 changes of order, 3 units of action, 2 new buildings and one action on rustic land.

Local Urban Agenda

The representatives of the business organization showed their interest in the Local Urban Agenda, approved in July 2024, making Tías the first municipality in Lanzarote to use this tool. This agenda has a roadmap towards a more inclusive, equitable and sustainable Tías with 18 projects



and 67 lines of action. In addition, the tourism sustainability plans that Tías Town Council is working on in cooperation with other administrations, such as Canary Green, The Energy of the Earth and Lanzarote, the Accessible Island, were monitored.

In turn, the local administration has a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, the municipal Agenda 2030, the Action Plan for Climate and Sustainable Energy, the Revitalization of Gastronomic Cultural Heritage project, ZEConsciente, Kilometer Zero Forests and a message for visitors to protect the environment CUÍDAME! Love me a lot, treat me well and leave me in good condition!"

The Ayuntamiento detailed the projects to improve energy efficiency in some forty streets in Puerto del Carmen, the creation of new green corridors within the Green Infrastructure Strategy, tourism intelligence, the network of traffic control cameras. Plus the children's playground in Matagorda and the pedestrian and cycling plans for Rambla Islas Canarias.

Alice in Wonderland Carnival Puerto del Carmen March 6-8

Poster designed by Francisco Villacrés

With digital illustration and graphic design, a poster created that is full of color and dreaminess inspired by the magical universe of Alice in Wonderland, a journey that invites you to go through the looking glass and discover a show full of surprises Councillor Miriam Hernández invites residents and holidaymakers to "enter a world where dreams come to life and colours dance to the rhythm of the imagination." She added that through the poster you can see that each dream has its own nuance, from the tones of the Mad Hatter to the mysterious contrasts of the Queen of Hearts. For the author of the winning poster, "Carnival is synonymous with colours and joy, and Puerto del Carmen, with its sunsets full of vibrant hues, was a perfect source of inspiration. I wanted to combine that local magic with the surrealism of Alice in Wonderland, where colours and fantastic elements come together to create a unique atmosphere." Francisco Villacrés explained that "the result is a perfect blend of the essence of carnival and the wonderful world of Alice, inviting everyone to live a magical experience."



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Irish holidaymakers have voted Puerto del Carmen their favourite Sun and Beach holiday resort in Europe over the last fifteen years

The Mayor and Council of Tías are to recognize the efforts of 5 Irish Businesses on St Patrick’s Day for their long-standing activities in Puerto del Carmen which have made their fellow countrymen, among many others, feel warmly at home in the tourist resort over the past 20 years. They are John Killeen of Lanzarote Investments, Gerry Flannigan of Nelly’s Bar, Mai Blake of the Irish Harbour Bar, Shey and Kathleen Byrne of Paddy’s Bar, and Gilbert Browne of Spinnekar’s Bar. They remained resilient even during the Covid epidemic and other periods of economic uncertainty. José Juan Cruz Saavedra confirmed the support of the council to “continue strengthening the historical ties that unite us with Ireland.”



Tías City Council to Commend 5 Irish Entrepreneurs on St. Patrick’s Day



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz expressed his appreciation to John Killeen for his support of the local Irish community



The Mayors of the Tourist Municipalities on Lanzarote support conservation of the environment and sustainability at Fitur in Madrid

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20th Anniversary Lanzasote Investments

Lanzasote Investments held a 20th anniversary festive evening surrounded by their staff, clients and many representatives of the real estate sector on Lanzarote. In his address Managing Director John Killeen confirmed the company's aim for sustainability and responsible tourism and thanked all present for their contribution to the company's success and congratulated Craig Wilson as the longest-serving member of the team for his loyalty over the past 17 years.



John Killeen and his wife Gemma took the opportunity to thank fellow co-workers, officials and clients for their collaboration over the past two decades





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Reports from Yaiza

Handbike International Lanzarote Playa Blanca 6 and 7 March Welcomes Athletes Riding Tandems and Adapted Tricycles

Valid for Qualification in the Spanish Para-Cycling Road Cup, Guarantees the Participation of Spain's Para-Olympic Team

Photos Alex Salebe



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda



Mayor Óscar Noda: "Our municipality of Yaiza is committed to adapted sport and inclusion and we are convinced that all of us as well as society as a whole, must make more efforts to integrate people without discrimination of any kind. Promoting equal opportunities is a priority objective for Yaiza"

On Friday afternoon, March 7 a time trial takes place between Salinas de Janubio and Playa Blanca, a route of about 7.5 kilometers, while on Saturday, March 8 they race on a circuit of just over 2 kilometers through the central streets of Playa Blanca, where the handbikers reach their highest speed on Avenida Papagayo.

Councillor for Sports, Ángel Lago, highlights that "Playa Blanca is the

home of Jonas van de Steene an outstanding elite athlete who represented Belgium at the Paralympics in Paris 2024. Jonas is one of the great sportsmen participating in Handbike International Lanzarote." Councillor for Sport at the Cabillo of Lanzarote, Juan Monzón and the Councillors for Yaiza, Águeda Cedrés and Beatriz Vázquez, also attended the presentation of the poster for the event.

Handbike International Lanzarote has the participation of federated judges as well as the authorization of the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation. The municipal organization of Yaiza is joined by Turismo Lanzarote, the Insular Sports Department and the association of athletes with a disability certificate Para Todos Lanza in the Canary Islands. Registration until 5 March on the website www.summitsportsevents.com

Yaiza opens the doors to the intimate art of Lucía Rodríguez



Culture Councillor César Rijo with the artist



Yaiza opened the exhibition of the paintings of young Columbian artist Lucía Rodríguez at the Casa de la Cultura Benito Pérez Armas. She is writing her autobiography which she hopes to have finished by the middle of the year.

Plans to Widen the Yaiza Playa Blanca Road to Four Lanes



Mayor Óscar Noda and his Council have asked the Canarian Government to urgently widen the Yaiza to Playa Blanca highway

Interest in animal protection brings together Yaiza residents

High participation in three days dedicated to raising awareness about pet care and behavior that help their well-being. Fifteen dogs taken in at the Yaiza shelter are looking for a home

Society is increasingly concerned about the protection of animals, as some human behaviour threatens their well-being, including abandonment or negligence in the care of pets or cases of obvious abuse suffered by hunting dogs. For this reason, Yaiza Town Hall is promoting an ongoing awareness programme on responsible animal ownership and events such as those held last weekend that promote habits that help coexistence between owners and pets.

On Friday at the Playa Blanca dog park, on Saturday at the Yaiza animal shelter and on Sunday at the El Pueblo de Las Coloradas shopping centre, the municipality of Yaiza brought together dozens of residents who share the institutional concern for animal welfare and associations and groups that actively contribute to the City Council's initiatives developed through the Animal Protection Area headed by Councillor Águeda Cedrés.

“ We are very satisfied with the citizen participation and especially with the interest of young people and adults in moving towards a society that is much more aware of the respect and care that animals deserve,” highlights the responsible councillor, who also gives an account of the cat sterilisation campaigns to control the colonies that the City Council carries out in collaboration with associations and its volunteers.





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Reports from San Bartolomé

San Bartolomé has Installed Signposts as the First Municipality Committed to Fighting Gender Violence



The Mayor of San Bartolomé Isidro Pérez



The Ayuntamiento of San Bartolomé has placed a network of signs at the entrances to the town conveying its commitment to combat gender violence and the fight for equality, as a ‘Municipality committed to combating gender violence’. It is an initiative that was part of the events that took place on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. A tribute was also paid to the Municipal Police for their work in monitoring and protecting victims of gender violence.

The project is promoted by the Unit Against Violence against Women of the Insular Directorate of the General Administration of the State in Lanzarote, in collaboration with the Department of Equality of the

San Bartolomé City Council and financed by the Ministry of Equality.

Mayor of San Bartolomé Isidro Pérez, highlighted “this project symbolises the firm commitment of our municipality in the fight against gender violence and in the promotion of equality. Placing these signs at the entrances is a visible and clear action that reaffirms our commitment as a ‘Municipality committed to fighting gender violence’. Every step we take in this direction is fundamental to raise awareness and offer a message of hope to all victims of violence.”

For her part, Councillor for Equality and Youth, Mónica de León, states that “the signs that are installed are not just a visual element, but a declaration of principles that unites

us as a community. Thanks to the collaboration with the Unit Against Violence against Women and the Ministry of Equality, we are taking an important step in raising awareness and protecting all women in our municipality.”

This initiative arose through the meeting held by the City Council with the island director of the State Administration, Pedro Viera, and the head of the Unit Against Violence against Women, Margara Bello, where, among other topics, the proposal was presented to express the commitment to combat gender violence through a signage network, aimed at those municipalities that want to join this initiative, which will be financed by the State Administration.



III Lanzarote Book Fair San Bartolomé May 8 - 11

Mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, expressed his satisfaction with the choice of the historic centre as the location, “an ideal space, with parks, trees, pedestrian walkways and buildings of heritage value for the venue of the presentations.” The complementary activities, talks with authors and sales stands will take place in the municipal theatre, the Town Hall square, the León y Castillo square and the Casa Cerdeña.

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San Bartolomé Ayuntamiento will be the first Municipality to join the European network 'Building Europe with the Local Authority'

The accession designates a political representative of the City Council in charge of promoting European policies and bringing its decisions closer to the citizens

San Bartolomé Town Hall marked this milestone by becoming the first on the Island to join the network 'Building Europe with Local Authorities' (BELC), a European initiative that promotes communication and cooperation between local institutions and the structures of the European Union.

"We want our citizens to understand that Europe is much closer than it seems and that the decisions taken in Brussels have a direct impact on our daily lives. This network will allow us to be an active link between our local policies and European objectives, generating more opportunities for our people," he concludes.

The BELC network is made up of local correspondents working in cooperation to foster communication on EU-related issues. Its aim is to build a truly European public sphere by creating an alliance between local and European government structures. The project, promoted in collaboration with the European Parliament and the European Committee of the Regions, seeks to strengthen the link between European institutions and citizens, facilitating understanding and active participation.



Mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, highlights the importance of this step and points out that "our adherence to the BELC network reinforces San Bartolomé's commitment to European values and to the construction of a more informed and participatory citizenship."

San Bartolomé Seeks Approval for Playa Honda Health Centre

The Ayuntamiento of Bartolomé has asked the Government of the Canary Islands to commission the new Playa Honda Health Center with budget of 3,499,582.46 euros because of its vital importance for the local community

Mayor Isidro Pérez, "San Bartolomé has demonstrated its solvency and capacity to manage projects of this type, as demonstrated by the award of the works for the new Alexis Tejera Lemes School.

This infrastructure cannot wait any longer, and our priority is to respond to the needs of the residents of Playa Honda. The San Bartolomé City Council reiterates its commitment to improving public services and continues working to ensure the well-being of all citizens."





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Reports from Arrecife

Arrecife Promoted at Fitur as the Ideal Destination for Watersports Enthusiasts only 2 Hours from Madrid

Mayor Yonathan de León and Councillor for Tourism and Sports, Eli Merino, presented this promotional strategy in the Spanish capital



Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León



Coinciding with the celebration of the International Tourism Fair Fitur 2025, Arrecife launched a visual promotional campaign in Madrid showcasing the great potential of the Arrecife capital for water sports. The huge screens of the emblematic Cine Callao, continuously projected videos of Arrecife’s tourist attractions under the slogan “the port of the Canary Islands just two hours from Madrid.” The idea was to attract tourists who like to spend their annual holidays in destinations with nautical sports facilities.

The presentation, which was attended by international, regional and local media, is part of the promotional campaign launched by the Department of Tourism and Sports of Arrecife to attract national and international visitors to Lanzarote who have sailing as one of their priorities for enjoyment and entertainment.

The mayor has revealed that there is a potential for new visitors in Madrid who could use Arrecife as their base port for their vessels of the desired length, which until now dock in Valencia and other Mediterranean ports. However, the good weather in Lanza-

rote throughout the year and the frequency of flight connections between Madrid and Lanzarote’s César Manrique Airport enables this high spending tourist category to spend their annual vacations or weekend breaks enjoying the warmth of the year round sunshine whenever they wish.

Tourism and Sports Councilor Eli Merino, stressed during this presentation that her Department is supporting sporting events in all modalities, and strategically nautical sports, which generate a high return on the local economy. This is confirmed by the data both in cruise tourism and in sports linked to the sea, where the city of Arrecife has been experiencing a great boom in recent times.

Fitur, a showcase to promote Arrecife

The capital of Lanzarote is highlighting its star competitions from international regattas synchronized diving formation attracting international attention to its varied agenda of sporting events with a proposal focused on the sporting events that define its identity as a destination.

Commitment to sustainability and sports development

Participation in FITUR reinforces the commitment of the city of Arrecife to a sustainable tourism model that integrates sport, nature and culture. According to the mayor, Yonathan de León, “Arrecife demonstrates how sport can be a driving force for social and economic transformation, positioning our city as a benchmark. Our climate, landscapes, marina and the quality of our events are our best calling card.” Along these lines, the Councillor for Sports and Tourism, Elisabeth Merino, stressed the importance of sporting events as a tool to connect people with their surroundings and promote essential value.



Arrecife received a record 600,000 passenger arrivals in 2024

Mayor Yonathan de León stated that the strategies implemented have boosted the capital of Lanzarote as a preferred destination among shipping companies because the city has improved port facilities for the reception of tourists on cruise ships. The Ayuntamiento has promoted several activities to strengthen the presence of

cruise ships, whose passengers have a high spending capacity. Yonathan de León and Eli Merino met with the CEO of United Waterways, Sascha Gill, the largest cruise operator in Europe, based in Switzerland. Gill is a great expert on cruise activity, having been vice president of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA).



The Mayor and Tourism Councillor complimented local businesses for their promotion of St Valentine's Day among holidaymakers



Mayor Jonathan de León Decorates Local Police Officers

Arrecife Municipal Police carried out 20,000 services for local citizens during 2024 and managed to break up and arrest the members of five drug rings. Also among the recipients was police dog Nala after 10 years of sniffing out druggies and other nasties





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Reports from Teguisse



Teguisse publishes 'Chronicles of the Timple', by Benito Cabrera and Daniel Morales



Teguisse Mayor Olivia Duque



The event was attended by Mayoress Olivia Duque, along with the Councillor for Universities, Science, Innovation and Culture of the Government of the Canary Islands, Migdalia Machín.

The Casa Museo del Timple hosted the launch of a work that delves into the history and evolution of the Canarian miniature guitar

Mayor Olivia Duque highlighted the City Council's commitment to local artists, highlighting their experience and dedication, as well as promoting the role of the timple with different activities such as this book. "Its connection with similar instruments in other cultures and the work of the artisan staff and performers have been key to its development and preservation," she stressed.

Councillor for Universities, Science, Innovation and Culture of the Government of the Canary Islands, Migdalia Machín, said: "The timple is not just a musical instrument, it is a living symbol of our identity and of the history of the Canary Islands, woven through its strings. *Crónicas del Timple* collects and enriches this legacy, showing us how this instrument has been a witness and a fundamental part of our cultural evolution.



I would like to express my recognition and gratitude to Benito Cabrera and Daniel Morales for this magnificent work, which invites us to rediscover and value the richness of our traditions. From the regional government we continue to work to enhance our cultural heritage, supporting initiatives that, like this one, keep our essence alive and connect it with the new generations. The timple will continue to resonate in the heart of the Archipelago and in all the places where our identity is valued."

The presentation of this event was moderated by the writer Mare Cabrera and featured a special performance by the renowned timple

player José Vicente Pérez, accompanied by the Lanzarote guitarist Adrián Niz, which added a musical touch to this literary and cultural evening.

Celebrating: 'Letters for the Soul' Teguisse continues to establish itself as the cultural epi-centre of Lanzarote, offering public areas for reflection and enjoyment around traditions and artistic manifestations. On 10 January, the poetic winter solstice was celebrated through *Letras para el alma* (Letters for the Soul) an event that gave citizens a cultural experience. With these activities, the Ayuntamiento of Teguisse reaffirms its commitment to promoting the arts and literature.



Santa Barbara Piracy Museum is open Sundays to Thursday 10 – 15 hrs



Mayor Olivia Duque stated that the Town Hall plans to convert the area to contain the entire history of Tegui. Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández is happy that tourists are again able to visit the Piracy Museum which has always been a great favourite of holidaymakers especially the children



Mayor Olivia Duque, Councillors Eugenio Robayna and Mar Boronat discussed the design and contents of the playground based on the suggestions of local parents

Tegui City Council allocates more than 360,000 euros to the renovation of Guatiza Children's Playground

An initiative includes new play elements for the public area, adapted to accessibility regulations, shaded areas and completely replacing the paving

Tegui Ayuntamiento I has put out to tender the renovation of the Guatiza children's playground, with a budget of 360,037 euros through the cooperation plans of the Cabildo of Lanzarote. This project will provide the area with a completely renovated space, with new play elements, adaptation to accessibility regulations, shaded areas and the complete replacement of the pavement, eliminating the current jable-grains surface.

Nearly 900 people participated in the second edition of the 'Diabetes Race' against breast cancer

Tegui City Council pays tributes to the effort and dedication of the educational community of CEIP Doctor Alfonso Spinola for the organisation of an event that has raised more than 6,000 euros



Mayor Olivia Duque acknowledged the effort and dedication of the educational community of this centre in organizing this type of activities that "allow the younger population to transmit values such as sportsmanship, empathy and solidarity". "With the official mascot, Diabletín, encouraging the runners, the Diabetes Race has been a true celebration of effort and awareness", she stressed.

For her part, Councillor for Education, Mar Boronat, thanked all the people who contributed "their grain of sand" to this cause against cancer. "In collaboration with the Association of Oncohematological Families of Lanzarote, the event will serve to raise awareness in the community about the importance of research in this field," she said.

CEIP Doctor Alfonso Spinola thanked those who participated, as well as sponsors and collaborators who made it possible, highlighting the fundamental role of volunteers.



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Reports from Haría

50+ Participants in the XIV Popular Race of Tabayesco



Mayor Alfredo Villalba

The Ayuntamiento of Haría in collaboration with the Tabayesco Festivities Commission, held the 14th Tabayesco Popular Race on Saturday, January 18, which was attended by 72 people. This sporting event, within the framework of the Virgen de la Candelaria festivities, aimed to raise food for the La Casa de las Estrellas Protectorate. The mayor of Haría, Alfredo Villalba, thanked the great participation in the different sporting events, which had a charitable



purpose. “These types of actions reflect our commitment to animal welfare,” he clarified. The Councillor for Sports, Alberto de León, assured that this activity promotes sport in the population and encourages unity, collaboration and solidarity between the neighbours and the animals of the municipality. The race was made up of

four categories. Adults competed in the Absolute Male and Female categories, while boys and girls did so in the Children’s Participation and Children’s Participation categories. First places and prizes The day began with two races for children. The children’s race was made up of a distance of one kilometre and Aaron Barrios Salas came first.

Second Home of César Marique

The Municipality of Haría is known both nationally and internationally as the home of the most natural rural tourism for a holiday on Lanzarote. Ever-changing scenery from the east to the west of the northern coastline of Lanzarote which is home to the largest variety of endemic flora and fauna on the island, offering visitors and opportunity to enjoy a tableau not seen elsewhere on the island. This includes views from the peaks of the Famara Volcano range, the highest cliffs on the Island.

It is also the location where César Manrique, the most celebrated personality ever born on the Island, chose to build his home, now the Museum named for him - as well for his final resting place in Haría cemetery. He was the pioneer in carrying the name of Haría throughout the world.

He knew how to appreciate the natural beauty in



each of the works he created in the district. Beginning with the Cabildo Tourist Centres, Mirador del Rio, Jameos del Agua Cueva de los Verdes as well as the Mirador de Maguez.” When the first of these, the Mirador del Rio opened in 1984, National Geographic magazine named it among the four most important buildings constructed anywhere in the world that year.

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The Cabildo Launches “White Clothing” Ropa Blanca” by Ricardo Reguera

Cabildo Publications Councillor Ascención Toledo highlighted the importance of disseminating the traditions and customs that make up the history of Lanzarote and La Graciosa. “This work is a valuable testimony of our past, allowing us to learn about the most intimate clothing of our ancestors and how it reflects their lifestyle and society,” she said. Author Ricardo Reguera, explained that his work offers a detailed analysis of the traditional underwear worn in Lanzarote between the 18th and 20th centuries, highlighting its ethnographic value through materials, fabrics, craftsmanship and uses. “These clothes, often forgotten, reveal both social and private aspects of the period,” he said.

The book contains the clothing collected by Malpaís de la Corona Folklore Group for the exhibition “Wearing White Clothes” held at the Casa Amarilla in Arrecife.

Ricardo Reguera and Ascención Toledo were accompanied during the event by Luz María Rodríguez, President Malpaís de la Corona Folklore Association, and María José Alonso, who manages the Cabildo Publications Department



Eliminating the Virus that Attacks the Tunera Cactus

9- 22 March Milana Seminary headed by Manuel Blasco, Professor of Biology at Extremadura University, to resolve the ecological problems caused by illnesses which attack the cochineal plant on the tunera cactus. A series of walks, workshops and research to alleviate the problem



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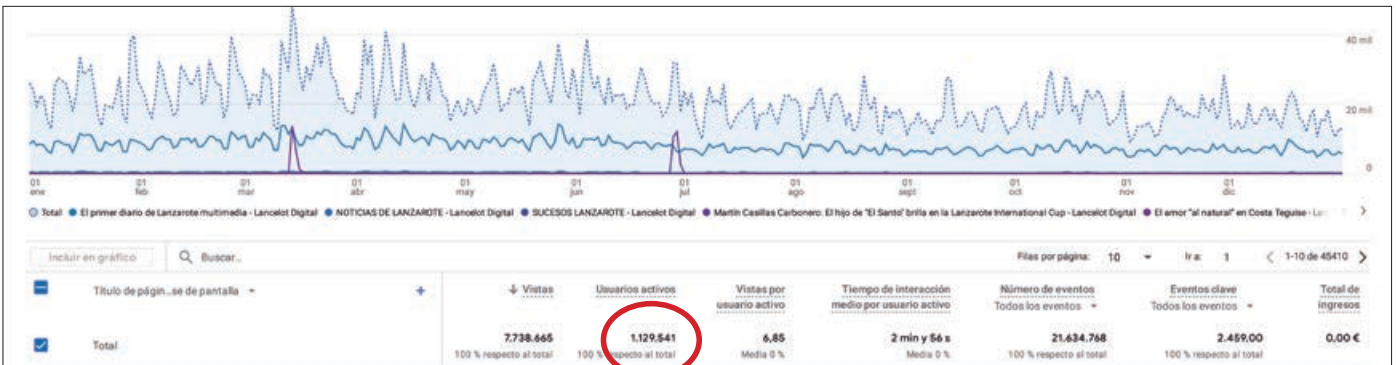
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Our colleagues and friends of the Lancelot Media Group are celebrating the independent publication of Lancelot TV Digital viewing figures making them the most popular local news programme in the Canary Islands. Total statistics for 2024 are 1,129,541 hits besides links. Among the team, General Manager Javier Betancort, Director Jorge Coll and News Presenter Andres Martinon. We thank them sincerely for the coverage they give every issue of the English Edition



Idafe Cabrera of Vivero Las Palmeras Garden Centre in Arrecife would like to remind readers that Mothers' Day on 5 May and there is a long-standing custom in Spain to present "Mama" with the colourful Hortensia plant known in English as Hydrangea which has a large of colours and varieties. Their main flower clusters and from the tips of shoots formed from the previous season.



Parranda de Los Buches opened the Arrecife Carnival. See page 70

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9th Annual Edition Lanzarote Classic Orchestra

This year's cycle of concerts, entitled Music and Poetry, organised by the Lanzarote Classical Orchestra under Founder and Director Roberto Fuentes take place at La Casa de la Cultura Agustín de la Hoz, Arrecife under the sponsorship of the Culture Departments of the Lanzarote Cabildo and of the Ayuntamiento of Arrecife. The performances take place on 20 – 27 of March and on 3-10 of April commencing at 20.00 hours

Among the leading musicians are pianist Josu Okíñena who is accompanying Canadian violinist Alex Dacosta. Also the Chords Quintet of the Lanzarote Classic Orchestra. The established reputation of these outstanding artists guarantees the high standard of the concerts. Additional information on web: Orquesta Clásica de Lanzarote.



The latest refurbished SPAR, Aljibes Playa Blanca

Founder of the chain of Spar Supermarkets is Don Marcial González who opened their first store in Arrecife 60 years ago completely staffed by members of the family which grew rapidly as SPAR and EUROSPAR. Many, who deal with customers, are multilingual. Over the past year they have refurbished several premises. The latest is seen in the photo. Show pride in the Canary Islands by supporting local products as they which show zero carbon footprint.



The owners with their staff open the refurbished premises

Aljibes Playa Blanca offers a comprehensive butchers department under the supervision of highly experienced Yeray, seen in photo





Installation of Nicolás Laiz “Biotopos” Exhibit at Plus Fariones Hotel

Biotopos, consists of a work of mural art in relief that extends 30 meters long and two meters sixty-five high along the hotel restaurant which depict four scenarios which envelope our universe. The first rises to the cosmos and the constellations; the second descends to the ground and includes four plant species; the third covers the sea coast at low tide where land and sea converge and the fourth takes place on the seabed. In its entirety the tableau is structured through constant rhythms alluding to the various phases of the moon tides and winds. In its entirety the work is an ode to Nature as a generator of life and harmony.

Nicholas Laiz explains the influence of his native isle on his art

“For me, Lanzarote is a place that represents many of the themes that are important to human beings. It is a very small and fragile island, but at the same time it is hard and rough. It is like a small-scale model, a mock-up if you like. One of these themes is the relationship between humanity and nature. Here we have achieved a certain balance between the development of the activity that generates resources and the natural environment. This has been achieved thanks to the fact that art and the aesthetic contemplation of Nature were considered a primary value in the seventies.

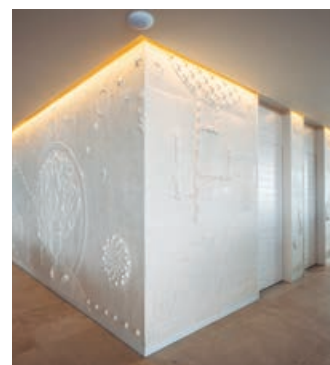
On Lanzarote it is necessary to remember all the people who made it possible and who we know very well. Another theme is the idea of utopia as a way of generating common spaces. This seems very ambitious but seen from the 21st century and with fifty years of perspective, we see that here we have managed to maintain a large dose of resilience in the face of the unifying phenomenon that is sweeping the planet. In short, the island of Lanzarote for me represents a great artistic experiment that is not disconnected from the challenges of humanity.



Nicolas Laiz with Kevin and Claudine Roper of Roper Properties who are great admirers of his works



Nicolás Laiz, (born 1975 Lanzarote), graduated in Fine Arts at Complutense University Madrid and received his Masters at Goldsmiths College, University of London. He has received numerous prizes and his works have been exhibited in the Canary Islands, Spanish mainland, Vienna, London, Berlin and Seoul among other major cities.





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 Teguiise, call 928 590342.

Inter-denominational Sunday Worship at Costa Teguiise

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

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

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Puerto del Carmen Church

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Wed and Thur 9-2

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Saturday 9-2

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Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen

Plaza del Varadero
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca

Marina Rubicón
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Teguiise Market

Sundays and
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguiise

Pueblo Marinero
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Tinajo, Mancha Blanca

Sunday 9-2

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Saturday 10-14:30

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BRIDGE No 155

By Maria Brandt

A brave bid

The game below was played in 3 NT by West at most tables. This contract will always give 9 or 10 tricks or even eleven if North leads the Ace of Spades after his partner has overcalled in Spades during the bidding. But, at one table, it went very differently.

Dealer East North-South vulnerable

♠ A Q
♥ K Q 5 4 2
♦ Q
♣ 10 7 6 5 3

♠ K J
♥ A 10
♦ 9 7 6 5 4 3
♣ 9 8 4

	N	
W		E
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♠ 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ A K J 8
♣ A K Q J 2

♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ ---

Bidding

E	S	W	N
1 Cl	pass	1 D	1 H
3 D	pass	3 NT	pass
pass	4 SP	DBL	pass
pass	pass		



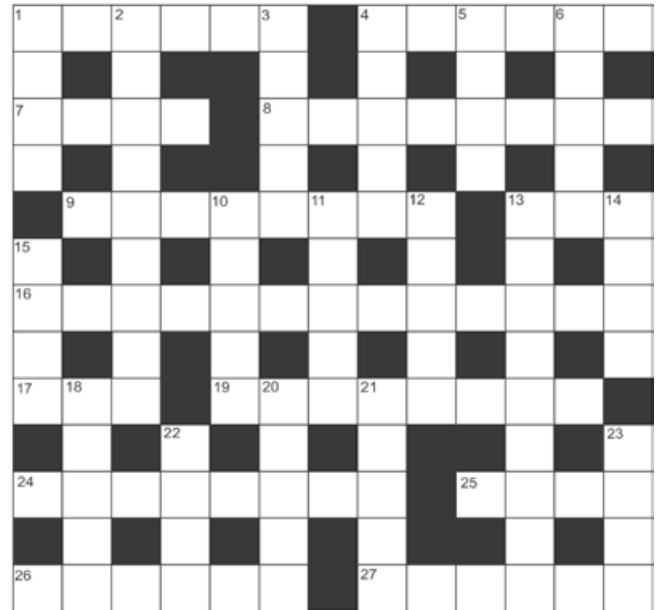
South came alive with a sudden 4 Spades bid after having kept quiet during the bidding with an 8-card major suit. He figured that any outstanding honours in Spades or Hearts could only be in West's hand – for his 3 NT bid - and therefore rightly placed for finesing. So he became the brave declarer of 4 Spades doubled by West.

West led the 9 of Clubs which declarer ruffed. He then played two rounds of trump without difficulties and returned to his own hand with a Club ruff. The 3 of Hearts was covered by West with the Ace and he led Diamonds so East could take his Ace and King. The third round of Diamonds was ruffed by South who made the rest in Hearts and trump. The contract could really not be beaten.

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 153.
Across; 1 Arable, 4 Casual, 7 Oval, 8 Nauseate, 9 Sacristy, 13 Bet, 16 Vacuum Cleaner, 17 Dye, 19 Dreadful, 24 Skeleton, 25 Sty, 26 Alcolve, 27 Lament. Down; 1 Anon, 2 Avalanche, 3 Ennui, 4 Count, 5 Shed, 6 Attar, 10 Round, 11 Sucre, 12 Yield, 13 Banquette, 14 Aura, 15 Avid, 18 Yokel, 20 Retie, 21 Annul, 22 Alto, 23 Beat.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 154

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Obliterated (6)
- 4 Gorge or ravine (6)
- 7 Actual (4)
- 8 Slaughterhouse (8)
- 9 Unknown person (8)
- 13 Edible woodland fungus (3)
- 16 Playing card (5,2,6)
- 17 Paintings (3)
- 19 Misting up (8)
- 24 Every two years (8)
- 25 Blemish (4)
- 26 Craft (6)
- 27 Astute (6)

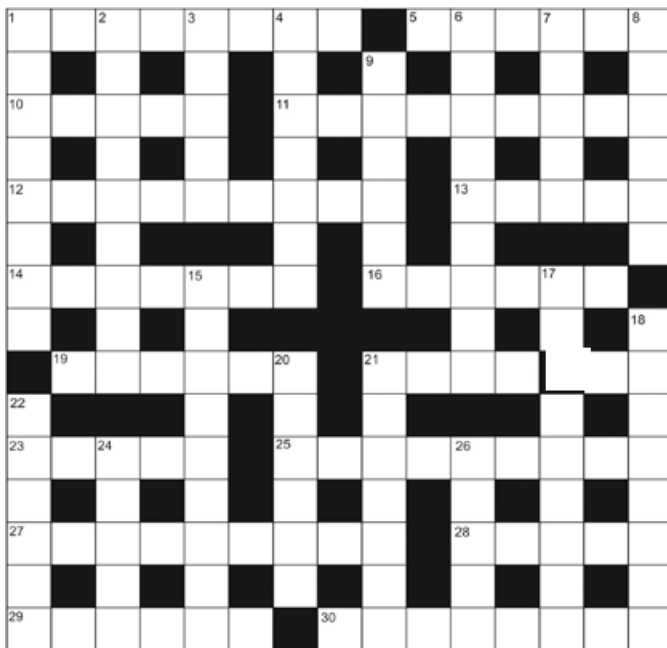
DOWN

- 1 A nobleman (4)
- 2 Flat (9)
- 3 Drain off (5)
- 4 Stop (5)
- 5 Memorandum (4)
- 6 Resembling a sheep (5)
- 10 Relations (5)
- 11 A tactless remark (5)
- 12 Discharge from the eyes (5)
- 13 Register of events (9)
- 14 Model (4)
- 15 Water (4)
- 18 Elevate (5)
- 20 Analysis (5)
- 21 Book of maps (5)
- 22 Burden (4)
- 23 Dry (4)

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 93. Across; 1 Apiarist, 5 Castle, 10 Emmet, 11 Las Palmas, 12 Hansom Cab, 13 Adore, 14 Scheldt, 16 Ration, 19 Umbria, 21 Girasol, 23 Girth, 25 Reinhardt, 27 Aristotle, 28 Llama, 29 Anyhow, 30 Osteitis. Down; 1 Amethyst, 2 Immingham, 3 Ratio, 4 Solicit, 6 Alabaster, 7 Tempo, 8 Easter, 9 Isobar, 15 Larghetto, 17 Observant, 18 Plateaus, 20 Aerate, 21 Guineas, 22 Iguana, 24 Rainy, 26 Halve.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 94

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 "Sugar" Ray —, 1921-89 American middle-weight boxer. (8)
- 5 An East Indian evergreen tree, cultivated for its hard aromatic seed. (6)
- 10 A small bag or pouch often made of soft leather. (5)
- 11 Neil ---, US astronaut who became the first man to set foot on the moon. (9)
- 12 A reduction of the term of a sentence of imprisonment. (9)
- 13 A wickerwork basket especially one used to hold fish. (5)
- 14 To board a train. (7)
- 16 A person who made handwritten copies before the invention of printing. (6)
- 19 A wall painting. (6)
- 21 A treeless grassy plain of the central US and South Canada. (7)
- 23 A traffic light used as a warning between red and green. (5)
- 25 A judicial decision that serves as an authority for deciding a later case. (9)
- 27 To free from blame or guilt. (9)
- 28 A long loincloth worn by men in India. (5)
- 29 The first day of the week. (6)
- 30 An orderly withdrawal before the enemy. (8)

DOWN

- 1 A sharp or remark made as a reply. (8)
- 2 An instrument for measuring atmospheric pressure. (9)
- 3 Necessities which one cannot do without. (5)
- 4 An enthusiastic reception, one of prolonged applause. (7)
- 6 Itchy rash, usually caused by an allergy. (9)
- 7 A large North American deer. (5)
- 8 A flock of geese. (6)
- 9 Improves and changes for the better. (6)
- 15 The smallest continent, situated between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. (9)
- 17 Spanish port on the NE Mediterranean coast. (9)
- 18 People with long hair and shabby clothes. (8)
- 20 A child whose parents are dead. (6)
- 21 To preface or introduce. (7)
- 22 Supports used by artists. (6)
- 24 Meat from the back and side of a pig. (5)
- 26 An older person, one's senior. (5)

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