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SUCCESS IN SOLIDARITY: Women standing united at the recent International Women's Day march in Madrid.

Women marching to success

OVER the past 40 years, Spain has undergone tremendous transformations. The country progressed with speed from living under fascist rule to upholding the rule of law and valuing equality for all.

One of Spain's major success stories is how the role of women in society has advanced. Today, women hold numerous important public positions and play pivotal roles across the nation.

Indeed, many of these achievements were celebrated earlier this month on International Women's Day when the nation celebrated women throughout history and the successful role they have played in the ongoing progression of Spanish society.

After the death of Franco, the changes in everyday Spanish life for women were radical. Under the deeply conservative regime, a

married woman, for example, needed her husband's permission to sign a work contract, open a bank account, own property and even travel away from home.

As the country modernised at lightening speed, women entered the workforce, established businesses and took up political positions. In a short few decades, women had begun to make their presence felt in politics, the labour market and all other public and private spheres.

Unlike the UK, Spain can't yet boast of a female prime minister but women do hold powerful political positions across the country.

Cristina Cifuentes is the regional president of Madrid, Manuela Carmena is the mayor of Madrid, Ada Colau is the mayor of Barcelona and, even closer to home, Susana Díaz is the president of the regional government of Andalucía.

And it's not just in politics where

women can celebrate their success. Women hold leading positions across all spheres of life: Irene Cano is the director general of Facebook for Spain and Portugal, Mariela Bickenbach is the HR director for Deutsche Bank Spain and Nuria Oliver is the scientific director at Telefonica R&D.

It's not all a success story, however. Today, women make up only a third of the Spanish cabinet and just under 40 per cent of all parliamentarians. And statistics show that, on average, women hold only 37 per cent of top-level positions and can earn up to 30 per cent less than their male counterparts.

In fact, the marches on International Women's Day weren't just about celebrating achievements.

The 120 demonstrations across the country saw hundreds of thousands of women - and men - take to the streets to voice their anger against sexual discrimination, do-

mestic violence, the pay gap and inequality.

The protestors also declared a general 24-hour 'feminist strike', calling on five million workers to stage a walkout and for all women to abandon their usual duties for the day, including childcare, cooking and household chores.

Even Penelope Cruz took up this call, as she stood in solidarity with other women by cancelling her public events and going on 'domestic' strike - leaving her partner Javier Bardem to look after their two children.

The international dimension of the recent marches for International Women's Day showed how women in Spain have gone from being voiceless within the home to having a voice on an international stage.

Yes, women in Spain have much cause to celebrate, but there is also still much work to be done.



MAKING A STAND: Penelope left Javier to care for their children.

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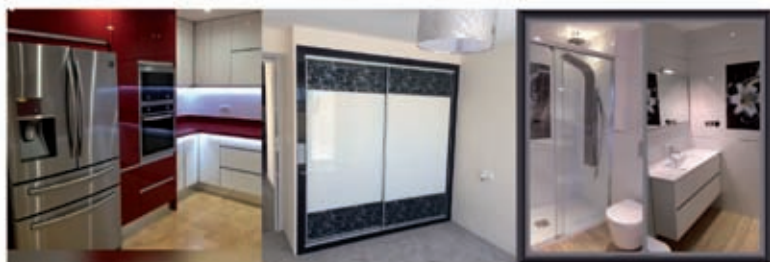
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Great Spanish inventions

EVERY country can lay claim to a number of great inventions and Spain is no exception, although some are more mundane than others.

The first moon walk and astronauts floating around in space would not have been possible had it not been for Spaniard Emilio Herrera Linares, inventor of the first ever spacesuit in 1935. One small leap for man, one giant leap for Spain!

Guitars come in all shapes, sizes and colours, but around nine centuries ago, there were just two variations being plucked across Medieval Spain. They were eventually lost to a new design, la vihuela, the first guitar to use six strings, in the 15th century.

Little changed again until the 19th century when Antonio Torres Jurado, a Sevillano, made alterations to give us the acoustic guitar of today.

In 1949, Spanish teacher, writer and inventor Angela Ruiz Robles had the idea to lighten the weight of the books carried by her students. She came up with a device she named the Mechanical Encyclopaedia, which was the first electronic book and was awarded a patent for her invention.

Someone had to come up with the idea of fortifying the sweet Spanish wine from Jerez de la Frontera and as sales

were reduced dramatically by the Napoleonic wars, much of the unsold sherry began to oxidise.

Port which was becoming a firm favourite with the British, and was easily available, was created by the addition of brandy and by the time that the Bodegas in Jerez were free to export their wines again, they experimented with different blends and discovered that brandy not only strengthened their wine but also slowed down oxidation.

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The traditional Spanish beret, or boina, is one of the oldest Spanish inventions as it was created by shepherds in the Basque Country.



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WITH the opening of a second office in Benijofar, 2018 has been one of the busiest in the history of Worldwide Horizons, a British-owned travel agency, founded over 12 years ago, but officially bought in its current form by Yvonne Hollywood, in 2014.

"So far the reception has been amazing in Benijofar," says Yvonne. We've been able to offer our services to the people in Quesada, Rojales and La Marina, many of whom felt that La Zenia was just too far away to visit.

The new office is bright and sunny and has lots of parking around, very much like that of our new office in La Zenia too!"

The La Zenia office is now located on Calle Alhambra, beside Mapfre, Inmo Investments and Easy Cover Insurance. With lots more space in these purpose built offices, Laura and Katie continue to sell their usual mix of cruises and holidays. Meantime, Yvonne is based in the new office in Benijofar close to Bar Sonia, along with new

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team member, Rheana.

"It was certainly a lot for us to do just before Christmas, says Yvonne. "We had to move location in La Zenia, and at the same time open the office in Benijofar. Once internet and telephones were installed, it was back to

business as usual!"

With everything now settled into place, the team can now focus on the holidays which they are known for, mainly long haul destinations, exotic holidays and fabulous cruises, including World Cruises from MSC, Cruise and Mar-

itime and many others.

They also specialise in river cruising from destinations that connect directly from Alicante, cutting out the need to return to the UK to start them, and hold contracts with Viking River Cruises and APT, among others. Offers

are available now for 2019 for river cruises, with huge discounts available.

Other favourites are holidays to Tenerife and Menorca as well as Christmas holidays and cruises which are now on sale.

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Manolo Blahnik the heart and soul of shoes

BORN in the Canary Islands to a Czech father who had a pharmaceutical empire and a Spanish mother whose family grew bananas, Manolo Blahnik loved fashion.

His parents wanted him to become a diplomat but the flamboyant young man decided that he was more suited to design and went to Paris to study art.

At the age of 26, he moved to London as a fashion buyer and then presented some of his own shoe designs to the editor of Vogue who liked his concepts and advised him to stick to designing shoes.

This was to be his future and he was commissioned by the late Ossie Clarke to design runway shoes and then began supplying his creations to up market stores in London, before eventually finding an opening in the US through high-end department stores.

Managing to build a very successful business

amongst the wealthy and trendy in the US, he became a household name when Carrie Bradshaw, style icon in the highly rated Sex and the City TV series, regularly promoted the fact that she loved his shoes and in one episode she was even mugged for her Manolo Blahniks!

Settling in Bath where he keeps two properties housing examples of all of his shoes, the so called Salvador Dali of shoe design was made an honorary CBE in 2007.

Now aged 75, this increasingly eccentric member of the high fashion world last year saw 200 of his favourite shoes, designed and produced over the last 45 years, on display at the Museo Nacional de Artes Decorativas in Madrid.

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Business barons blaze a trail

THEY may enjoy their privacy, but there is no doubting the impact that certain Spanish businessmen have had on the world stage.

The most notable of these would have to be Amancio Ortega Gaona, from Leon, who is the founder of the Inditex international fashion group best known for its chain of trendy Zara clothing shops.

In March 2015 he was ranked as the fourth richest person in the world by Forbes with a net worth of €50.7 billion, and is generous with charities including a €20 million donation to Catholic relief organisation, Caritas Internationalis.

Florentino Perez, who



FASHION FIGUREHEAD: Amancio Ortega built his empire from scratch.

hails from Madrid, has quite a CV as a businessman, civil engineer, former politician and current president of both Real Madrid FC and ACS Group.

He is credited with creating the Galaticos, Real Madrid's expensively assembled team of stars in the early 2000's, with players including Zinedine Zidane and David Beckham.

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Andres Iniesta: Spain's most successful sportsman?

| by Chris Thornley |

WHEN tasked with naming the greatest Spanish footballer of all-time there would be a host of sensational talents to choose from.

However, one name stands out and it is perhaps fitting that he was the man who scored the winning goal to end Spain's long wait for a World Cup triumph.

Step forward, Andres Iniesta, perhaps the most gifted Spanish footballer to grace the game.

A man who has won everything there is to win in football and whose passing and dribbling have been hallmarks of the all-conquering Spain and Barcelona sides he has been a part of.

Now aged 33 and in what many would consider the twilight of his

career Iniesta's influence is still as strong as ever.

A veteran of 15 La Liga campaigns, 2017-18 will be his 16th, and six major tournaments with Spain, for who he has amassed 123 caps, Iniesta's ability to unlock defences and produce match winning moments over the years has

seen him lauded as one of the greatest midfielder's ever

Born in Fuentalbilla the diminutive midfielder began his football journey with Albacete Balompie before joining Barcelona, where he continued his footballing education

at the famed La Masia academy.

Iniesta made his Barcelona debut in a Champions League tie away to Club Brugge in 2002 and continued to earn first team opportunities before becoming a key component of the La Liga winning side in the 2004-05 season.

The following season Iniesta again played a vital role as Frank Rijkaard's side retained their La Liga title, and won the club's first European Cup since 1992 as Barca overturned a 1-0 deficit in the final against Arsenal.

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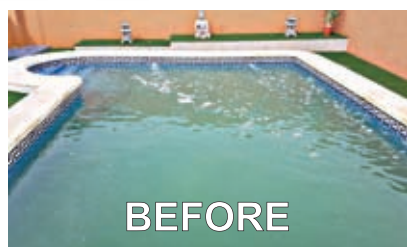
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Spain's sporting success

| by Chris Thornley |

SPAIN is renowned for producing outstanding football teams with Barcelona and Real Madrid battling it out for European football's most prestigious trophies on a yearly basis.

But Spain's national team had developed a reputation for under performing at major tournaments with just a solitary European Championship title from 1964 to their name.

That was until Euro 2008 where Spain shook off their under performers tag in the most impressive fashion.

Spain won the tournament in 2008 before em-

barking on an incredible run that peaked with World Cup victory in 2010 and culminated with a dominant defence of their European crown in 2012.

That squad of players, led in 2008 by Luis Aragones and from 2010 by Vicente Del Bosque could lay claim to being one of the all time great international sides.

Captained by Iker Casillas the side made up predominantly of Barca and Real players, put aside their domestic differences to create a dynasty featuring some of the best players of this or any other generation.

The defensive steel of Sergio Ramos, Carles Puyol and Gerard Pique merged with the flair of Xavi and Andres Iniesta and the ruthless goal scoring ability of David Villa and Fernando Torres made for a lethal combination that international opponents could not deal with.

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WITH an estimated net worth of €215 million, Paco Rabanne has come a long way from his humble origins. Born in the Basque town of Pasajes in 1934, Rabanne fled to France with his mother during the Spanish Civil War after his father was executed by Francoist troops.

The young designer originally studied architecture at university but before long was designing jewellery pieces for Dior,

Givenchy and Balenciaga.

By 1966 he had opened his own fashion house and was known for using unusual material such as metal, plastic and paper in his designs.

He is known for designing the green costume worn by Jane Fonda in the 1968 science fiction film Barbarella, and apparently once showed his sketches to Salvador Dali who told him to keep going.

Rabanne's name is probably most widely associated these days with his fragrance line.

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WHEN Gold Rush first started in 2012, their slogan was 'you are not dreaming, it is real' as people were always shocked and impressed at the amount of genuine watches and diamonds in the store.

Now, having developed and grown over the last few years, their slogan is now 'we buy, we sell, we share' better encompassing the values and ideals of the company.

Gold Rush, at the Zenia Boulevard shopping centre is run and owned by businessman, Cesar Ripanu and it is so much more than a pawn shop. It is a company born of love and enthusiasm for gold, diamonds and precious stones.

It is set in luxurious and elegant surroundings, making every customer feel like they are the only customer. But Cesar's customer service is outweighed by his expertise. As a jewellery expert he often gets customers coming in and asking advice about pieces and collector's items, with Cesar happy to depart and share his knowledge.

They have the best microscope for jewellery analysis on the market that allows people to view on a small screen what Cesar sees, another reason why they are so popular as he 'shares' what he sees: "We share information and I explain to them the process and value and answer any questions, it is not some secret code. It is also about building up that bond and relationship of trust with customers and many re-

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Quality items, professional customer service and security



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turn time and time again."

The secret to their success is no secret at all, they operate an honest and professional service and will value a whole jewellery item for people wanting to sell, not



ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS: Unique store is open seven days a week.

just the gold as Cesar explains that other companies will ignore antique and unique pieces of jewellery and their precious stones and simply go on the weight of the gold: "This is criminal in my opinion and we will keep unique pieces for our own shop."

Their reputation is now so strong across Europe that Cesar works with a lot of professional dealers helping them source specific items, and has recently welcomed a team of buyers from a company in Singa-

pore who bought from Gold Rush to take back to the Asian market.

They also have numerous Rolex watches in store and use an authorised experienced Rolex technician so all Rolex repairs and services will receive a recognised repair sheet listing exactly what was carried out.

Cesar is very conscious of his customers' security and safety when buying an expensive piece of jewellery. He warns them to always be aware of the infamous 'hugger' thieves who, to use his words are "like magicians and illusionists" in the way they operate. "They know exactly what they're looking for," says Cesar, "although some impressive and continuous work by the Guardia Civil has helped to significantly reduce the number of incidents."

So to buy or sell jewellery or gold pieces, or for jewellery repairs or a bespoke design service, visit Gold Rush situated within the Alcampo supermarket gallery, Zenia Boulevard. Open seven days a week from 10am. Tel: 966 793 952.

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CUBIST CHAOS: Guernica is arguably Picasso's most famous work.

Brushing themselves into history

| by Tom Woods |

SPAIN has produced some of the most celebrated names in painting, and the story of the art form could not be told without mentioning names like Diego Velazquez, Francisco Goya, and of course, Pablo Picasso.

Diego Velazquez was a member of King Philip IV's royal court and was responsible for many celebrated portraits of the nobility.

In addition to his por-

traits, Velazquez produced scenes depicting historical and cultural events, with his masterpiece being Las Meninas (The Ladies-in-Waiting).

Often referred to as the last of the old masters and the first of the moderns, Francisco de Goya rose to prominence through his series of tapestry cartoons, before becoming a royal court painter.

After an illness left him completely deaf, Goya's work became progressively darker and he is known for portraying

haunting themes with a bold use of paint which inspired many.

The mastery of Pablo Picasso spans across a range of artistic styles, and he not only became a master of expressionism and surrealism, but is also seen as the father of cubism.

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A student of the prestigious music academies of Leipzig Conservatory and the Royal Conservatory, Albeniz's piano compositions took him around the world, and the world loved him back.

Andres Segovia is regarded as one of the greatest classical guitarists of all time, but taught himself to play after being inspired by a performance from Gabriel Ruiz de Almadovar.

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Julio Iglesias is a singer-songwriter and gained worldwide recognition by singing in a number of different languages.

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it'll be in the shop," said Gary Russell, who runs Carpet Heaven in Avenida Del Mar 33B, Los Montesinos with his wife Kate. "Our customers are pleasantly shocked when they come in and see just how many colours we have."

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The way forward

Mata leads football's Common Goal

LAST year, Spain and Manchester United midfielder Juan Mata broke new ground in an attempt to use football's power and wealth for the greater good.

In collaboration with 'streetfootball-world', Mata helped launch an initiative that they hope will change football for the better.

"It's a very simple idea," Mata told *The Guardian*.

"But some of the best ideas are simple ones and, when it comes to football, the power of the game is incredible.

"Anyone who understands football will know why we are so hopeful and ambitious with Common Goal."

The Common Goal initiative, which launched in August, asks footballers, managers and professionals across the game to donate just 1 per cent of



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MATA: Leading the Common Goal initiative.

their salaries to Common Goal.

More than 30 other professionals have already pledged their commitment to the cause, including high profile stars such as Mats Hummels, Giorgio Chiellini, Kasper Schmeichel and Shinji Kagawa, as well as leading women's footballers Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe.

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Ian studied dentistry at Liverpool University for five years while Alison is a qualified oral health educator, radiographer and dental nurse and the couple owned a large family practice in Manchester for 10 years before moving to Spain in 2004 where they set up Carredent which is opposite Carrefour in Torrevieja.

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Since then, 11 docks have been opened up as shipping and cruise ship

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He is one of the most enjoyable and readable of all ancient philosophers, and his moral writings have offered sound advice for life down the ages.

Jose Gasset was born in Madrid in 1883 and was a philosopher, socialist theorist and politician.

His famous maxim was "I am I and my circumstance" which meant that life is a drama that exists between necessity and freedom.

Maria Zambrano became a prominent



WRITER REBEL: Maria Zambrano spoke out against Spanish Nationalists.

figure in the 'Generation of '36', a group of intellectuals who fought against the dictatorship in 1936.

Hailing from Velez-Malaga, (although she moved to Madrid as an infant), Zambrano was an essayist and thinker who studied under Gasset and actively campaigned for the establishment of

the Spanish Second Republic.

In 1988 she became the first woman to be awarded the Miguel de Cervantes prize.

Finally, Miguel de Unamuno was born in Bilbao in 1864 and was an essayist, novelist, playwright and philosopher, and as a modernist, constituted greatly to dissolving the boundaries between these genres.



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One of the biggest names in the field in the modern day is Santiago Calatrava Valls, an architect, sculptor, structural engineer, and painter who is best known for designing the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Turning Torso tower in Malmo, Sweden, and his largest project, the City of Arts and Sciences project in Valencia, his hometown.

Born in Benimamet - an old borough now officially part of Valencia City - in 1951, Calatrava studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris before enrolling in the Higher School of Architecture at the Polytechnic University of Valencia.

He was then awarded a doctorate in the department of architecture from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, after which he immediately opened his own office.

After several projects in Switzerland, he built his first bridge, the Bac de Roda Bridge in Barcelona, Spain, and his career really began



SANTIAGO CALATRAVA VALLS: A modern day icon in the architecture community.

to take off.

He then went to build the Puente del Alamillo Bridge in Sevilla, the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in Dallas, Texas, Palace of Congresses in Oviedo and the Gare do Oriente in Lisbon among many other notable works.

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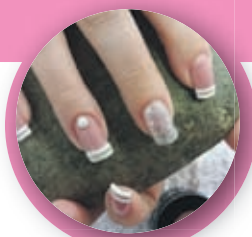
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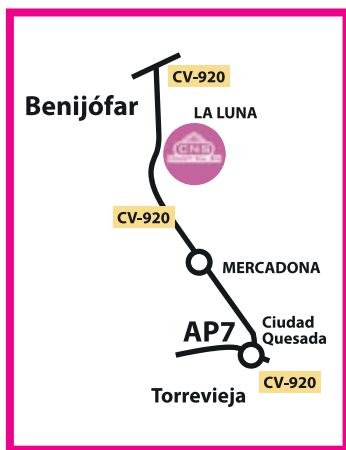
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In the 20th century English poet, Laurie Lee set out on foot from his native Gloucestershire to explore Spain in 1934.

He gives us his account of roughing it from Galicia to Andalusia in *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*. The follow up work, *A Moment of War*, documents his time in the International Brigade



INSPIRED: Ernest Hemingway (centre) helped document the Spanish Civil War.

Success stories: Spain in literature

fighting Franco's nationalist forces during the Spanish Civil War.

Ernest Hemingway came to Spain, first as an American expat after the First World War to witness Pamplona's famous Bull Run, which he recounts in *The Sun Also Rises*.

He later returned to

make a documentary about the Civil War and wrote *For Whom The Bell Tolls* after being inspired by the heroism of the Republican army.

George Orwell also travelled to Barcelona to fight alongside anarchist militias, which he recounts in *Homage to Catalonia*.



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Spanish cinematic success

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One of the first successful directors from the silent era was avant-garde film-maker Luis Buñuel, who collaborated with painter Salvador Dali on *Un Chien Andalou* (*An Andalusian Dog*). It premiered in Paris in 1929 and went on to have a limited but successful run in cinemas.

Spain's movie making was disrupted during the 1930's and for decades after due to the Spanish Civil War and the subsequent dictatorship of Francisco Franco.

Foreign film-makers were not deterred and from the 1950's several blockbusters were made in Spain with the country's landscape providing the backdrop.

The American actor and

director Orson Welles was one of the first pioneers and had lived in Spain for many years previously.

King of Kings, *Lawrence of Arabia*, and Spaghetti Westerns including *The Good*, *The Bad* and *The Ugly* were made on Spanish soil, with the latter shot in Tabernas in Almeria.

Spain's cinematic success and the involvement of film-makers from overseas has continued to the present.

Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven*, a co-production with a Spanish firm, was the largest in the country's film history.

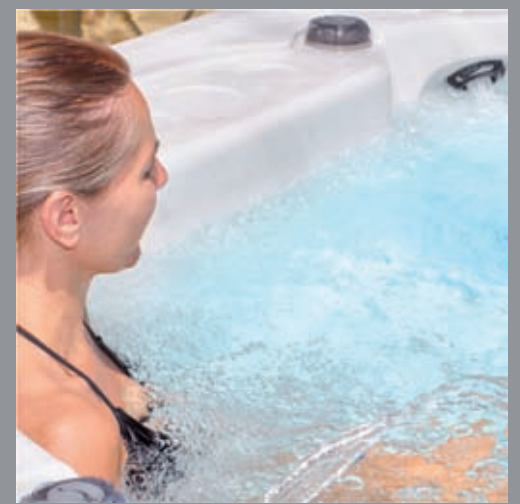


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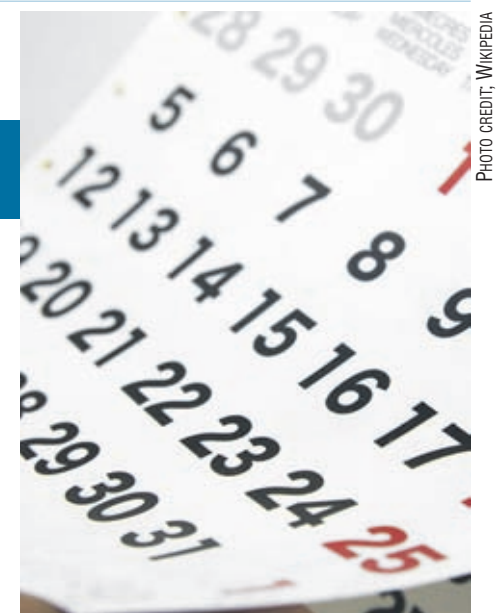
THINKERS in Spain have made several contributions to the world of ideas, with discoveries spanning across all fields.

Francisco de Vitoria, a holy man and thinker who lived in the 15th and 16th centuries, was the first to propose the concept of people having rights. He wrote about his ideas in *Ius Gentium*, Latin for The Rights of People.

Other thinkers from what was known as the School of Salamanca expressed what we would now recognise as theories on International Law and Just War theory.

The Spanish have also made significant contributions to medicine and biology. The wheelchair was invented for King Phillip II who suffered from gout which prevented him from walking.

Abu al-Qasim al-Zahrawi, who lived in Spain when the country was ruled by the Moors, is considered the father of modern surgery. He devised more



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There is no "typical" Quesada Fitness Gym member. Everyone will be made welcome to feel part of the community.



Photo by Kristol

We now offer a range of nearly 50 classes a week, from competitive Boxing and Kickboxing to Pilates, Yin Yoga and functional training with everything in between, so there will always be something for everyone, regardless of sex, nationality, age or physical ability.



Make new friends, try new experiences and improve your physical and mental health.

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It is the culmination of a dream for publishers Michel and Steven Euesden.

Having started life in a tiny Costa del Sol flat more than 20 years ago, the EWN Media Group now produces 10 newspapers per week from its modern headquarters in Fuengirola, with readership thought to be pushing a million.

It is without question the market leader for expatriate newspapers in Spain.

In the past year alone the company has given away a car in a prize draw, raised money for two major appeals, sponsored a motor racing team and moved into its state-of-the-art new offices.

It has also picked up back-to-back national media awards - including Professional Trajectory and Best Free Publication - from the Madrid-based Spanish Periodical Association.

And of this is not enough, a ground-breaking 12 months has seen sister brands RTN Newspaper and Sol Times join the company's portfolio.

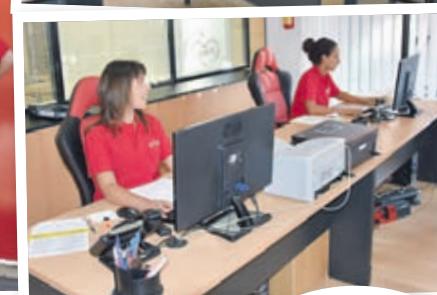
But what most clients and readers don't see is the endless commitment displayed by all involved in putting together 10 newspapers every seven days.

From editorial to design, sales to production, accounts to HR, every single member of the EWNMG team performs above and beyond the call of duty, often under extreme pressure, every single week.

And it is this dedication that



EWNMG: New state of the art offices.



A roaring success

EWN Media Group Spain's undisputed leader



has driven the company forwards over the last two decades.

It is committed to unrelenting growth, continual improvement and defying expectations while delivering consistently professional products and services.

It is a philosophy that runs

from the top down, and one that the Euesdens are justifiably proud of.

And it shows that success can be achieved and dreams fulfilled from the most modest of beginnings, when vision and ambition are accompanied by an unflinching work ethic.

Numbers to trust in

6 weekly editions covering the Costa Blanca North and South, Costa del Sol, Axarquia, Almeria and Mallorca

134,000 copies distributed 52 weeks per year

4,000+ distribution points

6 offices with the majority of production now taking place at our new, state-of-the-art head office on the Costa del Sol

10 weekly newspapers after the RTN Newspaper (Costa Blanca North and South, Costa del Sol) and Sol Times (Almeria) were added to the EWN stable.

81% Year-on-year increase in website traffic during 2017

512,200 Average page views per month

30,000+ followers on social media



THE EUESDENS:
Collecting the award.