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ROUND-UP OF BUSINESS, CHARITY, CULTURAL AND OTHER GENERAL NEWS FROM THE COSTA DEL SOL AND ELSEWHERE IN SPAIN

LENÔTRE PARIS NEW OUTLET OPENS IN MARBELLA

After two years establishing its popular tea room and gourmet cuisine outlet in Puerto Banús, Lenôtre has now also taken over the bakery and pastry shop at El Corte Inglés El Capricho in Marbella.

The new outlet offers clients a similar range of products to the Banús establishment, with a special emphasis on cakes, lunch snacks and Lenôtre's emblematic French delicacy, quiche.

Ice-cream is also available, though clients will – at least for the moment – still have to visit the Puerto Banús outlet for the company's tantalising selection of chocolates and wine.

More information: Tel. 952 908 380 (Puerto Banús), 952 902 390 (Marbella);
www.lenotremarbella.com



RIBERA DEL MARLIN MAJOR INVESTMENT IN SOTOGRADE AREA

Gavin Gallagher, a Dublin-based architect and property developer, and a group of Irish investors, have purchased 35 retail units in the new development of Ribera del Marlin at the entrance to Puerto Sotogrande, as well as a lease for the large underground car park - in a deal valued at more than €37 million.

This new shopping marina, called "Blue Sotogrande", will comprise a pre-determined mix of designer boutiques, restaurants, shops



and bars as well as areas for street entertainment and children's play areas.

There are 196 apartments in the development and the project is due to be completed at the end of 2008.

XTREME LASHES “A HOLLYWOOD LOOK AT SALON PRICES”

With clients include Daryl Hannah and Desperate Housewives Joy Lauren, XTreme Lashes are said to be all the current rage in Hollywood and the hot celebrity-led trend of eyelash extensions.



These are not your ordinary peel and stick lash strips, explains Spain director Liz Wassenaar: “these are permanent, realistic, beautiful and oh so glam...”

Now you can get that wide-awake, long lash look which is so convincing that no-one will realise they are not natural.”

More information: Tel. 951 310 733 / 635 418 686; liz@xtremelashes.es

SAL Y PIMIENTA THE LUXURY OF WATER

Already a favourite in London, Paris and New York, Fiji Water – described as “the purest mineral water in the world” – is now exclusively available in Andalucía through the Sal y Pimienta gourmet shop.



This Marbella delicatessen and premium drinks outlet also stocks Bling (“the most expensive water”) and Hpnotiq (“the blue champagne”).

More information: Tel. 671 610 193;
www.sal-pimienta.com

**OFFICE GROUP
ATTRACTIVE SERVICED OFFICES IN
PUERTO BANÚS**

The Office Group, based in Puerto Banús, is a new company which offers a fully furnished IT and telecoms infrastructure, ensuring that a business gets up and running immediately.

They cover the full spectrum of services from fully serviced offices and virtual offices to meeting rooms and mail boxes, or simply an answering service.

Clients can establish a local presence with a prime business address and local telephone and fax number, at a fraction of the cost of a traditional office.

More information: Tel. 951 319 015;
info@office-group.eu; www.office-group.eu

**MAISON AFRIQUE DU SUD
TOUCH OF ROMANCE TO HOME
COLLECTION**

The mysterious beauty of Africa might be changing as much as the winds, rapids and ocean tides which shape the landscapes but there are some elements which never change.

“Born out of a 30-year tradition of excellence”, Maison Afrique du Sud Home Collection opened their doors in February this year to “a 1,000 square metre wonderland of the most luxuriously comfortable range of sofas hand-made at our factory in South Africa”.

Situated in La Campana, Nueva Andalucía, the warehouse offers an elegant and airy atmosphere evocative of an African safari – with a range of sofas and accessories sourced from both the farthest corners and the heart of the continent. Clients are invited to take themselves “back in time with a modern twist



and ignite the romance of Africa”.

More information: Tel. 951 279 407;
marbella@maison-afriquedusud;
www.maison-afriquedusud.com

REVIVA HOME ADDING THAT SPARKLE

Reviva is a new business in Marbella created by Laura Charles - an “Anne Maurice of the Coast”.

Laura offers a complete design and decorations service, working individually with clients to help them create their dream home while saving time and money. Her complete range of services includes interior design and styling, soft furnishings (made in her workshop on the Coast), special occasions decorating and property staging, and de-cluttering.

Laura prides herself on “offering practical and affordable decoration services, ensuring you do not make expensive mistakes”.

More information: Tel. 951 271 220;
lauracharles@telefonica.net; www.reviva-home.com

SIMPEX MARKETING PRACTICAL PLATE SPACERS

Simpex Marketing S.L. has just launched an innovative and practical product made of plastic with rubber - and designed for use in the kitchen.

The Plate Spacer creates a tower with the plates and can be used in the microwave, fridge or dishwasher, as well as in an oven (maximum temperature 120°C) or steam oven (maximum 140°C). The product comes in blister packs of nine “Spacers”, suitable to pile four plates. The recommended retail price



is € (plus IVA).

More information: simpexsl@telefonica.net;
www.platespacers.com

FASHIONVILLA SPECIAL SHOW FOR CHARITY GOLF GALA

A presentation of Talbot + Runhof couture cocktail and evening dresses will be one of the highlights of a charity golf tournament and gala at Puente Romano on 8 September in aid of Concordia, the San Pedro-based association which looks after AIDS sufferers and their families, and Dr. F. Frübeck's Deutsche Nachbarschaftshilfe foundation, which offers support to elderly German-speaking residents on the Costa del Sol. Exclusively available at FashionVilla,

the Talbot + Runhof collection is a stunning combination of beautiful colour schemes and elegant materials.

More information: Tel. 952 835 077 / 699 876 698, rmjann@hotmail.com (golf); Tel. 952 883 753 / 609 514 560, info@ventamundial.com

NUEVO FUTURO FASHION SHOW WITH A TOUCH OF FLAMENCO

A wonderful fashion show by Pilar Vera was held at Sotogrande's NH Almenara hotel last month to raise funds for Nuevo Futuro. For this special occasion, Pilar – a leading designer of flamenco dresses – had created a show featuring wedding dresses inspired by flamenco.

Miss Spain 2007 kindly took part in the show, and organisers Graciela von Oelffen and Marisa Alvarez also expressed their appreciation to the many other people who volunteered to help make the show “the summer event of Sotogrande”. Nuevo Futuro



provides homes for children in need.

More information: www.nuevofuturo.org
(Photos supplied courtesy of Periodico Sotogrande)



UNICEF GALA SUCCESSFUL EVENT AT INCOSOL HOTEL

More than 350 people attended the sixth UNICEF gala, held this year in the gardens of Marbella's Incosol Hotel – which is now owned by the Jale Group.



This year's gala also coincided with the 60th anniversary of UNICEF's foundation. The gala was presented by 1982 Miss World Mariasela Alvarez and Canal Sur TV's Rafael Cremades, and presided over by José Antonio López Esteras, president of the Jale Group; and Ricardo García Pérez and Olga Platón, presidents of UNICEF Andalucía and Marbella, respectively.



Singer Lolita performed songs from her new album, Sigo Caminando, while guest of honour Laura Valenzuela was joined by other leading show business figures including Sara Montiel. Funds raised on the night will go to Peru's earthquake victims.

More information: www.incosol.com

C. DE SALAMANCA SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY BULGARI AND ASTON MARTIN

Two of the world's most prestigious brands joined forces in Marbella last month for a stunning fiesta where the stars of the show were the new Aston Martin Vantage Roadster V8 model and exquisite items of jewellery from Bulgari.



Mine host for the evening was José Carlos de Salamanca, general manager of Aston Martin and proprietor of the C. de Salamanca luxury car franchise in Marbella.

More information: www.cdesalamanca.com

**KARIN'S SALON
NEW BOUTIQUE IN LAGUNA
VILLAGE**

Karin's Hair & Beauty Salon is the latest top outlet to open at Laguna Village on Estepona's "New Golden Mile".

Already operating a successful shop in Puerto Banús, Karin's are now able to offer haircuts, latest hair care products and a variety of beauty treatments (including facials, manicures and pedicures) in this exclusive new setting.

More information: Tel. 952 896 444.

**TRACK DAYS
"THE ULTIMATE DRIVER'S
EXPERIENCE"**

Motoring enthusiasts were able to enjoy a taste of what it's like to be Fernando Alonso behind the wheel of his McLaren when Track Days Spain was launched at the Guadix circuit (near Granada) this summer.

Cars in attendance ranged from an Enzo Ferrari and Lamborghini Gallardo to a Mini Cooper GP and Alfa 156. The next Track Day is scheduled for 7 September, while "Experience Days" are also being offered on an individual or group basis – ideal for corporate outings.

More information: Tel. 667 204 629;
info@trackdaysspain.com;
www.trackdaysspain.com



LA CALA RESORT CELEBRITY GOLFERS ON THE COAST

Three ex-England and Spurs players could be found playing golf at La Cala Resort on the same morning one day this summer – though on different courses.

Paul Gascoigne and Chris Waddle teed up at the club's Campo Asia while Gary Stephens, who owns a holiday home in Calahonda, played at Campo Europa.

Other visitors to the resort last month included members of the Latvia junior girls golf team, who received coaching from David Leadbetter Academy head instructor Quintin van der Berg in preparation for the coming season.

With just two 18-hole courses and one nine-hole layout, Latvia has fewer holes throughout the entire country than La Cala (60).

PRETAMOUR NEW DATING CONSULTANCY FEATURED ON BBC

Founder Julie Hamilton and her newly-launched international dating service PretAmour were able to gain global exposure this summer when they appeared on the BBC's Living in Sun programme – which also featured H! magazine.

PretAmour offers “an exclusive service aimed at people who are finding it hard to meet the right partner, lack time, have been through a break-up or have focused exclusively on their careers or own businesses rather than themselves and their personal needs”. According to Julie Hamilton, “Relationships can be expensive.

Making the wrong choice can be financially and emotionally costly. PretAmour was set up



to help people make the right choices and meet genuine people looking for the real thing. Dating is changing and the way we think about finding a partner is also fundamentally altering.”

More information: Tel. 671 501 568;
info@pretamour.com; www.pretamour.com
(Photo: By Shaun)

ASHIANA GOLF GOLF EVENT IN AID OF “PEACE”

Volunteers from the Ashiana charity organisation will be hosting a golf tournament on 30 September at Atalaya Golf & Country Club.

The aim of the event is to raise funds for their cause: to build “Ashiana, a place of peace, a space where people from all walks of life can come to relax and escape from the stress of everyday life”. The event includes the Melody Tournament and dinner.

More information: Tel. 952 776 914 (Giorgio)
/ 639 391 888; www.ashianaspain.org

JAYNE MELVILLE GREAT SUCCESS AT PRAGUE FESTIVAL

Students from the Jayne Melville Performing Arts Academy won eight awards at the Prague Dance Festival 2007. “We had the most amazing week,” said Jayne.

“Every day was inspirational, from the dance classes every morning to the performance levels every day.” Over 500 competitors from 17 countries took part in the festival; and with 64 people in their group (including 38 dancers and 16 parents), the Marbella academy had the biggest representation outside the US (65).

More information: Tel. 952 906 865; info@performingartsacademy-marbella.com;



www.performingartsacademy-marbella.com

A WOMAN'S TOUCH LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS IN SPAIN

Kerrie Keeling, the founder of A Woman's Touch and BT 2007 Female Entrepreneur of the Year, has already gained great success with her ground-breaking company in the UK, and now she is launching in Spain and looking for new recruits in the Málaga and Marbella areas.

A Woman's Touch is a predominantly female team of tradespeople who provide decorating, plastering, tiling, plumbing, electrics, carpentry, interior design and general building services for both residential and commercial properties.

“From our experiences in the UK,” explains Kerrie, “we know that women are looking for much more challenging work. Our company gives women the chance to use both their hands and brains in a fantastic team environment where the work is always varied and valued.”

More information:

kkeeling@awomanstouch.org.uk;
www.awomanstouch.org.uk

PROTEAM FITNESS NEW TRAINING EXPERIENCE IN MARBELLA

After 25 years of fitness training experience, Sean and Stacie are now offering their personal sessions in Marbella – as Proteam Fitness Training.

Sean specialises in specific training such as speed acceleration, core strengthening, injury rehab, body building, power lifting and specific event management training, lifestyle analysis and fitness testing; while Stacie is a



highly qualified instructor in personal training, nutrition, pre and post natal, aqua aerobics, body pump, floor aerobics, spinning, circuit training, swiss ball training, sport massage and children's exercise.

Together they specialise in bone building exercise for osteoporosis sufferers.

More information: Tel. 693 235 555

IN BRIEF

VOLVO MASTERS: Tickets for the 20th edition of the Volvo Masters, at Valderrama Golf Club from 1 to 4 November, are now available online.
More information: Tel. 952 474 848; www.golfinspain.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: The Coin branch of the Royal British Legion meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Hotel El Palomar. Events planned for this month include trips to Gibraltar and Tarifa, a boat trip to see dolphins, a village faye and a murder mystery evening. Non-members are welcome.
More information: Tel. 952 455 274 (Harry), 952 451 671 (Jo); www.coinrbl.info

BRITISH PASSPORTS: British Consular Services have improved their "return delivery service", offering hand deliveries within 24 hours, and security in transit from the consulate general in Madrid to customers – using one of Spain's leading courier companies, Bpack.
More information: www.ukinspain.com; www.fco.gov.uk

DIABETIC SUPPORT: The Mijas La Cala Lions Diabetic Support Group will be meeting again this month after the summer break, at Sol Andalusi-Alhaurin on Friday 14 September and El Gusto restaurant in La Cala on Friday 28 September, both at 11am.
More information Tel: 952 46 41 84 / 607 879 450 (Anne Bowles).

LAURO GOLF: The annual Cudeca tournament and an inaugural event to raise funds for the "Teléfono de la Esperanza" association will conclude the summer season this month at Laura Golf.
More information: Tel. 952 412 767; info@laurogolf.com; www.laurogolf.com

INLAND TODAY: Three new websites have been set up in the Coast's inland areas with the aim of helping English-speaking residents integrate into the local communities. The websites (www.alhaurintoday.com, www.cointoday.com and www.aloratoday.com) offer information about events, news, podcasts, videos, photographs, etc., with plans for a "yellow pages" in the future.

GOLF LEAGUE: Participants in a new year-round golf league on the Costa del Sol have the opportunity of winning a new set of clubs.
More information: 618546108 (Ronan); www.golfthecosta.com

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