



Africa

Carnival time in Los Gigantes

The jungle drums are beating with the news that the Los Gigantes Carnival, due to be held between Feb 26 and March 1, has an African theme.

This year's four-day extravaganza is an extra special event as it is the 30th anniversary of the area's first carnival, held in 1981. The party starts on Friday, February 26th, with live Salsa music at 9pm in the plaza. Children's events take place on Saturday afternoon, and, later, popular local band 'Old Dogs New Tricks' will take the crowd through to midnight. After this there will be dancing into the early hours with music from the local 'orchestras'. On Sunday 27th the grand parade will begin its descent from the Fisherwoman statue, Santiago, at around 5pm, followed by bands in the plaza. The evening of Monday 28th sees the ever popular 'Burial of the Sardine'. The outrageous fishy effigy is slowly paced through town on the shoulders of hefty bearers, accompanied by the mourning 'widows', weeping dramatically. This is followed by fireworks.

The winner of this year's Carnival Poster competition is Rodolfo Jorge Gutiérrez. His design, pictured, was awarded the prize due to its 'originality, colour and expressivity'.

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Playa San Juan

Lost sand

• A large amount of the sand imported to cover the pebbles on the beach at San Juan has been washed into the sea.

Live music

Watch out for The Management

PERFORMERS PETER JAY AND ALAN CAIN HAVE A HISTORY.

Known as 'The Management' the duo met in school and both built successful careers playing in bands around England and Europe.

Many years later they decided to try singing together and a legend was born. Their deliberately cultivated big, bad, and bold image: stylish suits, playful, yet vaguely dodgy demeanour, was an instant success. Their fun style and mix of music, an eclectic blend of classics from the 60s through the nineties, appeals to a wide audience, from young to old. Their show is all about dancing and enjoyment and they were soon fully booked, gigging throughout the West Country, at times performing three times a day.

They happily maintained this rhythm for many years, though coming on holiday to Tenerife was to change their lives and those of the residents of the Los Gigantes

area. Jamming one night their talent was discovered and they were immediately offered permanent gigs. The rest is history.

They played to packed houses and were soon one of the most popular acts in town.

Peter became a permanent resident whilst Alan continued to work in England during the summer. The duo's sporadic absences only added to their infamy, and rumours abounded that these were due to the bad boy's holidays at Her Majesty's pleasure. A popular tongue-in-cheek film was even made about their supposed escapades.

After many successful seasons, for various reasons, Peter and Alan were unable to play together for seven years. So when they recently announced their comeback, at the Tajinaste Bar Restaurant known as the 'Home of live music', the venue was fully booked within days.

It was standing room only on the night, and the atmos-



Well worth seeing

phere was electric. The gents haven't lost any of their bad-boy charm, though this image is, of course, totally ruined by their big smiles and obvious enjoyment whilst performing. They are well worth seeing. The Management will play

every second Saturday at The Tajinaste, Los Gigantes. Call 610062353 for information on them and other bands appearing at the venue.

Richard Stallman conference

Gnu guru in Guía



• Richard Stallman, the pioneer of the concept of copyleft and the main author of the GNU General Public Licence, the most widely used free software licence, was in Guía de Isora recently addressing a group of over 300 secondary school and

university students.

The event was organised by a group of 16 students from the Manuel Martín González secondary school, who, having spotted that the American software activist was giving a conference in the University of Las Palmas

emailed him to ask would he do something similar in Tenerife. He agreed, only asking that the air fare between the two islands be covered. The conference, with students from the school in question, and other secondary schools from Las Galletas, Arona and Santa Cruz and the department of free software in the University of La Laguna, took place in the Auditorio de Guía de Isora and lasted two hours.

RICHARD STALLMAN,
SOFTWARE ACTIVIST, IN
GUÍA DE ISORA

Armeñime

GRANTS

• 104 houses in Armeñime and Las Rosas are to receive refurbishment grants totalling €1.7 million.

The cash is to go to restoration of structural elements of the buildings, to improve accessibility and communal areas and to bring home installations of roofing, electricity, plumbing etc. up to date and to standard safety levels. If you are living in a home anywhere in the islands which needs updating and it is your only residence, you may be entitled to a grant to help you. Contact your local council.

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