THE DREAM SCENE Newsletter

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Bienvenido & Welcome to the Dream Scene.

Now that the holiday period is gradually coming to an end, the weather at the time of writing has deteriorated slightly. There was a storm last weekend but there was no significant damage to this area. The beaches, however, were covered in so much seaweed they had to be cleared by bulldozers. I hope to put some photos of the beaches and the seaweed onto the web-album soon.

Although August is normally a month when nothing happens, the reinvigorated Town Hall at Playa Flamenca has been transformed over the last couple of months. An exclusive article by R. Griffin in this week's Costa Rider states -"This is not the Town Hall I remember before the elections, and from what a lot of people have been saying, there is a positive feeling about the new team on the coast, including good comments from opposition parties who welcome the new open door approach." After years of neglect the Orihuela Costa is finally getting some attention from the politicians with hopefully improvements in services and facilities.

Councillor Jose Antonio Aniorte has been holding surgeries by appointment every Tuesday and Thursday for coastal residents to listen to their problems.

He is being assisted by the President of Dream Hills, Stefan Pokroppa who has the title of Coordinator for the Office of European Residents, and also by Javier Canovas the Coordinator for Infrastructure and Services. Appointments can be made by telephoning Veronica on 96 676 00 00 extension 29.

It would take a very jaundiced view of matters not the appreciate the good fortune of Dream Hills to have one of its residents in regular contact with the people who can really bring about changes and improvements. Whatever your shade of politics is, there is no denying that in just two short months there have been major changes over the last regime in terms of communication and services delivered.

Security matters are always close to the hearts of ex-pats and in the last eight weeks the number of local police has more than doubled to exceed 30 officers. Police patrol cars have increased from one daytime and one nighttime, to four daytime and two nighttime. Spanish classes, free transport to fiestas in Orihuela, a small new bus service for the costa and an office for residencia registration are all worthwhile additions. A new sports complex is due to be built in Orihuela Costa with the possibility of a new public swimming pool. The location is likely to be at the end of the Saturday Market area.

If the current pace of improvements is maintained, services could improve dramatically in the Orihuela Costa. No doubt it will take time, a lot of patience and of course substantial funding.

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Ron! Tell me again how this Sat-Nav works!

WHAT'S UP?

Well, first of all, the temperatures in August were not as high as predicted and very similar to July's. We had several hours of rain one evening which deposited red Saharan sand over everything, particularly affected were south-facing properties and the tiled walkways on Via Park V.

August, being the main Spanish holiday shut-down period, was unfortunately accompanied by the usual carnage on the roads. In the first three weeks of August road fatalities totalled 241, a significant increase over last year. There were nine fatal **drowning incidents** this summer between Guardamar del Segura and Orihuela Costa, eleven in Alicante province in total. One drowning was in Los Locos beach, Torrevieja, of a 30 year-old man who went swimming at 8 a.m. before the life-guards came on duty. A young North African was drowned this week in Torrevieja when he went swimming in a rough sea whilst a red flag was flying. In July life-guards in the Calpe area had to rescue 25 bathers who ignored the red flag warnings. Jāvea councillors are now considering the introduction of police patrols on the beaches to enforce compliance.

In a **bizarre incident** an elderly man from Madrid was rescued by local police from the salt lake in Torrevieja. The man was found semi-conscious and half-submerged in the lake where he had been for more than 24 hours. He was suffering from dehydration, was fully dressed and may have suffered a blow to his head. The area where he was discovered is not often frequented and oddly, access is obstructed by a fence. How did he get there?

Bathing was prohibited at La Manga beach on the 21st when a **shark** about a metre and a half long was seen within 50 metres of the shore. This follows a shark incident earlier in the month in Taragona.

Dog's mess is a problem throughout much of the Costa areas. Marbella council have now recruited four undercover Guardia Civil officers who will impose a 300-euro fine on dog owners who do not pick up the mess. Perhaps something for Orihuela Council to investigate.

The Spanish Government in a recent cabinet meeting, approved a series of 170 'concrete and urgent measures' designed to help the country meet the **Kyoto Protocol** against climate change. Amongst the changes, highly polluting cars will see more expensive road tax, and biofuel will soon be added automatically to all fuel supplies sold in Spain. A 17% surcharge on the sale of highly polluting cars is now envisaged.

A new electricity efficiency campaign will have a budget of 400 million \in . This will see air-conditioning in offices and pubic buildings reduced to no cooler than 24 degrees, and traditional light bulbs in public buildings will all be replaced by low consumption models. A target of 12% of energy needs in 2010 to be met by renewable energy, more than double the current figure of 5.9%. This will mean the construction of more wind and wave farms, and increased used of solar panels in housing. Coal boilers are to be banned in homes from 2009 and there will be more discounts for those who want to update old inefficient electrical appliances. Rail transport is to be actively promoted with 90% of the population to be a distance of no less than 50km from a station by 2010.

Taking Stock

A group of retired folk were sitting around a table outside The Phoenix, talking about their aches and pains. "My arms are so weak, I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"I know what you mean. My cataracts are so bad, I can't even see my coffee," replied another.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a third, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," another contributed.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. Then there was a short moment of silence.

"Well, it's not that bad," said one woman cheerfully. "Thank God we can all still drive!"

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WHATS UP - CONTINUED.

The Spanish Supreme Court has ruled that if a heart-attack takes place in the workplace, during working hours, it can be considered as an **accident in the workplace.** The ruling still stands if there is no proven link between the job and the illness suffered. This ruling follows the case of a man in a Zaragoza factory who had a heart-attack at work in 2003, despite the fact that he had symptoms prior to starting work. I can just see all the lawyers rubbing their hands gleefully with this one.

The Spanish Government has authorised a new vaccine against uterine cancer and the VPH virus. The vaccine will be available from this month. The cabinet now propose that the regional health services add the vaccine to the calendar list in the National Health System. It's thought that the vaccine will probably be given to girls aged between 11 and 14. Cancer of the Uterus is the second most common cancer in women.

Deputy Prime Minister, Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega, gave a press conference after the cabinet meeting and said that the cancer currently led to more than 500 deaths a year in Spain. She also stated that legal and administrative procedures were being sped up to ensure the vaccine could be in use as soon as possible.

Meanwhile the Socialist party in Navarra has challenged the new President of the region, **Miguel Sanz**, to make **abortion** legal in the region. Navarra is currently the only region in Spain where abortion is not legal, with women from the area travelling to other regions for the procedure.

The health authorities within the Valencian Community have discovered that thousands of people from outside the region have been using the Valencian public health service. This has led them to **cancel** almost **60,000 SIP cards** for people who are not registered on the padron within the province. SIP cards from people registered in other regions of Spain will not now be accepted within the Valencian region.

The **downturn in the property market** is now beginning to eat into some of the supporting sectors. Estate agents are being badly hit and many predict a 50% reduction in operating companies by this time next year. Ironically the government in Madrid have at last decided to bring some form of regulation to the Estate Agency market - talk about shutting the stable door.....! It is expected that the large firms may amend their "operating objectives" and company by-laws (bit like the Memo & Articles in the UK) to avoid having to comply with any stringent professional or training requirements. Expect some fancy footwork! Also affected by the downturn are, of course, the construction companies. The Costas are littered with partially completed projects and cleared sites where the workmen have now been taken off-site. **Torrevieja Football Club** is now facing bankruptcy because its main sponsor - Technologia Urbanistica, a major construction company - have not paid some 60,000 euros due in sponsorship for last season and the 200,000 euros pledged for the coming season. It is fair to say that there are many small to medium sized urbanisations in Orihuela Costa where Technologia have not completed a significant part of the work. Residents in these areas are extremely concerned. The workers have disappeared and it is proving impossible to contact anyone from the company. To date, there is no sign of peoples' house deeds, let alone Certificates de Habitacion.

When it comes to big cycling events, France has the Tour de France, Italy the Giro d'Italia and Spain has the **Vuelta (circuit) de Espaňa**. This major cycle race starts on the 1st of September and finishes in Madrid on the 23rd of September with only two rest days. The race covers some 3,291 kilometres and has 21 stages. The closest the race comes to us is on the 14th of September when one of the stages finishes in the Murcian town of Torre Pacheco. Cycling, which is a very popular sport in Spain, now has a terrible image problem because of doping. Coverage of La Vuelta will be on Eurosport.

Letters to the Editor.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the other contributors who, make "The Dream Scene" such a success. It is extremely informative and humorous and long may it continue, as it is a credit to you all.

Roger Ingram.

(Many thanks Roger - Mick)

Military Joke(- bit like the RAF I suppose!)

During the French and Indian war, some French soldiers captured a British officer. They asked the officer why he and his soldiers wore such bright red uniforms, because those uniforms made them pretty decent targets.

The officer replied, "It is so because if I am wounded, my soldiers will not see my blood and they won't panic."

The French thought this was a wonderful idea, and that is why, to this day, all French officers wear brown pants.



Restaurant Reviews. Guest reviewers - Mags & Bob of 269

Two restaurants for the gourmands amongst you to try. The first, **"Portico Mar"** is located off the N332 at Campomar just before Guardamar. Take the right hand turn which says "Playas de Guardamar" which is just past the luxurious sandy coloured Portico del Mar apartments. After turning continue to drive parallel to the N332 (do not take the left-turn to the Campomar Hotel) and continue around the bend where you will see a large "Chef" statue outside holding the menu! Entrance to the main dining area is through a small smoking area and a long counter bar.

The air-conditioned main dining-room is pleasant and bright with good quality seating and plenty of space between tables, the walls being decorated with what could be classed as overpriced amateur art.

The Menu del Dia is priced at a reasonable €12.95 (includes a small beer, glass of water or a very large glass of wine) and there is plenty of choice. There is a choice of seven starters on the Menu del Dia ranging from Mushrooms a a creme and Prawn Cocktail to Pan fried Mussels. Main courses feature eight choices including Gulash, Oven Grilled Panga (fish) and Fillet Steak, extra charge of three euros, with a sauce of you choice. The steaks were lovely - fish pink - and served with veg and potatoes or chips. The daily menu also includes a choice of five nicely presented desserts which includes Crepes with Ice-Cream, Hot Cherries with Ice-Cream and Strudle with Cream and Ice-Cream. The Menu del Noche is exactly the same but is charged at €15.95.

The ala carte menu includes all of the above together with many more dishes such as Rump Steak $\in 14.95$, Lamb Chops $\in 15.95$, Duck Breast $\in 15.95$ and Grilled Sea Bass $\in 14.50$ but some of these you might find a little disappointing - particularly the Sea Bass. It is the Menu del Dia and del Noche which really score here and which are very popular and good value for money. Wine starts at around eight euros a bottle for some very palatable wines from Cataluńa. The staff are friendly, efficient and speak English.

Portico Mar is open seven days a week all year! As it is a popular venue, booking is recommended on 966725603.

The second restaurant, **"The Square"** is located on the second level of the Villamartin Plaza to the left across from Eduardo's. This air-conditioned location features classy fittings and upper-terrace outside seating is also available. The menu here is more exclusive for the connoisseur and this is reflected in the prices and wine list. There are starters of unusual combinations, beautifully presented for around six to eight euros i.e. Melon & Salmon with Prawns and a sweet sauce. Main courses include Duck Salad with Hoi Sin sauce, Lamb Shank with mashed and roast potatoes. Also fish, steaks etc., etc., plenty to choose from.

The quality and presentation of the food was first class and the portions were generous - we were too full to eat sweets!

As a price guide our meals, which consisted of two starters, two main courses and two drinks came to \in 55.

Sue, who works front of house, and all the staff were very helpful and pleasant. Although quiet before 9 p.m. booking is advised - telephone day :619859693 and evenings: 966765629.

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Immaculate?

A mother and her daughter were at the gynaecologist's office. The mother asked the doctor to examine her daughter. "She has been having some strange symptoms and I'm worried about her," the mother said.

The doctor examined the daughter carefully and then announced, "Madam, I believe your daughter is pregnant."

The mother gasped, "That's nonsense! Why, my little girl has nothing whatsoever to do with men." She turned to the girl. "You don't, do you, dear?"

"No, mumsy," said the girl. "Why, you know that I have never so much as kissed a man!" The doctor looked from mother to daughter, and back again. Then, silently he stood up and walked to the window, staring out.

He continued staring until the mother felt compelled to ask, "Doctor, is there something wrong out there?"

"No, Madam," said the doctor. "It's just that the last time anything like this happened, a star appeared in the East and I was looking to see if another one was going to show up!"



Article in The Leader 14th August 2007

Residents in Dream Hills were stunned when they read a report entitled "Scream Hills" which appeared in a recent edition of The Leader. Later they were equally perplexed to find out that the information for the article, which could only be described as "sensationalist drivel", was provided by some members of the committee! I outline hereunder only three responses of the many sent to the Leader, only one of which was published by the Leader.

Dear Editor,

I was shocked and stunned when I read your recent article concerning Dream Hills.

It was not only sensationalist but also wildly inaccurate.

First of all my advice to all residents, including the pool attendants, has been not to call the police for minor matters but to certainly call them for more serious issues – common sense really. Although there have certainly been outrages on the pools this summer, the question also needs to be asked whether the pool attendants are sufficiently capable to handle unruly youths and anti-social behaviour.

I do not wish to discuss the urbanisation's private finances in a public forum but the figure you quoted was the annual maintenance and cleaning contract on two pools, not just to clean one as your article intimated.

The irrigation system hoses were damaged by the builder's workmen, not youths, while weeding the planted areas - which belong to the local council, not Dream Hills.

The town hall has never said that it would fund any spending on a green area or any other area. The handover of Dream Hills has nothing whatsoever to do with the Dream Hills 11 urbanisation, which is totally separate from our urbanisation. The town hall and builders will not decide on the garden site requested until the original Dream Hills is handed over.

Owners voted against the placement of a ball game area in Dream Hills in 2006 and the majority would certainly vote against its inclusion again. I have plenty of correspondence from concerned owners who do not want a "play" area for youths on or near the urbanisation, which would attract anti-social elements from elsewhere.

Other than purchasing some plants and pots, residents here have never had to "pay out of their own pockets" to improve their own surroundings. While I am president, Dream Hills will continue to have a well run urbanisation with one of the lowest urbanisation fees on the Costa, as long as the majority want it.

Why some individuals would call you in and deliberately choose to give you such incorrect and misleading information about Dream Hills and me is something I cannot understand and I will deal with this matter locally. I suspect private agendas – some political but none with the true interest of our urbanisation at heart.

What is also equally annoying about this whole issue is that you never bothered to contact me to clarify or check out any of the allegations. All it needed was a phone call.

Yours sincerely,

Stefan Pokroppa

President, Dream Hills Urbanisation.(Letter not printed by Leader)

Dear Editor,

Many of us in Dream Hills were very disappointed to read your misleading article on our urbanisation. Unfortunately your reporter seems to have talked only to a very tiny but manipulative minority and did not check out his facts. A simple telephone call to the president would have cleared up and corrected all the points raised. Why did he not do this?

It was all very unprofessional and sensationalist.

Mick Clifford, 586 Dream Hills.(Letter not printed by Leader)

Dear Editor,

I was very angry and annoyed when I read your article on Tuesday 14th August concerning Dream Hills 1. I have lived on Dream Hills for twelve months and have found it a very pleasant and friendly place. I have not seen any trouble from so-called hooligans. There are young teenagers just living their lives . There will always be a few disruptions but this is in the minority.

Your photographer should have noticed the park has not been vandalised though there is graffiti which is on the agenda to be cleaned up.(graffiti is all over Spain)

There has been a problem with the pool but there's no proof that this has anything to do with the teenagers here on holiday. Dream Hills Resident. (Letter printed by Leader)



An Irish farmer walking through his fields sees a man drinking water from a pool with his hand.

The farmer shouts 'Ná ól an t-uisce, tá sé lán de chac bo' (Don't drink the water, it's full of cowdung.)

stand you'.

The farmer shouts back 'Use both hands, you'll get more in!'

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Your local Property Tax (IBI) is now due and must be paid before October 5, otherwise you will incur penalty charges and interest payments. The tax is similar to the The man shouts back 'I'm English, speak English, I don't under- property rates in the UK but are significantly cheaper here in Spain. Some councils (not ours) charge double the rate for empty properties to encourage rentals.

> These taxes help fund local council administration, education, street and beach cleaning, social assistance, cultural amenities etc. General revisions are permitted to the tax once every eight years although minor revisions are allowed annually in accordance with state government instructions.

> Remember, if the previous owner of your property has not paid the IBI - you will have to pay it! Also, as with most Spanish taxes, it is your responsibility to find out how much you have to pay and when. If you owe a lot of back taxes, your property can be seized and sold at auction. However if an owner is experiencing genuine difficulties in paying, the authorities may agree some form of staged payments.

> In our region - Orihuela Costa - the tax is collected by Suma, who have an office on the first floor of Edificio Orhuela in the side street next to the municipal offices in the Playa Flamenca area.

> You should at this stage have received your Suma bill. If not, call at the above Suma office and obtain a copy. If your's is a new property, bring a copy of your deeds and they will be able to calculate the charge and set up a direct debit for 2008 not 2007!

> You can now pay the bill at the Suma office by using the following cards - CAM (Visa, Maestro, Mastercard, 6000), Banesto (Visa, Mastercard), 4B and Euro 6000.

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The Adventures of Beauregard & Hortense

Although Beauregard had been playing golf all day, he had an absolutely miserable time. While golfing, his mates from the Phoenix Golfing Society kept calling him "Adolf" because he was never out of the bunkers. With the lowest score of the day he also had to buy a huge round of drinks, and, as he left the "boozer", an uninsured gentleman of north African origin backed into his car door.

By the time Beau got home he was in foul humour and dangerously short of common sense. Storming into the house in DH, he walked up to his long suffering wife - Hortense, and pointing a none-too-steady finger in her face said "Horty, from now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law! I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterwards. Then, after dinner, you're going to draw me my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

"The undertaker," replied Hortense.

The Torrevieja Earthquake of 1829 (Source - Peter Little, The Coastal Press)

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, all that existed in the area we now know as Torrevieja, was an old watch tower - *torre vigia* - and a scattering of fisherman's dwellings around a harbour. The biggest village in the area at the time was what we now call Torrelamata and it was here that the Royal Salt Works had been collecting salt from the La Mata salt lake since the fourteenth century. The salt was used mainly for preserving food. Columbus's voyages to America were largely financed by the royal profits from salt, King Carlos the Fourth owned the salt lakes and the company that extracted the salt.

In January 1802 a small earthquake destroyed the town and surroundings at La Mata. King Carlos then moved his labour force to the lake further south and took a great personal interest in organising the new town naming it Torrevieja. The population grew rapidly to over 1,500. A canal was built from the salt lake to the sea and soon many vessels from mainly Sweden and Holland called at Torrevieja to collect tons of salt together with fresh food and vegetables from the fertile Vega Baja area. In 1820, the new town won its independence from Orihuela, by whom it was previously governed.

On the evening of March 21st 1829 there was a sudden and catastrophic tremor, registering around 7 on the Richter scale, which destroyed not just Torrevieja but also many of the villages between the town and Orihuela. In Torrevieja 534 homes were destroyed, 32 killed and 67 injured. The old watchtower was destroyed and only the old harbour survived. In the whole area, after a week of shocks and aftershocks, 400 people died and over 3,000 homes were destroyed. At Almoradi, a bigger town at the time, 192 people died with 152 injured. Guardamar had to be totally rebuilt and San Miguel de Salinas was almost completely destroyed with the exception of the church!

King Ferdinand the Seventh immediately organised a national charity collection to rebuild the towns and to aid the inhabitants in the general area. The King instructed the great military architect Jose Augustin Larramendi to rebuild Torrevieja on the grid system we are familiar with today. There was another serious quake in April 1833 which damaged some of Larramendi's houses and yet another in July 1844 which killed

one person in San Miguel. There was yet another earthquake in 1867 but there are no accounts of any fatalities.

The area around Torrevieja and Orihuela lie on a tectonic accident known as the Cadiz-Alicante fault. It will always be prone to small tremors and at risk of a bigger one. The South-East of Spain is squeezed between the tectonic plates of Africa and Eurasia. Spain experiences around 2,500 earthquakes every year, most of them too weak to notice. A quake in Granada in 1884 killed 800 and injured 1,500. The world record for a quake is 9.5 on the Richter scale. The difference between a quake of 8.5 and one of 9.5 is not 10% stronger but ten times stronger! They say that one of 12 on the scale would split the world in two.

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Keep taking the tablets!

Grandson: "Granny, have you seen my tablets? They were market 'LSD'."

Granny: "Sod the tablets! Have you seen the dragons in the kitchen?"

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