

# THE DREAM SCENE

## Newsletter

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### Bienvenido and Welcome.

September has seen a significant drop in temperatures following what has been a cooler than average August. Most notable however, has been the arrival of a mini '*Gota Fria*' (cold drop) to this area during September.

A *Gota Fria* occurs when high sea temperatures combine with the rise of vapour from the sea meeting a cold front in the atmosphere producing great stormy cumulonimbus clouds. These clouds, which can grow to more than ten kilometres in height, can when the circumstances are right, produce extraordinary violent electrical storms combined with extremely heavy rainfall. A feature of this rainfall is often a heavy fall of hail-stones, which vary in size from that of a small pea to greater than the size of a golf-ball. A heavy *Gota Fria* is normally experienced in our area about once every eight to ten years usually during the months of September or October. The inland mountain ranges of the Costa del Sol and Costa Blanca areas block the cold front from moving inland exacerbating the strength of the storm and the damage it causes.

The Orihuela Costa and Torrevieja area got off fairly lightly this time with just localised flooding and some minor damage caused by the hail. The hail-stones damaged flowers, some paintwork, sun umbrellas and even palm leaves in the immediate area. In the Marbella area, which experienced catastrophic flooding, over 700 cars were damaged by hail-stones the size of golf-balls and tennis-balls, over 500 of them requiring new windscreens! 18 people were treated for injuries caused by the hail.

Heavy rainfall was also recorded in Guadalest 125 litres per square metre, Alicante 103 litres, Benidorm 90 litres and Beniarrés 119 litres. *In extremis* the *Gota Fria* is capable of producing 300 litres of rainfall per square metre in a couple of hours - that is the equivalent of 12 inches of rain! Last week, the main football pitch in Almeria resembled a swimming pool and was flooded to knee depth. Wine producers are advising that approx. 15% of this year's grape harvest has also been destroyed.

In their seemingly frenzied rush to build on every available bit of land, developers are now building houses in gullies, dry river-beds and in other areas designed to channel and disperse flood water. The 'Greens' have quite rightly raised this issue throughout the Alicante province. Closer to home, in the drainage gully just beyond the D.H. swimming pools, a small housing estate has been built which would partly or wholly block any large volume of water trying to escape the area. One can only assume that the Torrevieja Council civil engineers have taken these factors into account before approving building in the relative area! But then again risk assessment and contingency planning have never been strong points with the local Spanish administrations.



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## WHAT'S UP?

The Costa Blanca has replaced the Costa del Sol as the **main tourist destination** for the Spanish traveller. The summer season has now extended into September with hotels reporting 90% occupancy rates.

**Illegal immigrants** from North Africa continue to be a major concern to the Spanish authorities. More than 31,500 Africans were arrested trying to land in the Canaries in 2006, as against 4,767 the previous year. Boats continue to arrive and are boarded on an almost daily basis. In the last few weeks a number of smaller craft containing *illegals* have been stopped off the Costa Blanca. The authorities are worried that new routes may be opening up and that these craft are being used to distract the police from catching drug traffickers. Four new coastal radars are to be installed, in Cabo Roig, Santa Pola, Benidorm and in Denia.

More than **90 dogs** have been poisoned in Los Balcones since the beginning of the year. The poison tends to always be the same - fresh meat similar to the common sausage sprayed with a powerful insecticide. Mass animal poisonings are, unfortunately, fairly common in Spain. Within the last 12 months someone tried to poison all the cats in the Island of Tabarca. Similarly, a large number of cats in Pilar de Horadada have also been poisoned. The problem with the cats is that well meaning but misguided individuals feed feral cats creating problems for the neighbours provoking some to poison the cats when the 'cat-feeders' are away or on holiday!

On the **law & order** front the Spanish police have had some notable successes during the past month. In cooperation with the French and Portuguese police a number of suspected ETA terrorists have been arrested, and arms and munitions recovered. Unfortunately a Guardia Civil station was bombed with thankfully no casualties. There were some notable drug seizures and arrests in the Vega Baja area, one of 33 kilos of heroin in Orihuela. The arrested gang comprised six Spaniards and four Eastern Europeans. Seven guns, two silencers and 140,000 euro were also confiscated. In other coastal areas four tons of cannabis was seized last week on the Huelva coast and two and a half tons of the drug seized at the Playa del Hoyo in Isla Cristina. Cocaine use is thought to be so prolific in the Costa areas that 90% of the banknotes in circulation would test positive for the drug. Users 'chop' the drug with a banknote and then put the note in their wallets contaminating other notes, the contamination spreading when the notes are circulated. (Worth remembering if you find a 'sniffer' dog taking an unusual interest in your bag at Luton or Birmingham!) The police estimate that there are more than 400 criminal gangs from 35 countries active in Spain. The authorities advise that 757 members of these gangs were arrested during the last 12 months, their main activities being drugs and money laundering.

**Motoring fatalities** in Spain continue to bewilder. There were 555 fatalities on the roads in July and August - 17 more than the same period last year.

There has been considerable coverage in the Spanish media concerning the release from jail of a **serial rapist**. Known as the Vall d'Hebron rapist, he was found guilty of 16 counts of rape. Although the recipient of a 311 year jail sentence he served only 16 years being released early for good behaviour. According to the 1995 Penal Code, the maximum sentence which can be served is 20 years, except for terrorist offences. This issue has been further highlighted in A Coruña recently, where the so-called 'tracksuit attacker' was detained after carrying out eight sexual attacks, some against children. He served only 12 years of a 106 year sentence before being released.

Researchers in Alicante have developed a **new powder** form of Viagra which can be added to a cup of tea. It does nothing for your sex life but it stops your biscuits from going soft!

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### Whats up! - continued.

The Spanish Prime Minister has promised that working youngsters aged between 22 and 30 (*sic*) will be able to claim 210€ per month to help pay their rent for a maximum period of 48 months, for their first (independent) home. Also available will be an additional 600€ guarantee to help the payment of any deposit. The plan will also be available to foreign residents from Europe who have resided in Spain for four years. The Housing Minister also intends to put 'renting' on an equal tax deduction footing with purchasing for those who earn less than 22,000€ a year. With a general election due next year, the PSOE are no doubt hunting the younger vote. These proposals, together with the already announced 'new baby grants' and the proposal of free dental treatment for children has prompted the Governor of the Bank

Spain to warn that 'carrying out policies of happiness' now, could lead to 'increased taxes in the future.' But most rented properties do not have a proper contract. Over 75% of young people in Malaga have no rental contracts so they cannot apply for the proposed aid and I have just seen a statistic in the Spanish press which states that **only 500 rental contracts** are registered in the whole of the Alicante province!

The Housing Minister, Carmen Chacón, has stated that she wants to **improve the incentives given to landlords** who rent out their accommodation. She has stated that new measures designed to protect the owners of such properties are planned. In the past there have been many cases where landlords were unable to evict people from their property, even if they had not paid their rent. The new measures are expected to be announced in October.

Sevilla City has decided to add a 50% surcharge to the IBI rates on properties which are left **empty** in the city, where there are an estimated 40,000 empty flats. Also, the Basque Country Government has announced that they will charge empty flats at the rate of 9€ per day! (By the way, your IBI bill should be paid by now.)

The **average mortgage** in Spain has increased to around 150,000€, up 6.1% over the year. Average payment time is now 27 years up from 25 years in 2005.

**Unemployment** in Spain has jumped back over the two million mark, the construction and service industries seeing the largest increase in unemployment.

On the brighter and lighter side 40 home owners in Murcia (Why is it always Murcia?) have had solar panelling installed. However the solar panels were not only put in upside-down but facing the wrong way!

A 30 year old man from Salamanca has **chopped off** his penis and flushed the appendage down the toilet. He did it because he 'did not want to sin anymore.' Although reported to be out of danger, the Salamanca press stated that it's not known if he suffers from some sort of psychological problem. Really? I can save you some time and money on this one!

Don't forget that the **9th of October** is a Valencian fiesta and the **12th** is the big **Spanish National Holiday!**

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### Beware of presents!

A husband walks into Victoria's Secret to purchase a sheer negligee for his wife. He is shown several possibilities that range from \$250 to \$500 in price, the more sheer, the higher the price. Naturally, he opts for the more sheer item, pays the \$500 and takes it home.

He presents it to his wife and asks her to go upstairs, put it on and model it for him.

Upstairs, the wife thinks, "I have an idea. It's so sheer that it might as well be nothing. I won't put it on but I'll do the modelling naked, return it tomorrow and keep the \$500 refund for myself."

She appears naked on the balcony and strikes a pose.

The husband says, "Good Grief! You'd think for \$500 they'd at least iron it!"

He never heard the shot.

Funeral on Thursday at noon. Closed coffin.

(From Terry & Judy @ No. 552)

### What is the *empadronamiento*?

*Empadronamiento* refers to the process of registering with your community's *padrón* (city roll), also called the *Padrón Municipal de Habitantes*. The municipal *padrón* is the official record of all the people who live in a particular community and is the official way to verify or accredit your stay in Spain. By law, everyone who resides in Spain should be registered in the community where they live. In practice, the *empadronamiento* is your key to becoming a member of your Spanish community and you can apply as an individual or as a family. Whether you are here in Spain legally or not, you should consider registering with your local *padrón*, as it provides many benefits if you intend to live in Spain for any extended period of time.

What benefits do YOU receive from getting *empadronado*?

First, getting *empadronado* means that you're considered an official resident of your community. Consider this your first step to integration into Spanish life. Second, the *empadronamiento* is the way that your stay or residence in Spain is verified or accredited – a necessity for a variety of administrative procedures. For example you will generally need a *volante* or *certificado de empadronamiento* to do the following things in your Spanish community - Enrol your children in local schools / Get married / Apply for a health card / Vote in local elections / Apply for certain visas / Apply for *residencia*

What benefits does the Local Authority/City Hall receive when you're *empadronado*?

Based on the number of inhabitants, a city or town receives money from the regional and national governments to provide services to those who live within its jurisdiction, which means that if you're registered or *empadronado*, then the city receives money to provide services on your behalf, regardless of your legal status. It's therefore in the city's best interest (and yours really, for optimum service levels) to have an accurate count of who is really living in the community and using (or potentially using) the public services in question. It is for this reason that registration with the *padrón* is confidential. It is a myth, particularly among German expats, that if you register on the *padrón* you will become liable for Spanish taxation. This is not true. There is no link up between the local authority and the *Hacienda*. It is also a myth that you have to renew your *empadronamiento* every three months. When applying for *residencia etc* one needs to show a *padrón* certificate which is **less** than three months old. Once you are registered on the *padrón* it is for life or until you ask for it to be removed. If you move to another municipality in Spain, inform your new Town Hall who will cancel the registration in your former municipality. If you are leaving Spain permanently you should also inform the Ayuntamiento so you can be de-registered.

What do you need to get *empadronado*?

Original passport and copy.

Original and copy of Iberdrola or Aguagest bill.

Copy of House deeds - usually not required if utilities bill shows the correct address.

If you live in a rented property, instead of the house deeds you will require the original and a copy of the rental contract in Spanish together with a copy of the owner's passport or *residencia* plus a utility bill in your name.

I have seen a case locally where a British woman could not get her children into school because her landlord, also British, would not issue her with a contract - hence no *padrón*. She had to move to a house where the landlord was prepared to issue a rental contract in Spanish so she could get on the *padrón*.

Once you present all the documentation at the Town Hall in Playa Flamenca they will immediately issue you with a short certificate or *volante*. Remember that the clerks in the Town Hall will not make any photocopies for you. Registration times can vary seasonally.

#### The Adventures of Beauregard & Hortense

One evening, after the couple had retired for the night, Hortense became aware that her husband, Beauregard, was touching her in a most unusual manner. He started by running his hand across her shoulders and the small of her back. He ran his hand over her, touching her very lightly. Then, he proceeded to run his hand gently down her side, sliding his hand over her stomach, and then down the other side to a point below her waist. He continued on, gently feeling her hips, first one side and the other. By this time Hortense was beginning to smile in anticipation so she cuddled up to her husband. Beau then stopped abruptly and rolled over to his side of the bed. "Why are you stopping Beau darling?" she whispered. He whispered back, "It's OK Horty, I found the remote!"



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## Letters to the Editor.

### Why Bother?

My husband and I are in the habit of taking an early morning exercise walk. No, I am not trying to make you feel guilty, or asking you to join us. I am simply giving the reason why we are walking down Cadlle Lagunas de Ruidera at 8.15a.m.

On several occasions we have seen a 'Colsur' van stopping at each set of bins and an operative sweeping the bin area. However, they now do an extra little job. One of the green bins is moved in front of the plastic (recycling) bin and they reach in as deeply as they can and transfer the plastic bottles to a general rubbish bin. I, like many of you, spend time and effort rinsing and squashing flat the plastic bottles that we have used. We then bag them up separately and put them into the correct recycling container. If what we have seen, and on several occasions, not just once, is their treatment of the contents, we must question ourselves. Why do we bother?

M.N.

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### NOTES FROM LA CASITA

We are pleased to report that the uses of La Casita continue to develop. Nearly all the 'daytime' slots are allocated, either on a weekly booking, or in a couple of instances, for once a month.

However, our only regular use in the evenings is the popular Rummikub on Wednesdays. With the cooler, darker evenings soon to be upon us, we would welcome suggestions for other evening activities. For any of you who have a craft or hobby that you would like to share and think that it would make a pleasant social evening, why not use La Casita to meet and create a club?

Phone Richard on 966798849 or Peter on 966798282

### **HEALTHCARE - POSSIBLE CHANGES**

A couple of weeks ago the Sunday Times highlighted some impending legislation in France. Under a change in the rules, which is due to take effect at the end of this September, anyone under British retirement age and not working will lose their right to French state healthcare once they have lived in the country for two years. Those over retirement age are unaffected. As the new President Sarkozy stated: 'If you think 53 makes you old enough to retire, then fine, go ahead and retire. But don't expect the state to pay for it.' The newspaper also reported that in Spain, new rules this year mean that European Union citizens under pensionable age have no automatic right to medical help beyond emergencies. (It will be interesting to see if this new ruling will be enforced across the board or put on the 'backburner.') Greece does not give free healthcare to retired people moving there from other European countries, while Portugal does.

### **A Bit of Advice**

A drunk man, who stank of alcohol, sat down on a bus seat next to a priest.

The man's tie and shirt were stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes, the man turned to the priest and asked. "Excuse me Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replied, "My Son, it's caused by loose living; being with cheap, wicked women; too much alcohol; contempt for your fellow man; sleeping around with prostitutes; and lack of bathing."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be jiggered," then returned to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "Look, I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

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## TORREVIEJA 9/11

By John Sinclair @ No. 264

It was a wonderful day. The sun was shining and we had just taken one of the most exciting steps of our lives. We had just left the Abogado having signed up for our property. Well, it wasn't built but the urbanisation was well under way. We were finally fulfilling our dreams. We had planned moves during the previous 25 years - Greece, France, Germany, but all had been rejected because it had not been right for the children or our professional situations. Now this was it!

We sat outside the Plaza cafe in Constitution Square. The church looked beautiful and I made a mental note to look inside next time I visited. There were people sat on benches in the square, a little old lady with her grandchild walked past with a smile on her face. This was so relaxed. This is why we are coming here. Joyce was already thinking about furniture and talking about what we had seen in the show houses. "They haven't started building it yet love, we've plenty of time to be thinking about that" I said. "It'll be ready before you know it and then we'll have to think too fast" she retorted. I suppose she was right.

Although it wasn't quite midday we still ordered a beer to celebrate. Eva, our agent, was picking us up in an hour to take us to lunch. As we got our drinks the church bells chimed twelve times for midday. Our table was actually outside the MASA office which for some strange reason had a television above the entrance door. As we sucked in the atmosphere I looked up at the TV. "That's a weird film", I said. Joyce looked up. "Isn't CNN a news channel?" she said. "Bloody Hell!" was all I could come up with as I watched aircraft flying into buildings. "Some accident" was my first thought as planes hit skyscrapers from all angles. We asked a waitress what was going on. "Kamikaze in New York" was how she explained it. The clouds and smoke and general wretchedness of the pictures from New York contrasted with the sunshine and general bonhomie in the square. We sat there in a daze. The horrendous feelings about New York mixing with our excitement and happiness anticipating our future lives in Torrevieja.

As we left the bar our eyes were no longer pulled towards the TV screen and we again started to enjoy the prospect of Torrevieja becoming our home. We had a pleasant stroll down the Calle Concepcion to the Paseo Vista Alegre. We sat on the Gaudi inspired seats in the Plaza del Castelar watching the street sellers with the carpets, jewellery and watches. Everything was so beautiful. But then the thought of thousands of Americans being murdered, buildings collapsing and the sheer magnitude of what had happened would reintroduce guilt about our happiness. I would look at Joyce and then tears would come into our eyes.

We had lunch with Eva at La Casona. It was very subdued. We went back to our urbanisation, Dream Hills. We had another look at the Piso Piloto, imagining it full of our stuff, our lives. We even walked over the rough ground to where our house was to be. We took photographs of each other standing where the living room would be. Eva returned us to the Hotel La Zenia to get ready for our return to Manchester. Now the thought of getting on a plane brought on goose pimples. We packed our cases. I refused to put on the TV in the room. I didn't want to see what I had already seen too many times. I dragged my thoughts back to the future. I went onto the balcony. We were on the seventh floor facing inland. I counted 66 cranes across the skyline and probably missed a load more. There's a lot of building and it's still not stopped.

We went for a walk on the beach. There were still people there unaware of what had happened although word was coming through. I saw the shock on one families face as they were given the information and it hit home. We went to a beach bar. Although there was no TV - Thank God - the atmosphere was depressing. We went back to our room. Eva picked us up to take us to the airport. She was as shocked as we were. Although she did try to focus on our purchase and what would happen next. The thought of getting on a plane was constantly reminding us of New York.

The airport staff were suffering from a weird combination of high alertness and total dumbfounded-ness. Our cases were checked-in and we went through security. We had just about sat down when we were called to the gate. 9.30 for a 10.30 flight seemed a little early. We were boarded very quickly and the plane took off at 10.00. There was the same atmosphere of dumbness, fear and horror on the flight. I felt for the stewardesses who were trying to make us all feel comfortable without minimising everyone's horror and grief.

With no flights crossing the Atlantic everyone else's journey times were accelerated. We landed in Manchester nearly an hour early. The baggage arrived in ten minutes ( a Manchester record that can never be matched) and there was no wait for a taxi. We were home before our arrival time. The split feelings continued. The flight back had been the easiest I've ever had. You would almost hope for this on every flight. (I think not!)

We now live just outside Torrevieja. The home was built on time and furnished with an excellent package. We have settled-in and enjoy the weather, the ambience and the new life in the sun though I still haven't visited the church.

9/11 is still a sadness throughout the world, but for me it was a positive start to a great new life. Personally, it was one of the best days of my life.

(Thanks John - Mick)

### Enough is enough!

In the UK, council tax re-evaluators want to charge people more if they live in a nice area. That ought to mean discounts for those who live in rough areas.

We have a huge council house in our street. The extended family is run by a grumpy old woman with a pack of fierce dogs. Her car isn't taxed or insured, and doesn't even have a number plate, but the police still do nothing. Her bad tempered old man is famous for upsetting foreigners with racist comments. A shopkeeper blames him for ordering the murder of his son and his son's girlfriend, but nothing has been proved yet. All their kids have broken marriages except the youngest, who everyone thought was gay. Two grandsons are meant to be in the Army but are always seen at parties and nightclubs.

The family's odd antics are always in the newspapers. They are totally out of control. Honestly - who'd live near Windsor Castle?

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## Restaurant Review.

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On the way back we decided to call at a Bar/Restaurant in La Murada called **Bar Tono** for a drink and tapas. The red wine in this bar was served from a large metal barrel and the wine was so thick you could trot a mouse in it. Fortified by a few glasses of this potent brew I decided to throw caution to the wind and order some tapas I did not quite recognise. 'She who must be obeyed' rarely drinks alcohol, and being very circumspect stuck with *sepia*. My food looked quite appetising and I dug into what I thought were quail breasts with chopped fried onions and potatoes. I found the 'quail breasts' very soft and thought that the cook had overcooked the fowl until my wife informed me, with I thought a little glee, that what I was tucking into were brains! I shouted (it was that sort of bar) at the waiter and asked him - 'Cerebro cordero?' (lambs' brains). 'No!', he shouted back, 'Piiiiigggg!' Oh dear! I have just read Liz Smiths' autobiography, (Liz appeared in the Royale family, thousands of other TV productions and several films) and in it she described how in her younger days she used to love eating calves brains spread on toast and described it as 'beautifully creamy'. Well done Liz, if you are what you eat - that can explain a lot!

I don't know if many of you are familiar with the Mar Azul area. Not very far from Dream Hills it has a delightful sheltered beach area which is reasonably safe for young swimmers and it tends to avoid the massive summer crowds. The only bar/restaurant facing the sea in this area used to be called **Casa Paco**. It was a dull Spanish bar but in a wonderful location. Some years ago I saw a poster advertising a performer there called 'The Cisco Kid'. It depicted a drawing showing a chap wearing a big sombrero, big tash and big guitar. Worth a trip I thought. Well, what we got was a chap from Galway singing country & western sans cowboy outfit! Casa Paco has now had a massive facelift and has been transformed into a very modern and attractive bar/restaurant. It is now called **Cafe Ferris**. There is an abundance of grey and black slate, burgundy walls with bright modern art. Although not what you would call over-friendly, the staff are coolly efficient and the food is enjoyable. The three course *menu del dia* offers plenty of choice at 9.50 euro, although bread and wine are **not** included. The house wine, priced at 5.50 euro is a very enjoyable *Bullas*.

There are also plenty of a la carte choices featuring many Spanish favourites such as paellas and roast lamb. The restaurant was full on the Sunday we went and the clientele was almost exclusively Spanish. Bring a cushion if you don't like hard surfaces. Cafe Ferris is closed on Mondays.

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### Simple Question

A little girl walks in to the lounge one Sunday morning where her grandad was reading the literary reviews in the News of the World.

"Grandad, where does poo come from?" she asks. Grandad feeling a little perturbed that his 5 year old grand-daughter is already asking difficult questions thinks for a moment and says: "Well you know we just ate breakfast?" "Yes," answers the girl.

"Well, the food goes into our tummies and our bodies take out all the good stuff, and then whatever is left over comes out when we go to the toilet, and that is poo."

The little girl looks perplexed, and stares at him in stunned silence for a few seconds and asks:

"And Tigger?"

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**Stop Press - Late News**

With the sad death of Pavarotti, the two tenors have been recruiting for a replacement. Elton John is the favourite and the new act will be called 'Two Tenors & a Nine Bob Note!'

The Dream Scene can now exclusively report that Cliff Richard has finally got a girl 'into trouble.' He told her mother that she was smoking.

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about crocodiles  
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**Marcel Marceau  
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