

# THE DREAM SCENE

## Newsletter

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Bienvenido to all our readers.

Well, as anticipated, August has been a scorcher, probably one of the hottest on record! Temperatures exceeded 42° in much of the region, even areas near the coast. Daytime temperatures locally seemed to peak around the mid to low 30's, although I am sure there have been some very 'hot-spots.' There were also a couple of downpours mid month, which although very welcome here, were very severe in Córdoba, where three people, two in a 4-wheel-drive, lost their lives in a flash flood. See page 11 for information on the anticipated *gota fría* this autumn.

Unfortunately the Pasty Shack and First Choice have now closed their doors in Via Park V. Both businesses and their operators will be badly missed by the community.

It was difficult to assess the volume of tourists this year. You get different answers depending on who you talk to or which Spanish newspapers you read. Overall, I would judge that it was slightly down on last year. I have a private hypothesis which is called the PMT or Pissed Mattress Theory. This states that the number of pissed mattresses, dumped by the bins or at the side of the road, is positively co-related to the number of holiday-makers who have rented property in Dream Hills. The discarded bedding seems to be about the same as last year. Businesses in the Costa del Sol often say that they get a 'better class of tourist' in September. It's probably the same on the C.B. also.

Speaking to Dave the Handyman, he tells me that the tourists were not too 'damaging' this year. Aside from the episode of the mattress dumped in one of the pools, he feels that things were not too bad. I was amazed to learn that Dave collects between eight and twelve large black sacks of dog poo and assorted rubbish every week from around the urbanisation and pool areas! This despite the street cleaners coming twice weekly!

Early in August there was an orderly demonstration/protest by residents of Lago Jardin 2 and Inspiration against the dreadful state of the public roads there. Hopefully Torre Vieja Council will soon do what they should have done years ago and repair or replace the road surface properly as they had promised.

Spain's equivalent to the Tour de France - the Tour de Espana - will come to Orihuela and the surrounding areas on Friday September 3. The city will be the main base for the seventh stage of the race with the cyclists going through more than 14 municipalities in the Vega Baja, including Jacarilla, Benijofar, Rojales, Almoradi and Guardamar. The Mayoress has declared the date to be a fiesta day so that the city residents can watch the race.

The attempted Bikini Bash to break the Guinness World Record with 2,000 bikini-wearing ladies on Campomor beach was a bit of a disaster as only around 100 scantily clad ladies turned up, with some red faces for the organisers.

**Reminders:** Your IBI property tax is due for payment in September. Thankfully, it has been frozen at last years rates and comes to around €90 + for the apartments/bungalows and €139 + for the houses. Also, remember that there is a General Strike scheduled for September 29. By law, strikers must provide a minimum service when striking, so it remains to be seen how much effect the strike will have. The air traffic controllers have now settled their recent dispute.

Grateful thanks to Peter Frazier for his very generous donation. As you can see from the poor quality of printing on some of the hard copies, I need to purchase a new drum - my fourth - or a new printer soon!

Take good care of yourselves, Mick, Editor.

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# What's Up?

Following the payment of a ransom which is believed to be in excess of €1.5 million, two Spanish aid workers who were kidnapped by an al Qaeda cell in Mauritania, have been released, after nine months in captivity. A third Spanish aid worker, a female, was released from the Maghreb in March.

The left-wing newspaper, El País, stated that the current PP Mayoress of Orihuela and three councillors have been implicated in the Brugal corruption case. But the PP have responded that neither the mayoress nor the three councillors have been accused or charged with any crime. With local elections due next year, it is not unusual to see mud being thrown about. Before the last local elections the then Mayor was investigated for bribery following allegations from the Green Party. Two years after the allegations, the mayor was found 'not guilty' of all charges.

The International Monetary Fund warned on Saturday that Spain still faces serious challenges. It noted the dysfunctional labour market, a deflating real estate bubble, a large fiscal deficit and high public and private debt. It said the Government's objectives have to be more believable despite describing them as 'brave'. However it wants to see more fiscal consolidation and pension reform, plus a strengthened labour reform and continued reform of the banking sector. It said it expected the recovery here to be 'weak and fragile'. The Financial Times has claimed that Spain could fall back into recession, saying that recovery here would be difficult and erratic, and that the Government's forecasts are excessively optimistic. Despite the recession, the number of workers in the public sector increased by 2.4% in 2009, reaching 632,124.

The solar power industry is reported to be indignant following the proposal from the Government to reduce the amount of grants for solar farms by 45% due to overall debt reduction plans.

The Government will open a round of talks with unions and employers on pensions reform after the summer break. However, more indicative of the Government/Unions relationship is the fact that, despite the recession and cut-backs, the government have given more than €29 million in grants to the unions in August. Despite this the union plan a General Strike for September 29.

Work on the Torrevieja desalination plant has ceased since June. You will recall in a previous issue I mentioned that the power supply installed was totally inadequate for the task; now it seems that the plant does not have the necessary approvals to extend the pipework, both intake and outlet to the sea and also lacks the integrated environmental permit necessary to operate the plant when completed. I can't help but think that this whole venture has been managed by the Marx Brothers! The government is considering the granting of special quick licenses to speed-up the process.

The 7/8 August was the worst weekend of the year so far on Spain's roads with 26 deaths in 24 fatal accidents. A further 30 people were injured. Eight of the dead were on motor bikes, while seven were pedestrians. Of the 24 accidents, seven were for leaving the road, seven for collisions, and ten caused because of distractions, according to the DGT traffic authority. There is some concern that given the so-called 'dropped ball point pen' strike by the Trafico Guardia, which has resulted in far fewer fines being issued, that drivers may now be ignoring speed limits this summer. Despite the tragic weekend, so far this year 991 people have lost their lives on Spanish roads, a number which is 174 lower, or 15% down on last year at the same time.

Several Spanish newspapers claim that the Moroccan Government is agitating the population against Spain close to the Spanish Melilla border in North Africa. Spain has two enclaves there, Cueta and Mellila. The King of Spain telephoned the King of Morocco to try and resolve matters, but there has been little diplomatic activity.

Constructors have welcomed the news that 700 million € worth of public works and not the previously announced 500 million, have escaped the public spending cuts. Minister for Development, José Blanco, said that 49 large construction projects would continue as a result. Most of those to benefit are in Andalucía and Cataluña, but the PP controlled regions have complained of being ignored by the minister. Andalucía is normally a Socialist stronghold but recent polls have seen the opposition PP take the lead. Cataluña is basically being bought-off to guarantee its support in Congress! PM Zapatero has admitted that he is speaking to the Basque Nationalists to obtain their support for the vote on the budget proposals for 2011 and avoid early elections. As with the Catalans, dealing with the Basque Nationalists will carry a heavy price and not just in money. These areas demand more self-governance.

In 1966, a mid-air collision of two US military aircraft near Palomares in the south of Spain discharged four nuclear weapons, two of which were damaged upon landing, leaking more than 20 kilos of highly radioactive plutonium. Since then the US Department of Energy (DOE) has been paying \$314,000 every year to pay for medical checks on the local population of around 1,500 people and continued environmental control testing of the area. The payments have now ceased, but the DOE will continue to offer advice, if required.

## Two at a time

A Royal Marine stops to visit his mate who is laid up with a wounded leg. His friend says, "My feet are cold, mate. Can you go and get me my slippers from upstairs please?"

The guy goes upstairs, and there are his mate's gorgeous twin 18 year old daughters.

"Hi Girls! Your dad sent me up here to hump your brains out."

The first daughter says, "That's not true!"

He says, "I'll prove it." He shouts down the stairs, "Both of them?"

His mate yells back, "Of course, both of them!"

## Opportunity Knocks

A bloke was sitting on a bus when a gorgeous woman next to him starts breastfeeding her baby. The baby won't take it so she says,

"Come on, eat it all up or I'll give it to this nice man here."

Ten minutes later, the baby is still not feeding so she says again, "Eat it all up or I'll give it to this nice man here."

The bloke says, "Listen, love, can you make your bloody mind up, I should've got off four stops ago!"

Farmers have been complaining about the theft of fruit and vegetables from their fields and orchards, as well as machinery which contains iron or copper, which can be sold as scrap. In the La Murada area of Orihuela, wine producers are mounting a 24-hour guard on their vineyards.

There are gang members from Eastern Europe who have been arrested in Spain three times in four years. The statement comes from police chiefs who are complaining about the lack of specialisation of judges and prosecutors. The paper says that more than half the nearly 6,000 arrested for organised crime in Spain in 2009 were foreigners.

The Guardia Civil have seized 762 kilos of high-grade cocaine (that is apparently four million doses) in the Port of Bilbao. The drugs were hidden in charcoal bags in a container which arrived from Argentina.

Police in Cataluña have arrested six members of two gangs who carried out as many as 70 robberies on tourists on the AP-7 motorway. The gangs would attract the attention of tourists indicating that they had a puncture and rob the tourists when they stopped to check their tyres.

The DGT Spanish traffic authority has announced a new system to fine foreign drivers who exceed the speed limit. Previously many drivers with foreign number-plated cars escaped punishment. When the speed trap detects a foreign number plate breaking the speed limit, a photograph is taken and then related to the DGT centre in León, where such fines are processed. At the same time local Trafico agents in the area receive an automated message with details of the infraction so that they can personally inform the driver of the vehicle (provided of course they know where the driver lives!). The new system has been installed in the AP-7 in Castellón, the A7 in Murcia, the A-52 in Zamora and the A-31 in Alicante. It has been shown that between 30% and 40% of the speeding drivers in the summer have foreign number plates.

42 women were killed by their partners in Spain in the first six months of the year, a totally unacceptable situation.

The Supreme Court has fined the Caixanova Savings Bank €600,000 following the failure of the bank to meet the requirement, introduced in 2005, of communicating possibly criminal operations to the money laundering prevention service authorities.

Spanish banks and savings banks now hold a third of the credit awarded by the European Central Bank. The total amount owed by the Spanish banks is 130.209 billion €

Two Spanish Guardia Civil and their translator, who were training Afghan policemen, were shot dead by their chauffeur in Afghanistan. This brings the number of Spanish killed there to 92.

The Guardia Civil have arrested a suspected terrorist in the Alicante town of Benitatxell. The 26-year-old Moroccan, who lived in the town for seven years and participated in the town's Civil Defence, is suspected of recruiting would-be terrorists through the internet, raising funds for Al Qaeda and the coordination of the transit of volunteer jihadists to areas such as Waziristan, Afghanistan and Chechnya. Police agencies from Belgium, the United States, France, Jordan and Morocco were also involved in the investigation.

Orange has admitted their mistake in charging a Spanish client 1,000 € for a phone call which lasted zero seconds when his mobile phone was switched off when he was on a flight to Kiev.

The ONO company has tried to collect payment from a client whom they claimed made 18,000 calls to 27 different 905 numbers for television competitions. The client says he never made the calls which amounted to 19,734 € and which were outlined over 275 pages on two bills. The FACUA consumer organisation says the client proved that his house was empty during some of the time the calls were allegedly made.

The tobacco companies have reduced the price of rolling tobacco, directing sales to youngsters and the unemployed. You can now buy a pack for €1.35, and that will give you enough tobacco for 30 cigarettes.

Jennifer López has now insured her backside for 4.5 million €. This should make it more valuable than LloydsTSB!

During the fiestas in honour of the city of Toledo's patron, Virgen del Sagrario, a firework decapitated a 15th century granite statue of an angel on the Puerta de los Reyes of the famous cathedral. The story was improved immeasurably by the fact that it was the Mayor of Toledo who set the firework off.

A British woman who left her 11-year-old daughter alone on the beach in Salou for more than two hours, while she was drinking in a local bar, has been sentenced to six months in prison. When arrested, the woman was as 'pissed as a fart' but will regrettably not serve any jail time as it was a first offence and the sentence was less than two years.

Regrettably, 'road-rage' is now becoming too common in Spain. Even here the usually laid-back and friendly Spanish can turn into monsters once they get into a car. On Friday August 20th in Madrid, a 76-year-old male Spaniard was involved in a minor traffic accident with a 55-year-old woman. The 76-year-old returned to his car, picked up a weapon and shot the lady in the chest and neck. The lady died at the scene and the assailant, who raced off in his car, was later captured by the police.

### **Come Fly With Me.**

An airline pilot on this particular flight had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a, "Thanks for flying our airline." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?" "Why, no Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

**Poems**

The following is a short selection of poems which were written by a 13 to 14-year-old girl in the early 80's. The writer, Gayna McCann, now lives in Dream Hills, a housewife, and mother to a young son and daughter. I am grateful for her permission to print some of her poems.

The first poem, 'Let's start an epidemic!' has now, thanks to the internet, travelled around the world and been enjoyed and quoted by many, many people. Although the poem is often attributed to 'Anon', there are at least three others who claim to have written it. However, Gayna's is the original.

<p><b>Let's start an epidemic!</b> Smiling is infectious, You catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too.</p> <p>I passed around the corner And someone saw my grin When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.</p> <p>I thought about that smile Then I realized its worth, A single smile, just like mine Could travel round the earth.</p> <p>So, if you feel a smile begin, Don't leave it undetected Let's start an epidemic quick, And get the world infected!</p>	<p><b>We Stand United.</b> We get lipstick on the bath towels, We get mascara on the sink, We squirt toothpaste on the ceiling, We spill talc and make the place stink - We spray hair-lacquer on the bog roll And pour nail varnish on the suite. But even though we're hazardous, Men just cannot compete.</p>	<p><b>My Funny Friend</b> I had a friend once It lived inside my head It'd eat, drink and quack And then he'd go to bed.</p> <p>I had a friend once. He was yellow and had webbed feet. His name was Mr. C. onscious. I said, I thought, him and Mr. S.ub should meet.</p> <p>I had a friend once. He'd tell me what to do. And even though he was quackers, I know that he knew.</p> <p>I had a friend once. But he used to go on holiday. And then I'd be lost and bewildered And not have a thing to say.</p>
<p><b>Too Deep, Man!</b> It's all too deep and meaningful Why can't we laugh and sing? Why can't we live and let live? Why can't we joke about this thing?</p> <p>Oh! It's too deep and meaningful What's the use of power? What's the use of politics? I'm going to bed for an hour!</p>		

**A Selection From Our Readers**

**Chuck the Rooster**

A farmer decided he wanted to go to town and see a movie. The ticket seller asked, "Sir, what's that on your shoulder?" The old farmer said, "That's my pet rooster, Chuck. Wherever I go, Chuck goes."  
"I'm sorry Sir," said the ticket seller, "we can't allow animals in the theater."  
The farmer went around the corner and stuffed chuck down his overalls and returned to the booth, bought a ticket, and entered the theater.  
He sat down next to two old widows named Mildred and Marge. The movie started but the rooster began to squirm, so the old farmer unbuttoned his fly so Chuck could stick his head out and watch the movie.  
"Marge," whispered Mildred, "I think the guy next to me is a pervert." "What makes you think so?" asked Marge? "He undid his pants and he has his thing out", whispered Mildred.  
"Well, don't worry about it", said Marge.. "At our age we've seen 'em all!"  
"I thought so too", said Mildred, "but this one's eatin' my popcorn!"

(Pete Dudman)

**Keep On Peckin'**

A Mexican woodpecker and a Canadian woodpecker were in Mexico arguing about which country had the toughest trees. The Mexican woodpecker claimed Mexico had a tree that no woodpecker could peck. The Canadian woodpecker accepted his challenge and promptly pecked a hole in the tree with no problem. The Mexican woodpecker was amazed. The Mexican woodpecker expressed confidence that he could do it and accepted the challenge. The two of them flew to Canada where the Mexican woodpecker successfully pecked the so-called 'impeccable' tree almost without breaking a sweat. Both woodpeckers were now terribly confused. How is it that the Canadian woodpecker was able to peck the Mexican tree, and the Mexican woodpecker was able to peck the Canadian tree, yet neither was able to peck the tree in their own country? After much woodpecker pondering, they both came to the same conclusion. Apparently, Tiger Woods was right, when he said, 'Your pecker gets harder when you're away from home.'

(Tracy Marshall & Ken Billingham)

Two businessmen in Cardiff were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new shop... As yet, the shop wasn't ready, with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other, "I bet any minute now some pensioner is going to walk by, put his face to the window and ask what we're selling." No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious old woman walked to the window, had a peek and in a soft voice asked, "What are you selling here?" One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling arse-holes." Without skipping a beat, the old biddie said, "Must be doing well... Only two left!"

(Ken Billingham)

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He thinks this is a figment of his imagination and drives on....Soon he sees another sign which reads:

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION - NEXT RIGHT

His curiosity gets the best of him and he pulls into the drive...

On the far side of the parking lot is a stone building with a small sign next to the door reading:

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

He climbs the steps and rings the bell. The door is answered by a nun in a long black habit who asks, 'What may we do for you my son?'

He answers, 'I saw your signs along the highway and was interested in possibly doing business' ...

'Very well my son. Please follow me.' He is led through many winding passages and is soon quite disoriented. The nun stops at a closed door and tells the man, 'Please knock on this door.'

He does so and another nun in a long habit, holding a tin cup answers the door This nun instructs, 'Please place \$100 in the cup then go through the large wooden door at the end of the hallway.'

He puts \$100 in the cup, eagerly trots down the hall and slips through the door pulling it shut behind him. The door locks, and he finds himself back in the parking lot facing another sign:

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(Pat Chambers)

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**Puzzle from Pete Dudman**

(Find the sequence)

If:

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**The Spanish Stallion**

A virile and handsome young Spanish gentleman was relaxing at his favourite bar in Punta Prima, when he managed to attract a spectacular young blonde. Things progressed to the point where he invited her back to his apartment, and after some small talk, they retired to his bedroom where he rattled her senseless. After a pleasant interlude, he asked with a smile, "So.....you finish?" She paused for a second, frowned, and replied, "No." Surprised, the young man reached for her and the rattling resumed. This time she thrashes about wildly and there are screams of passion. The rooting ends, and again the young man smiles, and again he asks, "You finish?" And again, after a short pause, she returns his smile, cuddles closer to him, and softly says, "No." Stunned, but damned if this woman was going to outlast him and defeat his Spanish *machismo*, the young man reaches for the woman yet again using the last of his strength, he barely manages it, but they end together, screaming, bucking, clawing, and ripping the bed sheets, steaming-up the light bulbs and cracking the mirrors. The exhausted man falls onto his back, gasping. Barely able to turn his head, he looks into her eyes, smiles proudly, and asks again, "You finish?" Barely able to speak, she whispers in his ear, "No..... I Norwegian!"

### Unprofessional? A rant!

OK! Let me start by 'putting my cards on the table'; I love living in Spain! Despite the warts, which to me is usually the bureaucracy, whinging expats or dodgy businesses, it has much to offer, which is of course why there are so many non-Spanish living and retiring here. But this does not stop me from taking an occasional whack at certain practices in Spain which really annoy me and I am afraid that I must now 'have a go' at the lack of professionalism which is endemic in Spain. When we first arrived in Spain, I was very impressed by the amount of flat PC screens and high tech at notaries and government offices. Everything appeared to be digitised and I thought it all looked so promising. But unfortunately it was not too long before the established Spanish caricature of pervasive leaden footed administrations and bureaucracy became all too apparent, dashing my optimistic vision of an efficient digital Spain.

One August, we had a problem with the air-conditioning in our Seat car. Went to the Seat main dealer in Torrevieja and it took almost four weeks - the whole of a roasting August of course - and four visits to the garage, to sort it out. All that was needed was a small piece of plastic piping, but as it was August, the Seat central parts depot was virtually unmanned and the engineers couldn't or wouldn't do anything! (If you have sold or bought a car in Spain, you will have been flabbergasted by the long and expensive bureaucratic process, whereas in the UK all you had to do was sign a form and post it to the Traffic Authority.) On another occasion upon entering a lift in Benidorm, I was confronted by a retired North American tourist who was punching the lift walls in frustration and swearing about the 'useless \*\*\*\*in' Spanish.' His electronic room key would not work and he was on his fourth trip down to reception to complain. I will spare you his other colourful comments which related to 'reproduction' and the Spaniard's propensity for it.

More seriously, during the last few years, most of us have become aware of the scandalous behaviour of notaries, solicitors/lawyers and estate agents, where they have frequently and deliberately misled their clients into signing property deeds which included liability for part of the developers debts! And of course the number of people who have paid large deposits and stage payments on property where promised guarantees by the bank never materialised, are legion and tragic, with the banks, at best, being unhelpful. If such practices were found to have occurred elsewhere in northern or western Europe, the professionals would be either in jail, on the run, or at the very least they would be struck-off! Even the common practise of understating the actual sale price of a property in the deeds is indicative of the lack of professionalism and underhand dealing that are far too common. And then of course there is the matter of corrupt politicians, which although seems commonplace now, is nothing compared to the situation which existed under the Socialist government of Felipe González, during the late 80's and early 90's. Corruption was then epidemic, but the levels today are still unacceptable, indicating the lack of professional pride in politicians.

There still appears to be little protection for the consumer from the various dubious commercial practices because the legal system in Spain is incredibly slow, and largely out of date. To call it Dickensian, would be to attribute to it a certain level of modernity, which it does not have. The Spanish legal system just does not meet the demands of the 21st century and is in need of a costly and thorough modernisation.

So what caused me 'to throw my toys out of the pram' this time? Two recent events have only confirmed my feelings. In 2001, The Social Accessibility Plan was launched to, amongst other things, grant aid to finance the stay in residential facilities for people with insufficient financial resources. In the province of Alicante this summer, there are 1,800 residents in various nursing homes who are due to be 'turfed-out' of the homes this summer because the Department of Social Welfare have not indicated whether they will, this year, continue funding their stay in the homes. The Alicante newspaper, Informacion, and the relevant nursing homes have tried to contact the appropriate people in the Department of Social Welfare on several occasions, only to be told that "no decision had been made as most of the staff are on holiday!"

The second case is almost comic. In October 2008, Dermot McArdle was convicted of the manslaughter of his wife Kelly Ann, following a week-long trial in Malaga. You may recall that 29-year-old Kelly Ann died after falling from the fourth floor of a five-star hotel in Marbella, following an argument with her husband. The wife killer and father-of-three was to serve a two-year jail sentence and was expected to hand himself in for prison voluntarily in early August this year, following a 20-day deadline. However legal officials stated that only working days are counted towards the deadline - and August was not a working month for Spanish courts! Mr. McArdle's freedom will be extended by a further day as September 8 is a local bank holiday in Malaga where he was convicted and does not count as a working day either! So basically this chap who should have been in jail in early August is free until mid-September, because of holidays! An interesting aside is that McArdle was also ordered to pay compensation of €60,000 to each of his children and €100,000 to the dead woman's grieving parents, but not a cent has been paid to date. Compensation payments ordered by the courts are extremely difficult to enforce and are rarely complied with in Spain, largely because there is no follow-up unless one is prepared to take further expensive legal action. (Enough said.....I feel better now!)

### Big Fergus

Fergus, six foot six and built like a brick 'you know what,' is walking home one night when he spots a block of flats on fire. Running over to assist, he spots people gathered on a third floor balcony, trapped by the flames.

Fergus, who used to play rugby for Munster, shouts, "Jump! I'll catch you, don't worry!"

A woman throws her baby from the balcony and Fergus safely catches her, placing her on the ground.

The mother jumps next and Fergus catches her too. As he stands back under the balcony, he spots a black man hurtling down. Fergus steps to one side and watches the man slam into the pavement.

Fergus shouts up to the rest of the trapped group, "OI! Don't throw the feckin' burnt ones down!"

### Review: Frissan Restaurant in San Miguel by Tid

We recently decided to dine with friends at **Frissan** in San Miguel de Salinas. Our companions seemed a little reluctant, as they had not been overly impressed having eaten there a year or so previously and been very disappointed. Frissan opened in May 2007 and then had a reputation for good food but with a pricey tag to it. Sometime between 2008 and the present day, Jayne and Stuart, - husband and wife team - have turned it all around, and the transition has been packing them in.

The decor in Frissan is tastefully minimalist with very comfortable lighting and seating. The staff are very attentive and good at what they do. The change in formulae follows the format used by the Portico Mar Restaurant in Guardamar, who have a sound reputation and are always full.

Jayne and Stuart now offer an extensive menu of 15 starters, 21 main courses and eight homemade desserts. There is also a children's menu and a limited number of high chairs. The three course adult menu, which includes a half bottle of wine/beer or water, will set you back just €16.95 per head. If you can't face the full menu, then each course can be purchased separately, prices clearly displayed in the menu. The choice for the €16.95 menu is quite extensive and includes Thai salmon & haddock fishcakes, gateau of smoked salmon and prawn or chicken tikka salad in the starter category.

For main course there is again plenty of choice, from which include calve's liver with mash and red wine gravy, stuffed breast of chicken, sea bream (Dorada) with mussel parcel steamed in foil wrap or moules marinara in garlic sauce with fresh chives to tempt your palate. If you are a steak lover, you can have a 12 oz sirloin for an extra supplement of €3, or a fillet steak for an additional €4. Alternatively there is Breast of Duck for €2.50 extra or a full rack of ribs for just €1.50 extra. All mash, chips, rice and veg are included in the price where appropriate. Additional side orders, such as honeyed roast parsnips or fresh spinach are also available and priced accordingly. There is plenty of choice, it is all delicious and freshly cooked with quality ingredients.

Desserts are all homemade and include cheesecake, pancakes, sticky toffee pudding and Amaretto poached pears with almonds. Various speciality liqueur coffees and after dinner drinks are available. If you cannot eat a dessert, then coffee with brandy can be substituted for the dessert. A wine list is available but the house wines are perfectly acceptable.

This time our friends were very impressed with Frissan, as we were, and we have no hesitation in recommending it to you. Booking is essential, as the air-conditioned, non-smoking restaurant is now very, very busy. Frissan was recently awarded first place as the Best European Restaurant in the Coast Rider Culinary Awards 2010, which gave their trade a further boost. Frissan is open every evening except Monday and is closed every lunchtime. They can be contacted at 966 723 485 or 687 948 074 and are located on La Ronde Oeste - the San Miguel bypass - which is close to Market Street Restaurant and O'Neill's Irish Bar.

### In the Navy

An Navy Captain visiting the sick sailors ward, went to one matelot and asked, "What's your problem, sailor?" "Chronic syphilis, Sir."

"What treatment are you getting?" "Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What are your plans, Sailor?" "To get back to my ship, Sir."

"Good man," said the Captain.

He went to the next bed, "What's your problem, sailor?"

"Chronic piles, Sir."

"What treatment are you getting?" "Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What are your plans?" "To get back to my ship sir."

"Good man," said the Captain.

He moved to the next bed, "What's your problem, sailor?" "Chronic gum disease, Sir"

"What treatment are you getting?" "Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What are your plans, Sailor?"

"To get to the wire brush before the other two, Sir!"

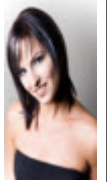
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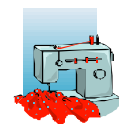
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### **The History of Spain. Part 17, Maintaining World Hegemony**

When Charles abdicated, one of his sons - Philip II (r. 1556-98), also called Philip the Prudent, - inherited the Spanish crown (including the New World conquests), the Italian possessions, and the Netherlands (the industrial heartland of Europe in the mid-sixteenth century). However, Philip also inherited a considerable royal debt from Charles, 36 million ducats (a ducat was a gold coin of approx. 3.5 grams). This debt would mushroom to over 100 million ducats during his lifetime.

Under Philip's reign, Spain became the foremost Western European power, reaching the height of its influence and power, directing explorations all around the world and settling the colonization of territories in all the then known continents. "Spanish 'imperialism' was", according to the historian Kaman, "really a vast exercise in international co-operation between Spaniards, Italians, Germans, Flemings, and the innumerable people of varying profession and nationality who stood to gain from service under Europe's one superpower." The real rise of Spain as a military force occurred only during Philip's reign. His reign also saw a flourishing of cultural excellence in Spain, the beginning of what is called the Golden Age, which lasted around 100 years, creating a lasting legacy in literature, music, painting and sculpture. Spain's total population at the beginning of his reign was about nine million and overwhelmingly rural, compared to sixteen million in France and four million in England.

For a brief period (1554-58), Philip was King of England & Ireland as the husband of Mary Tudor (Mary I). (His previous wife, Marie of Portugal, died giving birth.) Philip was never really accepted by the English, and when the Protestant Elizabeth I succeeded to the English throne on the death of 'Bloody Mary' in 1558, Anglo-Spanish relations began to deteriorate. Anxious to keep England Catholic, Philip proposed marriage to Elizabeth but was rejected.

The Spanish royal families had no permanent base or palace in Spain. The royals moved about the country spending a few years in one city, then another. Philip decided to choose Madrid, then a tiny village, as his permanent capital city in 1561, which was close to the geographical centre of Spain. Two years later construction began on the famous El Escorial palace-monastery, 48 km from Madrid, and was completed 21 years later. Although many say that the Alhambra is the definitive historic building in Spain, to me it will always be the imposing El Escorial with its 134 km of corridors, 2,000 windows, 16 courtyards, 11,200 doors together with its well endowed library, royal crypt and a depository for religious remains and relics. The Alhambra is Moorish, whereas El Escorial is 100% Spanish.

Philip II was pedantic and sedentary unlike his 'warrior' father, and probably Spain's first bureaucrat. He insisted in becoming involved in every minor aspect of decision-making in his massive empire and would not delegate. With the Americas a three months trip away, the decision-making process was excruciatingly slow. He may have adopted this attitude as his fathers dying words to him were, 'do not trust anybody but yourself.'

One of Philip's main objectives was to settle Spain's simmering hostilities with France. Spanish victories at St Quentin in northern France in 1557, and at Gravelines in 1558 nudged France to the negotiation table. At the Treaty of Château-Cambrésis of 1559, the French renounced their long standing claims in Italy giving Spain a free hand. The Treaty was sealed by the marriage of Philip to Elizabeth of Valois, the daughter of Henry II of France. Philip was then able to concentrate on his conflicts with the Turks and the 16 separate provinces which constituted the Low Countries (Netherlands).

In 1571, a combined Spanish, Venetian and papal fleet of 208 warships and 28,000 men, virtually annihilated the Turkish fleet of 230 ships in the Battle of Lepanto (1571). Although the Italians provided two-thirds of the ships and men, the bulk of the financing came from Spain. The strategic effects of this great victory were negligible, but its moral effects were immense. It confirmed the Spaniards in their chosen role as champions of Christendom and explains much of their continued willingness to support their king's religious and imperial policies, even in the face of ruinous costs and mounting disasters. After Lepanto however, it became clear that the stalemate in the Mediterranean could not be broken. As Philip had 'other fish to fry,' Spain signed a truce with the Ottoman Turks in 1580.

Then in 1578, Sebastian, the 24-year-old king of Portugal led a great Portuguese army on an ill-prepared Crusade to Morocco. In the Battle of the Three Kings, the Moroccans annihilated the 23,000 strong Portuguese army and slaughtered King Sebastian and most of the country's nobility. Less than 100 Portuguese managed to escape to the coast, the remainder being killed or captured. But the pious Sebastian was unmarried and had sired no heir. Sebastian's aged uncle, a Cardinal, now ruled Portugal for just two years, but as a clergyman he also had no descendants. Philip invaded Portugal with an army of 15,000 men, defeating the Portuguese troops at the Battle of Alcântara and was crowned Philip I of Portugal in 1581. Although Philip respected the laws and privileges of his new subjects and left them to administer their own colonial empire, the union increased rather than diminished the old hostility between the Castilians and the Portuguese. But now the unified Iberian Peninsula had a single monarch for the next 60 years.

In 1581 the United Provinces - the Low Countries - declared their independence and formed an alliance with Queen Elizabeth I shortly afterwards, Elizabeth promising troops and supplies to the rebels. Philip considered this an act of war by England. He then ordered the seizure of English ships, which prompted Elizabeth to send Francis Drake to harass the Spanish colonies in the Caribbean. This Drake did quite effectively, sacking several Spanish ports and capturing a Spanish fort in Florida. On his return to Europe, he also 'singed the beard of the Spanish king' by entering the Cádiz and La Coruña harbours and sinking 37 naval and merchant ships. Drake then continued on to attack the Spanish supply routes on the western side of the Spanish Peninsula.

With the execution of Mary Queen of Scots in 1587, Philip's last hope of a Catholic on the English throne were dashed and following Elizabeth's support for the United Provinces, he declared war on England.

### **A good earner!**

Many of you will have noticed how many film actors have now changed their medium from the movies to TV. This is hardly surprising as TV can offer regular work and some very high salaries. Despite the huge pay cheques, Hollywood insiders insist that salaries have dropped in recent years because of the recession. However, a recently published list by the US magazine 'TV Guide' shows that massive sums are still being paid out to the more successful presenters and actors. There is nothing Spanish about this, but as most of you will watch TV occasionally, you may find the following interesting.

The Queen of US TV is still Oprah Winfrey, who gets paid \$443 million-a-year for her talk show. The TV star - whose series The Oprah Winfrey Show will end after 25 seasons in September 2011 - topped a list of the highest-paid talk show hosts in the US, with her staggering wage more than the combined total of the next four top earners, Judge Judy Sheindlin (from Judge Judy) and David Letterman (from his own show), who earn \$63 million and \$39 million respectively, Tonight Show star Jay Leno on \$35 million and Conan O'Brien, who gets paid \$14 million for his self-titled programme.

Two US news programme hosts, Matt Lauer and Katie Couric, (largely unknown to us on this side of the pond) each earn in excess of \$21 million per annum.

On the Reality TV shows, American Idol host, Ryan Seacrest, was the top-earning reality TV star, with an annual salary of \$21 million. Piers Morgan, former editor of News of the World and the Daily Mail earns a very moderate \$2m p.a. on 'America's Got Talent' show.

Charlie Sheen was the highest-paid comedy actor, receiving \$1.7 million per episode of Two and a Half Men - more than double the \$US 550,000 paid to his co-star Jon Cryer, who was second on the list; which is not bad for around 25 minutes air-time and repetitive gags. Tina Fey of 30 rock and Jeremy Piven of Entourage, each get \$350,000 per episode, Steve Carell of The Office, \$297,000, while the two main voices of The Simpsons - Dan Castellaneta and Julie Kavner - each get \$400,000 per episode.

House actor Hugh Laurie was named the top-earning actor in a drama by the magazine, taking home a minimum of \$US 400,000 per episode. Each of the ladies (or crones) on Desperate Housewives earn around \$400,000 per episode. Keifer Sutherland used to receive around \$330,000 for each episode of 24.

On the various police series such as 'Law & Order:Special Victims Unit,' Christopher Meloni and Mariska Hargitay each picked-up \$395,000 per episode. David Caruso of CSI Miami and Marg Helgenberger of CSI Las Vegas both earn \$375,000 per episode. Former movie-actor Laurence Fishburne of CSI Las Vegas gets \$350,000 per episode for his understated, somewhat comatose acting. Nice work if you can get it!

### **Restaurant Review - Punjabi Palace in Los Montesinos - 966 720 383**

Most of us who arrive from the UK have developed a taste for Indian food. This is largely because the curry houses/Pak-India-Bangladeshi restaurants in the UK are of a good quality and offer reasonable value for money. Accordingly, many of us are then disappointed when we find that this type of ethnic cuisine in Spain (referred to as Hindu cooking by the Spanish) is generally not very good, either in terms of taste or value. Too often here, the sauces used by a particular restaurant are all too similar, generally because the correct spices are not being used, and the meat portions are often far too small. You would think that it would be difficult for an Indian restaurant to 'bollux-up' a simple onion bhaji, but most of them do! It is a similar story with the Indian breads, which are after all staples, but to get a properly made naan or paratha in these establishments is rare. All too often a proper tandoori oven is not used.

We used to travel to Indiana Cuisine in Pilar de Horadada for our regular curry 'fix.' Recently we happened to locate, with some difficulty, the Punjabi Palace in Calle Mayor in Los Montesinos. It was open for lunch, which is unusual for Indian restaurants in our area, as most only open in the evenings.

We were quickly greeted as we entered by one of the friendly and efficient waiters, who showed us to our table. The restaurant is spacious, with high ceilings and good air-conditioning. It is decorated with some Indian art, where perspective has been thrown to the four winds, - find the painting of the fat horses! As it was a Monday lunchtime on a very hot day, we were very surprised to see about seven tables already occupied, obviously a popular place. The seating is very comfortable and the tables are placed discreetly out of earshot of each other. The waiter brought us a couple of popadoms with three types of pickle as a freebie while we perused the menu, which carries the most extensive range of dishes (209) I have ever seen in an 'Indian.' Not only were there the usual dishes which feature chicken, lamb, prawns, homemade cheese and fish, but the menu also includes dishes made from beef and pork! If choosing a vindaloo or phal dish, remember to put the loo roll in the fridge before you leave home!

When the food arrived each individual dish had its own warmer. I had a delicious Chicken Dopiazza, €7.90, with a properly made Bombay Aloo, €4.20. 'She, who must be obeyed' had the Punjabi Special Tandoori Mixed Grill, €9.50, which included a mild curry sauce. The Punjabi Palace does not offer bargain basement food and prices. Although it is slightly cheaper than most 'Indian's' on the coast, the quality of cooking & ingredients here and the excellent service, puts places like Rani's and Ghandi's to shame, and is worth every cent. We have now eaten there at least six times and have never been disappointed. The wine list unfortunately has the usual huge 'mark-up,' but you can get a large beer for €2.50. There is a special Lunch Menu priced at €8.95 and served between 12PM and 3PM and includes papadoms, chicken or lamb dish, rice or naan, dessert or coffee and a generous glass of beer, wine or soft drink.

The Punjabi Palace is open daily from 12am to 12 pm and is located at Local 6 Calle Mayor off the CV945 on the northwest side of Los Montesinos. There is plenty of parking in the adjacent square.

### Gota Fría

The Spanish Met' Office (AEMET) has warned that the weather phenomenon known as 'gota fría' (cold drop) can be expected along the Mediterranean coastline after September 15. The 'gota fría' is typified by very heavy cloud-bursts of rain, and hail-stones which can vary in size from that of an olive to larger than a golf ball! The destruction of hundreds of car-wind-screens and dents in cars caused by the hail in certain areas of Murcia is now almost an annual occurrence. The at risk areas are Murcia, Valencia, Eastern Andalucía, Cataluña and the Balearic Islands. Historically, it is the Valencian region which has borne the brunt of the damage. AHMET also reports that the risk of 'gota fría' will continue until the end of October.

The phenomenon occurs when there is the combination of cold air at high altitudes and hot and damp air at ground level. The sea close to the coastline gets very hot in the summer, sometimes as high as 30 degrees. This creates a mass of hot air which spirals to a height of over 10 km where it then cools rapidly causing massive turbulence and disruption resulting in hail, rain, electrical storms and high winds.

*Gota frías* can be devastating. In 1987 in Gandia, heavy rain reached a maximum of 500 litres per sq metre, devastating the region of Safor. In 1982 and 1997, heavy rains of about 300 mm in a few hours causing flash floods and dozens of drowning's in Alicante. Even as far north as Bilbao, resulting floods in 1983 drowned 34.

Aside from the damage and erosion caused by the rain, winds can reach over 140 kph. The resulting surge can raise sea levels by a metre or more, causing tremendous damage to beaches, boats and the coastline, whole beaches can be wiped away in a few hours.

**Late News:** Orihuela Costa has finally got its own football team! First match is away against Dolores.

### Badges? We don't need no stinkin' badges!

A Sheriff stops at a ranch and talks with an old farmer. He tells the farmer, 'I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs.' The old farmer says, 'Okay, but don't go in that field over there.'

The Sheriff verbally explodes saying, 'Mister, I have the authority of the Sheriff's Department with me.' Reaching into his rear pant pocket and removing his badge, the officer proudly displays it to the farmer. 'See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish on any land. No questions asked or answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?' The old farmer nods politely and goes about his chores.

Later, the old farmer hears loud screams and spies the Sheriff running for his life and close behind is the farmer's bull. With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer. The Sheriff is clearly terrified.

The old farmer immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs, 'Your badge! Show him your badge!'

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**Very sick, racist, horrible jokes.**

A charity single has been released in aid of the Pakistan Flood Relief. It's called, "Raindrops Keep Falling On Ahmed."

The BNP have made a surprising donation to the Pakistan Flood Relief..... 200 crocodiles.

Just found out that my grandad died in a Russian POW camp. He got pissed and fell out of his machine gun tower.

Experts are worried about President Obama's mental state after he pledged millions of dollars of aid to Northern Ireland, following the tragedy of Hurricane Higgins.

I 'fostered' a Iranian refugee yesterday..... all four cans hit him on the head!

Cost of security for Popes visit has risen to £12M. But if it keeps our kids safe it's worth it.

What do you get if you insert human DNA into a goat?

Banned from the petting zoo.

America's policy of shooting first and asking questions later has always been their downfall. I mean, just think how useful King Kong could have been on September 11th.

I'm not convinced that faith can move mountains, but I've seen what it can do to skyscrapers.

Dave drowned. So at the funeral we got him a wreath in the shape of a lifebelt. Well, it's what he would have wanted.

I picked up a hitch hiker on the N332. Well you've got to when you hit them.

A friendly German, a brave Frenchman, a slim American, a unique Chinaman and an Englishman with a massive todger walk into a bar and a Jew says, "The drinks are on me."

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