

# Santiago to get Trams



A new street car system is planned for Santiago, with construction to start in August.

The Spanish railways construction company, FEVE will be teaming up with Dominican company, Consulting APD in the project, planned to benefit more than 200,000 people who travel in the city daily.

The announcement was made at a recent press conference by Santiago's Mayor Jose Enrique Sued and FEVE's president, Dimas Sañudo.

Sañudo said that preliminary technical feasibility studies indicated that the project was viable and feasible.

Sued said that the project would be built via concession and foreign investment and therefore would not economically

jeopardize Santiago's nor the Dominican State's treasuries.

# Fernandez Leading the Polls

According to a new Gallup survey conducted in early April, President Leonel Fernandez is favoured by 45% of the country's voters for the PLD presidential candidate. This is up from 35% last November.

The other key runners are Danilo Medina at 23% and Jose Tomás Perez with 5%.

Amongst PLD supporters, the percentage is even more skewed in the president's direction with 73% in support of Fernandez, 17% for Medina and 2.4% for Perez. Over 1200 adults were interviewed, of which 27.1% said they didn't know or just didn't respond. It is thought that Fernandez's support comes mostly from the large cities, whereas Medina and Perez have theirs in the interior.

## New Cap Cana Marina

Another tourism boost in April, with the famous Cap Cana resort group's inauguration of the first stage of an exclusive marina on the East Coast. The marina will be able to cope with up to 72, 60 foot long yachts. President Leonel Fernandez is expected to head the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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had recommended this as a cure for premature ejaculation. Unsurprisingly, the 35 year old man ended up in the operating theatre with a severely lacerated penis.

*Ed - Thankfully, the hedgehog survived physically, but was rather embarrassed by the whole episode.*

## Man Sells Wife to Pay off Debts

I know we've all been tempted when the credit card bills are mounting up, but Emil Iancu, living in Romania actually did hand over his wife in lieu of his debt worth approximately \$3500, to his 72 year old creditor, Jozef Justien Lostrie when he turned up on his doorstep. "I had no money, and I was scared," said Iancu. "So I signed a document giving Daniela to him."

His wife, Daniela is apparently happy with the whole deal. "Before I had to clean the house and look after our three children, but now I live like a guest and hardly do a thing," she reportedly said.

## Wedding Joke Stops Marriage

A joke backfired for Tina Albrecht, 27 in Austria at her wedding to fiancé Dietmar Koch aged 29. To the key question, she replied "I don't", as a joke, before correctly herself. The registrar then refused to continue with the ceremony, as under Austrian law, if either party replies to the question in the negative, the wedding must be cancelled and cannot take place for a further 10 weeks, to stop forced marriages. Ms Albrecht and her fiancé were forced to send all their wedding guests home from the castle in Steyr. "In retrospect it was probably not so funny," she said.

*Ed - Oh, but it is! Try it again...*

## Husband Brands Wife's Bum

A jealous 54 year old man is being questioned by police for allegedly branding his initials on his 22 year old wife's bottom. The incident took place on their wedding night

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