

**Water pollution**

**Water all-clear given**

▲ **Thousands of homes** in the Candelaria area can use their tap water again after the recent contamination scare. Restrictions were imposed by the health authorities after large amounts of a diesel-type substance were detected in water supplies. The problem affected homes in Candelaria, Araya and some districts outside Santa Cruz. Water Board engineers worked throughout a weekend to clean the pipes, while samples were sent for testing to establish the nature of the substance. Local reports say that sabotage of the pipeline is suspected although this has not been confirmed. The regional Department of Health issued the all-clear after two days and praised local councils for the speedy response to the emergency.

**Garachico**

**Walk through the heights**



*A fun day of history and traditions*

▲ **This colourful recreation** of the island way of life will take place on the 25th of November. To demonstrate the way life was before tourism, tarmac roads and mobile phones, a wonderful bunch of people get together in a fun filled day of dressing

up and playing acting. Around 35 volunteers take part in this representation walking through the old byways as their fathers and forefathers will have done throughout their working lives. Among the participants are witches putting their spells on the

pathway, a priest in the old fashioned soutane and round hat on his donkey, the señor of the valleys on his thoroughbred and tradesmen from all walks of life bartering their wares. Livestock includes goats, chickens, rabbits and pigs

in special baskets strapped to donkeys, there are ladies bearing pottery on their heads and fruit or fish. The pinocho gatherer is represented with his sack and hook to gather the pine needles, as is the firewood salesman and the honey seller with mead for

mothers with newborn babies.

It was a hard life and a simple one with tradesmen and farmers often on the road for days or even weeks to barter their goods. This recreation is a homage to all those men and women who walked the Islands' paths, the pig breeders from Icod, the potters of Arguayo and the fishermen or their wives who walked from the coast to the heights to trade. It's a representation of the enormous effort and sacrifice that was needed to maintain the family economy.

The walk starts in La Montañeta, Garachico at 10.30am, passes San José de Los Llanos in El Tanque at 12.00 and arrives at the Santiago del Teide farmer's market (Mercadillo del Agricultor) at 1.30pm for the bartering sessions. It's a great day out for anyone interested in the island's traditions and history.

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