

## News in Brief

## Tacoronte crime wave

## Robbers caught

Two individuals the police described as dangerous robbers were arrested in Tacoronte at the beginning of the year.

The northern town's crime rate has been hitting the headlines in recent months, especially with local petrol stations being raided. However the captured men of 18 and 36 are thought to have been the same who threatened another man at a cash point with a knife on 19th December and got away with €600. It was the description given by the victim, especially in terms of the clothes worn by his attackers, which enabled the police to identify the criminals. A jersey worn by the younger man was found in his home. After questioning, he revealed the identity of his older colleague. Further investigations also revealed that the same men carried out at least one of the petrol station raids in August 2009.

## Stabbing attempt

## Councillor attacked

A man in Tacoronte, thought to be mentally unstable, tried to stab councillor Moisés Ramos early in January whilst he worked in the town's Public Service offices.

It appears the man's property was compulsorily purchased ten years ago and he was demanding that the council return belongings left behind in the property. After shouting at the councillor he took out a pen knife and tried to stab him. Although the councillor was not badly hurt he was taken to the University Hospital as a precautionary measure. According to local sources this is not the first time his attacker, who was taken to the psychiatric ward at the same hospital, has behaved in such a way.

## CIT SUR LOYALTY AWARDS

## Our best ambassadors



**I**t was almost like being at the Adeje Eurovision song contest, there was so much translating going on, but at the CIT Sur Loyalty award ceremony, held in the Convento de San Francisco in Adeje, everyone was a winner.

The awards, given annually to clients world wide who have returned to South Tenerife to holiday time and time again, saw visitors from

the UK, Germany, Italy and Belgium thanked by Adeje's mayor José Miguel Rodríguez Fraga and CIT Sur president María Nieves Rosales Alonso and applauded by their fellow holiday makers. These very welcome tourists have been coming back to Tenerife year after year, some, like young Colby Feely, since he was three weeks old!

The top winners were in a league of their own, having each been holidaying in



Tenerife with their respective first spouses, subsequently being widowed, meeting here in Tenerife, and now holidaying regularly in the Hotel Vulcano. Between them Mr Lane and Mrs Chambers have visited our shores 70 times!

Adeje's mayor was very warm in his welcome to the guests, congratulating them on their wisdom in choosing the world's best destination, with the best climate and the best people in the world, adding "please tell your friends". He was also more than happy to adopt the Belgian greeting of three kisses rather than the

Spanish two, re-embracing at least on Belgian visitor to catch up on his kisses. The President of CIT, the centre for tourism initiatives, told the gathered guests, "you are our best ambassadors...with the rest of Europe covered in snow and ice, here you are to enjoy not only the warmth of our climate but of our people too", she added.

Given that this international group of guests have returned year after year (and generally more than once a year) to the same hotels as well as the destination, the hotels who look after them are also to be congratulated.

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