



## WEATHER PATTERNS

# March – in like a lion?



*It was a chilly and grey March for many in the Canaries*

The Spanish meteorological office Aemet confirmed that the month of March in the Canarian archipelago was 0.7 degrees Celsius below the normal March average.

There were peaks during which it was significantly colder and there were unusually few calimas (winds blowing sand in from the Sahara). It was really hot on March 10/11 and again on March 15/16 at Tazacorte in La Palma (28 degrees Celsius) and in Tasarte, Gran Canaria (30 degrees Celsius). In contrast, 70 per cent of all Canarian weather stations registered particularly cool tem-

peratures in March. For example, on March 12, La Aldea de San Nicolás on the coast of Gran Canaria, as well as the other eastern islands, only reached nine degrees Celsius. At high altitudes at places such as Izaña in Tenerife, it was really icy for ten days, which was two days over the norm. On March 25, 11 millimetres of snow fell.

In terms of precipitation, March was particularly dry on the island of La Palma, in the Anaga Mountains of Tenerife and in the south of Lanzarote, but it was normal and rather humid in the other parts of

the Canary Islands. Peak values were measured with almost 100 millimetres in La Matanza de Acentejo. Rainfall was distributed over two low pressure systems that crossed the archipelago in March. From March 6 to 8, it was the cold front called Laura that left about 31 millimetres of rain per square metre in La Victoria and caused heavy showers at Puntagordo and Agulo in La Palma, as well as the north of Tenerife.

A second cold front Dana, brought abundant precipitation at the end of the month, especially at Agüimes in Gran Canaria, La Matanza

and Arico in Tenerife and at Antigua in Fuerteventura. Rainfall was also recorded at most of the other weather stations, except those in La Palma. The last squalls have at least reduced the precipitation deficit in the reservoirs, which until now was set at a downfall of 30 per cent.

The trade wind was particularly strong on March 8/9, reaching up to 90 kilometres per hour at Candelaria in Tenerife. On the islands with larger differences in altitude, gusts of 102 km/h affected La Aldea de San Nicolás and Agaete in Gran Canaria on March 21 and 22.

## NEW SPECIAL CENTRE

## Autism appeal

As we went to print with our last issue, a group of people in Adeje were celebrating World Autism Day in a very special way.

A new centre to improve the quality of life of those with ASD (autism spectrum disorder TEA in Spanish) and that of their families was opened at C/Lujan Pérez 22, Local C, Los Olivos, Adeje. Backed by the Canarian Autism Federation, the centre is to be run by Autismo Sur – Mi Lado Azul (Southern autism - my blue side) and their mission is to help by providing services, specialised assistance, and also increasing public awareness about ASD and the need for increased respect of the rights of all to be properly included in society.

The association, which started in 2017, is run by parents and professionals dealing with ASD, and will be lobbying for needed services and family assessments, as well as offering specialised training and education. Their main goal is to help society in general understand autism, at a personal and professional level. Carmen Fernández, the president of the association, says that is why they have launched their current campaign, 'conecTEA' working with therapists, from school to home. In other words, she explains, working to fully educate all those who are in contact with the individual with autism in their daily lives. The association is placing special emphasis on working to help in the family setting - finding out how to help and improve assistance in the home.

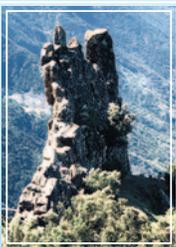
Unfortunately, like most non-profit organisations, funds are tight and resources are low. They need cupboards to keep their work materials in, tables, seats, shelves, toys etc. Contacts with those who need help, or are willing to provide it are by appointment. If you can speak Spanish, call Carmen on 610 671 509, otherwise leave a message and your requirements or offers by email at Tenerife@asociacionautismosur.com or message them on Facebook at Facebook@tenerifeasociacionautismosur and an English speaker will get back to you.



▲ Adeje councillors and association workers at the inauguration

Experience a magical day

## Wonderful El Hierro



The first reader's trip with **Diga Sports**, in February, led them to this small Canary Island. It was such a great success that it will be offered on a regular basis with immediate effect. **Every Wednesday**, we will meet at 7.15am at the Los Cristianos port.

The cost per person for this interesting day trip is **€99**.

For more information and bookings, visit the Diga Sports office at Hotel Park Club Europe in Playa de Las Américas, telephone **677 489 946** or send an email to [info.digasports@gmail.com](mailto:info.digasports@gmail.com)

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## LA PALMA

Photographer Sara Batuecas from Madrid recently highlighted the prevalence of violence against women in an exhibition held in Santa Cruz de La Palma.

Under the slogan #sitocasuanostocasatodas (if you touch one you touch all of us), Batuecas displayed a series of striking black and white photographs to coincide with the 'Voz de la Mujer' (The Voice of Women) event held at the beginning of April.

The images show various women's faces and upper bodies being groped, mauled and abused by many hands. The women's facial expressions speak a thousand words – all of them about abuse, oppression, fear and cruelty. According to the artist, one of the incidents that started the idea for the project was the case

# Artist's photo protest

of the mass rape of a young 18-year-old woman in Pamplona by five men, including a Guardia Civil officer and member of the Spanish Milit-

degrading sex acts, they were eventually found guilty of a lesser charge of sexual abuse. Batuecas explained that "the project came to mind spon-

on public streets in order to make viewers think – and it certainly does that. She wanted people to see what women who have been sexually attacked and abused, be it on the street or in their personal environment, express with their gaze. "I want to shake it up to stop it in some way," states the artist, simply.

Gazmira Rodríguez, the area's Councillor for Social Wellbeing and Equal Opportunities, thanked the artist for making the pain of those affected visible.

Sara Batuecas was trained at the Sala Cuarta Pared School of Performing Arts in Madrid, and has already attracted significant attention with previous showings, including an exhibition of naked bodies from the point of view of liberation and acceptance.



The tormented faces make the viewer think

tary, on July 7, 2016. Despite the five having cornered a complete stranger and forced her into repeated penetrative and

taneously because I was so angry at the sentence and felt so helpless". She wanted her 'photo protest' to be exhibited