

GENERAL ELECTION RESULT Socialists in front

The Canarians apparently trust Pedro Sánchez and his socialist party PSOE and gave them almost 28 per cent of their votes in the recent general election on April 28.

The result is in line with the Spanish-wide trend, whereby Sánchez cannot govern alone, but needs a coalition partner or at least a pact with one or more other parties. The Canarian Socialists won seats for five representatives in the Spanish Congress, two more than in 2016. The Partido Popular party dropped to 15.5 per cent of the overall vote. In Tenerife, the Coali-



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ción Canaria party was able to attract more votes and reached almost 20 per cent of the total, and across the Canary Islands it reached around 13 per cent giving them a total of two deputies (one more than before).

The Ciudadanos party are represented with another two seats in Congress. The right-wing Vox party, a newcomer to the scene, achieved 6.5 per cent in the Canary Islands, but not enough to gain a seat. ■

CHILDREN BEING WATCHED

Ballpoint pen spy arrested

At the end of April, a 46-year-old man from Murcia was arrested in Agüimes, Gran Canaria, thanks to the attentive observation of a local resident who gave an anonymous tip to the Local Police.

He'd apparently used a pen camera to spy on small children and secretly take pictures of them. The woman

had informed the police that she had observed a suspicious middle-aged man in the Soco Negro bathing area in Arinaga, who was there every day and, above all, was always close to children. The officers followed up the tip and arrested the man. He admitted to taking pictures of the children with

the pen which contained a hidden camera and also to having taken pictures of his neighbour's three-year-old daughter as she walked into the inner courtyard of the house in her underwear. The man was arrested for violating human intimacy and dignity. Two mobile phones and a spy pen were confiscated. ■

WRONG-WAY DRIVER CORRECTED

Confused granddad at the wheel

At the end of April, one morning at 8.30am, a kamikaze driver travelled on the TF-1 at Güímar for about 13 kilometres in the wrong direction.

The man had presumably entered the motorway via the southern connection near Añaza and later left it at the Güímar industrial estate. A police patrol crew, which discovered the driver, immediately closed the motorway to traffic in order not to endanger any other road users. They followed the driver and gave signals for him to stop, which the man initially ignored in confusion. Eventually, they were able to attract the driver's attention



His driving future is doubtful

and encourage him to pull over. The driver was a disoriented 81-year-old man from La Oro-

tava who, by his own account, hadn't noticed he was heading in the wrong direction. ■

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